



# CTEP/CIRB



# Process Flow and Timing Study

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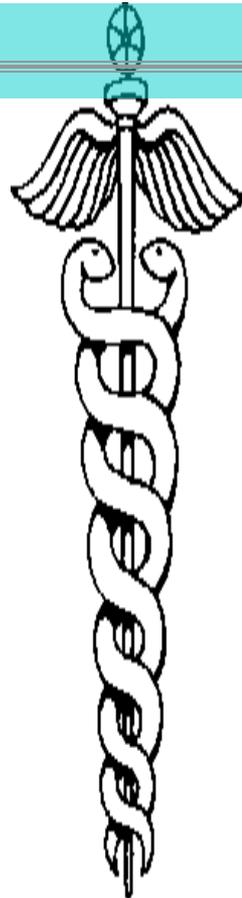
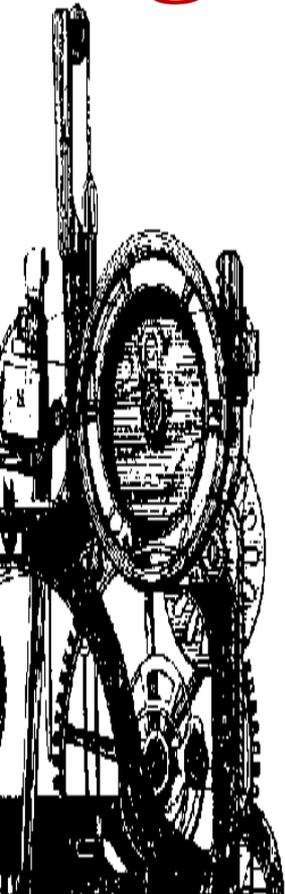
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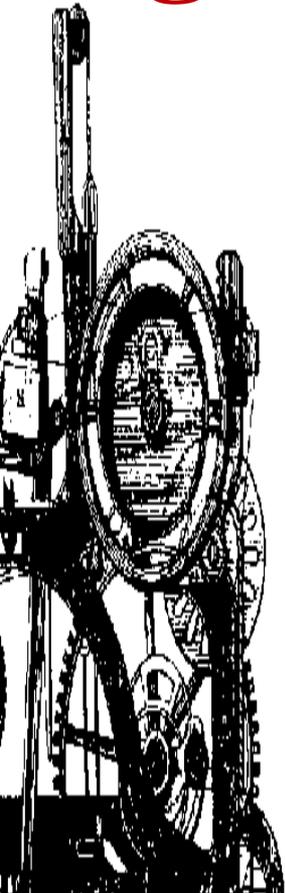
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# Auto Makers Detail Restructuring Plans

*Ford Seeks \$9 Billion in Bridge Financing, Chrysler Asks for \$7 Billion, While GM Needs Injection of \$18 Billion*

By JOHN D. STOLL and MATTHEW DOLAN



DETROIT -- General Motors Corp., Chrysler LLC and Ford Motor Co. on Tuesday presented turnaround plans to Congress that suggest GM is in a more dire situation than previously thought.

As part of a renewed bid to win backing for a government bail out, GM requested a total of \$18 billion in federal loans -- \$6 billion more than it said it would a few weeks ago -- and added it needs an immediate injection of \$4 billion to stay afloat until the end of the year.

In testimony before Congress last month, GM Chief Executive Rick Wagoner said the company could run short of cash by the time President-elect Barack Obama takes office in January if it doesn't get federal loans. At the time he said GM needed \$10 billion to \$12 billion.



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COMMON SENSE

## Detroit Finally Gets It. Is It Too Late?

By JAMES B. STEWART

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During the past two weeks, **General Motors** reported a \$15.5 billion quarterly loss (including special items), following **Ford Motor's** \$8.7 billion loss the week before. I shudder to think how bad it is at Chrysler, now in the hands of private-equity investor Cerberus Capital, but note that Chrysler Financial couldn't renew all of its \$30 billion in short-term debt.

But Mr. Wagoner has struggled to show results on the bottom line. GM reported cumulative losses of roughly \$50 billion for 2005, 2006 and 2007. GM has lost more than \$18 billion so far this year.

Or, \$53.3 million lost / day;  
\$2.2 million lost / hour

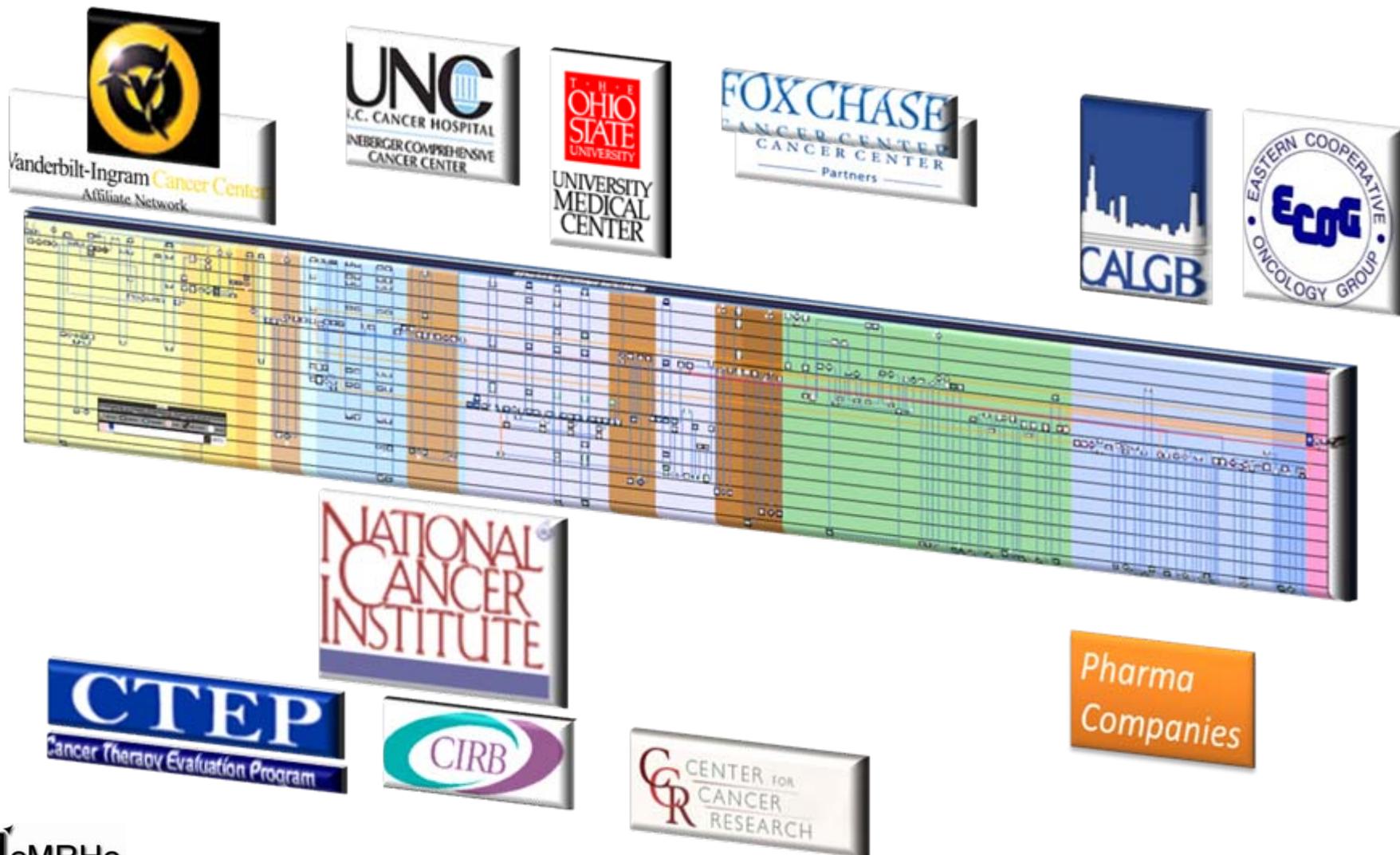




**Lessons to Learn:**

- **What was good yesterday, might not be good today**
- **What was bad yesterday is even worse today**

# Thank you to the study sites



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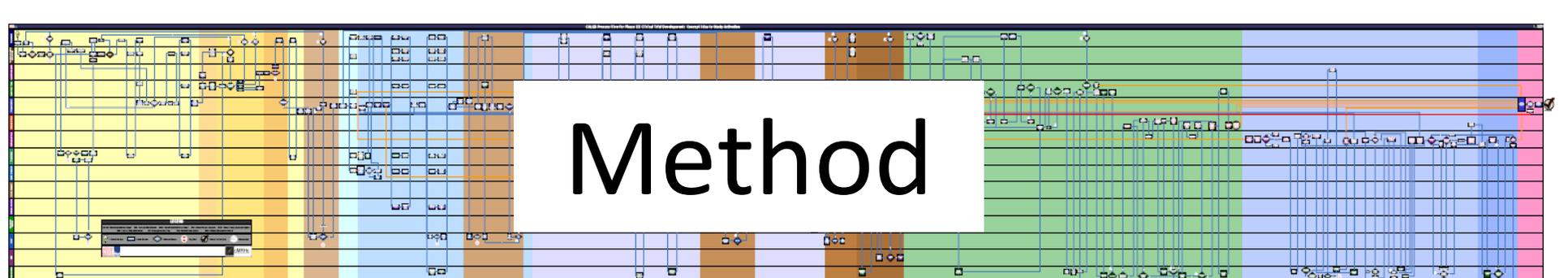
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# Agenda

- Methodology & Process Flow Map Overview
- Process Step Counts
- Timing
- Accrual
- Impact of
  - Timing on achievement of accrual goals
  - First patient on study on achievement of accrual goals



# Method

## Part I: Process Mapping

- Extensive visits at each site to document processes, loops and decisions:
  - *Say.....*: What participants say is done
  - *Should*: What policies and procedures say should be done
  - *Do.....*: What trial chart reviews shows was done
- Creation of process map

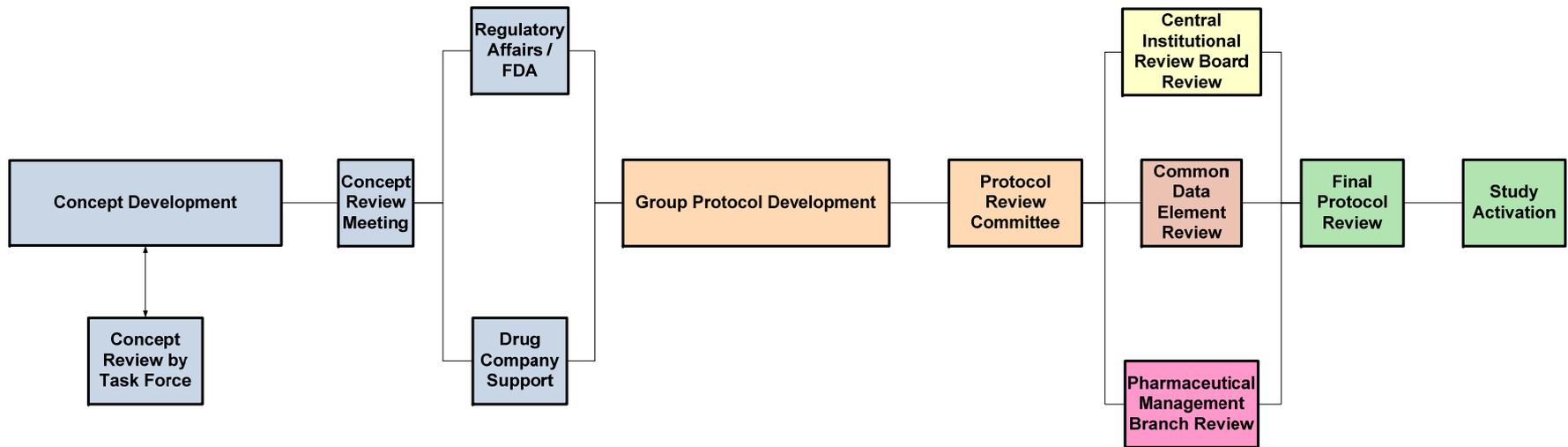
## Part II: Process Timing

- Identify calendar time for total process and major steps, and potential influencers of the time

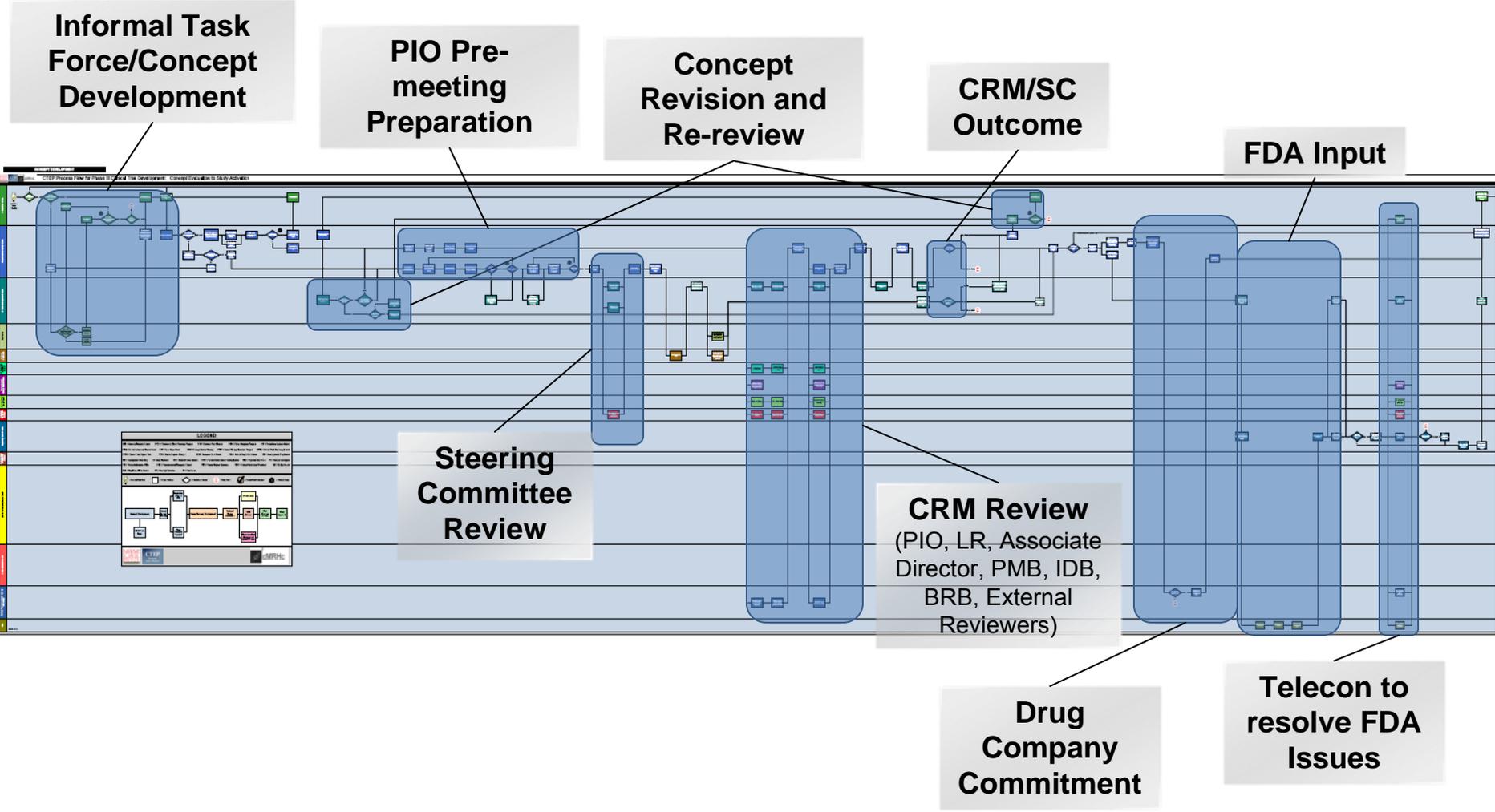
## Part III: Accrual Data

- Investigate actual accrual results of trials
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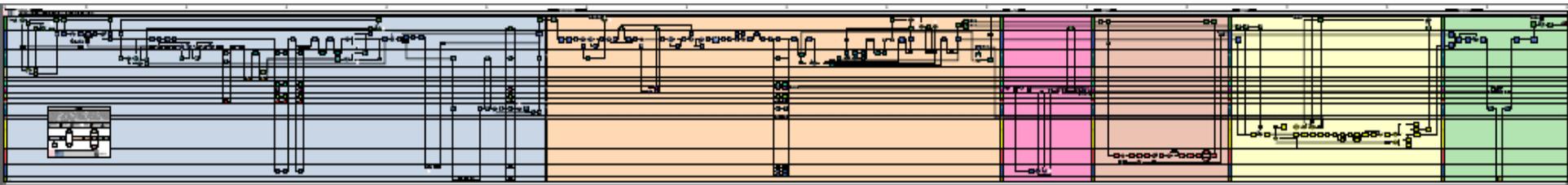
# CTEP/CIRB Process Map



# Concept Development and Review



# CTEP/CIRB Process Map



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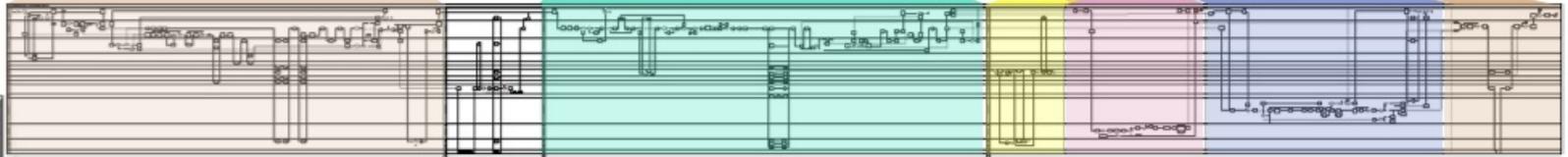
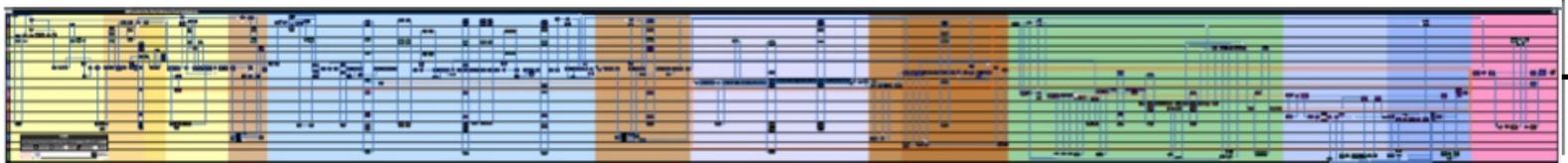
# CTEP/CIRB Process Counts

Area	Processing Step	Decision Point	Loop	Stopping Point
				
Concept (total)*	106	21	5	6
CRM	76	13	2	4
Task Force	71	19	4	5
Protocol	88	17	7	4
PMB	10	6	2	1
CDE	20	4	1	0
CIRB	34	9	5	2
Final Review	16	3	3	0
<i>Total CRM</i>	<i>244</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Total Task Force</i>	<i>239</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>12</i>

\* Overlapping steps account for total difference

# Opening a Phase III Cooperative Group Trial at a CCC

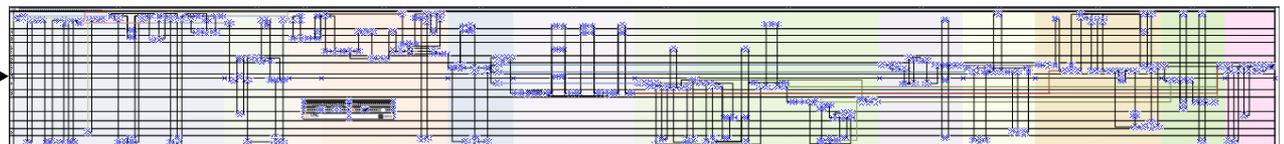
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# Process Steps for Opening a Phase III Cooperative Group Trial



	Cooperative Group	CTEP /CIRB	CCC	Total
<b>Process Steps</b>	>458	>216	>136	>810
<b>...Working Steps</b>	>399	>179	>74	>652
<b>...Decision Points</b>	59	37	62	158
<b>Potential Loops<sup>2</sup></b>	26	15	27	68
<b>No. of Groups Involved</b>	11	14	13	38

1. Representative cooperative group and Comprehensive Cancer Center

2. Process steps reported only show one loop in the process. Actual development frequently includes multiple loops

# Reviews Required to Develop a Cooperative Group Phase III Trial

Table 2. Types of Reviews Required to Develop a CTCG Trial: Categorized by Stakeholders

	CTCG	CTEP	CCC	CCOP/Affiliates	Others
<b>Scientific Review</b>	Disease Site Committee Executive Committee Protocol Reviews (2-4)	Steering / CRM PRC CTEP Final	Protocol Review	Feasibility Review Site Surveys	Industry Sponsor
<b>Data Management</b>	CRF Reviews (2-4) Database Review	CDE Review			
<b>Safety / Ethics</b>	Informed Consent		Local IRB	Informed Consent	CIRB
<b>Regulatory</b>	Regulatory Review	PMB Review RAB Review			FDA
<b>Contracts / Grants</b>	Budget Language				Industry Sponsor
<b>Study Start-up</b>	Start-up Review		Start-up Review	Start-up Review	

Abbreviations: CCC, Comprehensive Cancer Centers; CCOP, Community Clinical Oncology Program; CDE, Common Data E  
CIRB, Central Institutional Board Review, CRF, Case Report Form; CRM, Concept Review Meeting; CTCG, Clinical Trials Coc  
Group; CTEP, Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; PMB, Pharmaceutical Management  
PRC, Protocol Review Committee; RAB, Regulatory Affairs Branch



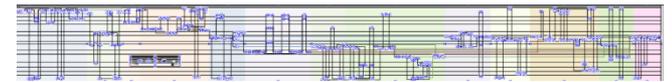
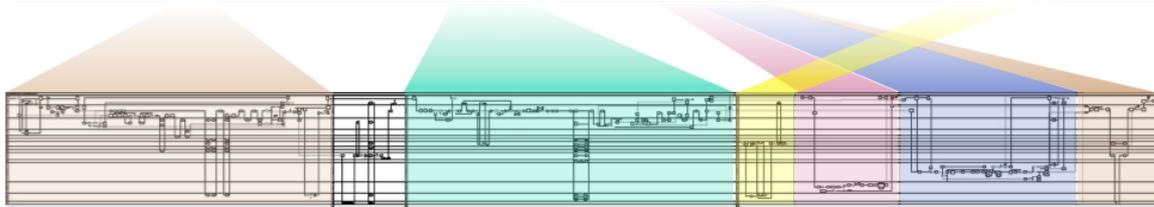
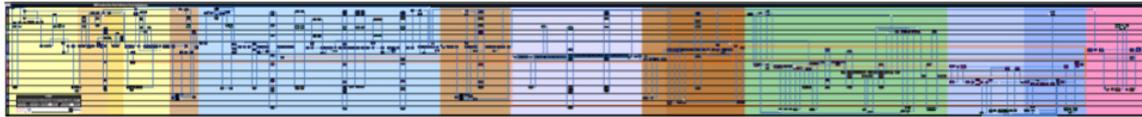


# Need for Standards

*“Say what you mean & mean what you say”*

- Use standard and consistent terminology
  - *Approval versus Final-Approval versus Final-Final Approval*
- Use schedules that are schedules, priorities that are priorities and “no’s” that are “no’s”
  - If 50% of studies are “Priority 1”, then all studies are “Priority 1”
  - If the only penalty for being late is getting more time, then why do something on time?
    - **CORRECTION: the complete CTEP Phase III data shows that expediting a study does reduce its development time**
  - If a study can be rejected at concept review, at protocol review, and at group but still be opened, does “no” mean “no”?
    - **14 disapproved concepts had protocols created, 11 resulted in active protocols**
    - **17 of withdrawn concepts had protocols created, 8 of which resulted in active protocols**

# Total Time to Open a Phase III Cooperative Group Study



Median: 784 to 808 days\*  
Range: 435-1604 days

Median: 116 to 252 days\*  
Range: 21-836 days

**Total Median Time from idea to opening~920 days (2.5 years)  
Range: 456 – 2440 days (1.25 - 6.7 yrs)**

\* Depending upon site, based on the Phase III trials studied

# Some Comparisons

- Disneyland was created, from breaking ground to first paying customer in 366 days in 1955
- John Kennedy was in office for 1036 days



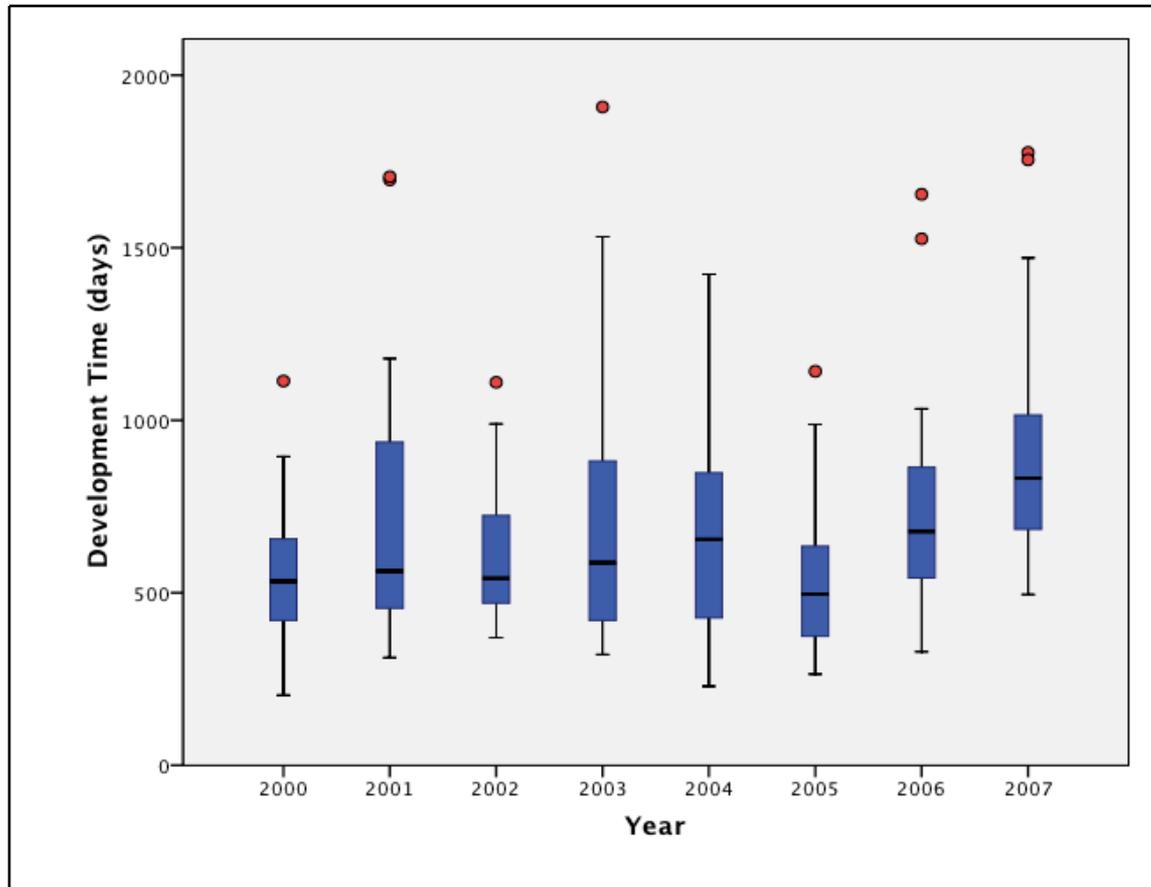


Figure 4. Development time for a phase III trial, CTEP Concept Receipt to Activation. Box ranges (H-Spread) indicate lower 25th and upper 75th percentile of the sample. T-bars indicate the 95.0% confidence intervals by year. Dots indicate trial development time outside the bounds of the CI. Year indicates the year that the trial was activated.

# Actual Accrual Per Trial Ranges

## *Comprehensive Cancer Centers<sup>1</sup>*

<b><i>Accrual Per Trial</i></b>	<b><i>CCC 1</i></b>	<b><i>CCC 2</i></b>	<b><i>CCC 3</i></b>	<b><i>CCC 4</i></b>	<b><i>Total</i></b>
<i>N</i>	148	323	104	323	898
0	20.9%	26.9%	26.9%	34.4%	28.6%
1-4	33.0%	32.3%	30.3%	31.3%	30.8%
5-10	19.3%	16.1%	22.7%	18.0%	18.6%
11-15	11.0%	7.3%	8.4%	4.3%	7.7%
16-20	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%	5.3%	4.1%
>20	12.4%	15.0%	7.6%	6.8%	10.1%

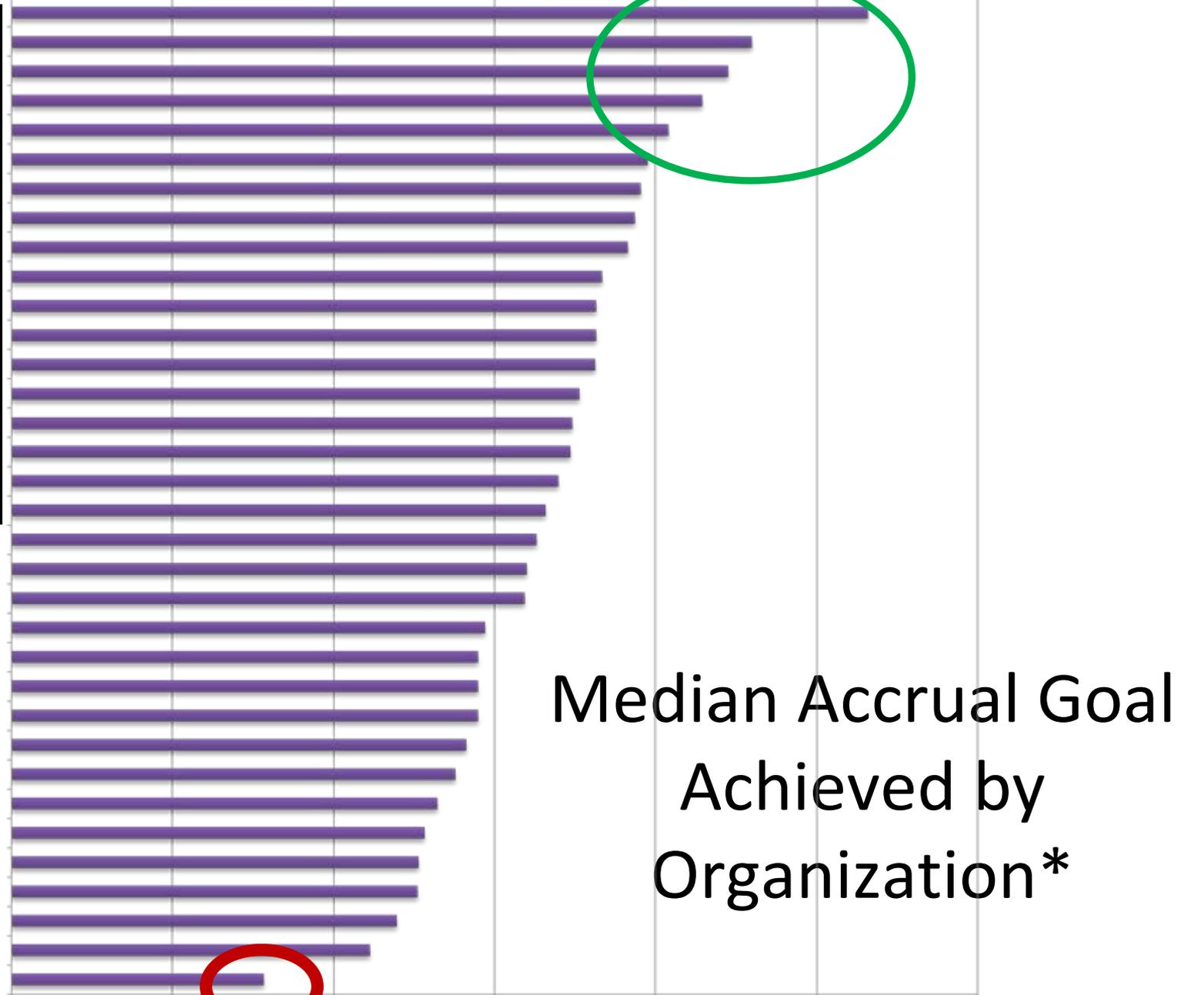
# Accrual at CCCs:

## Cooperative v. non-Cooperative Group Trials

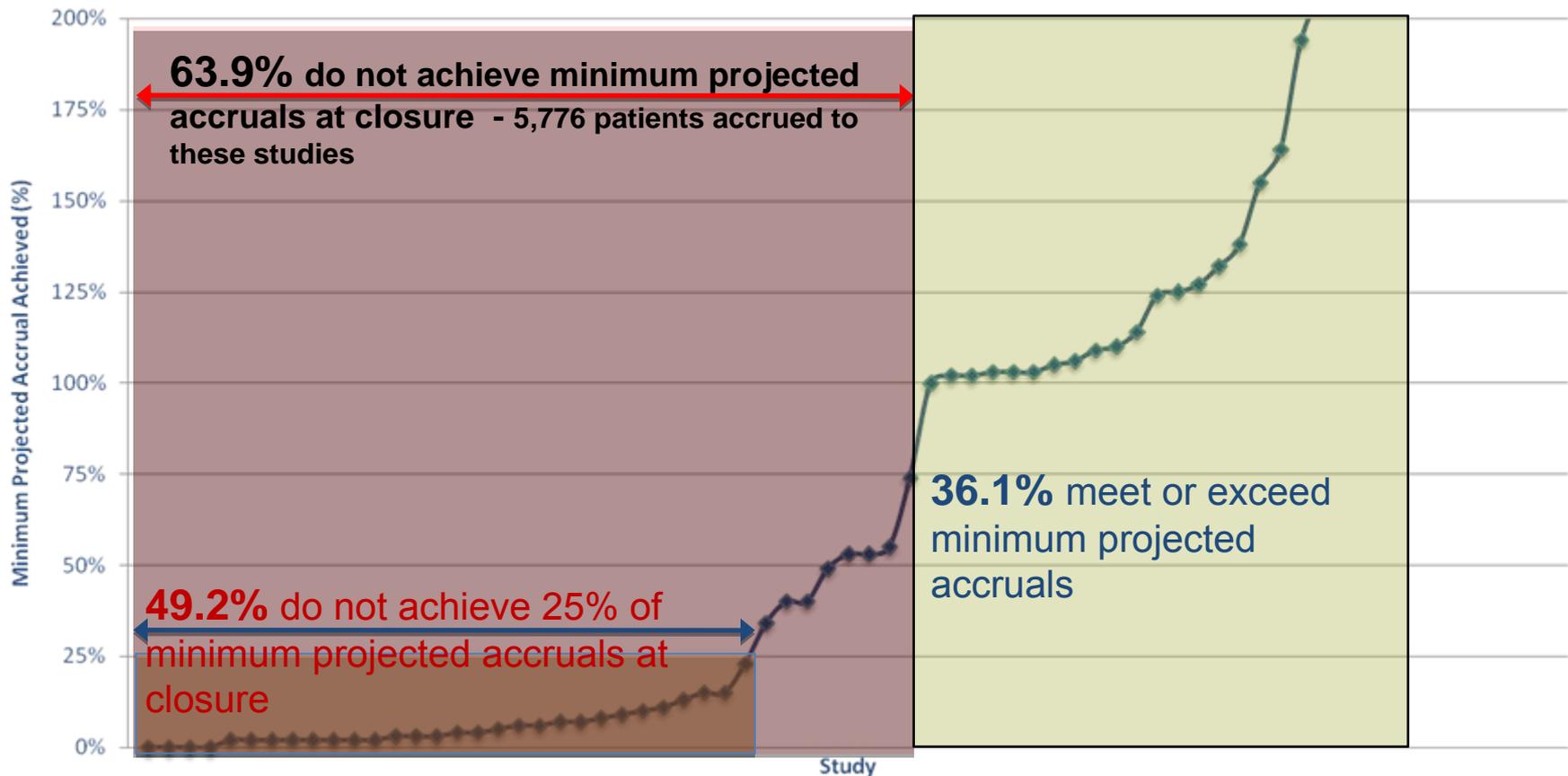
<u>Cooperative Group Trials</u>	<u>CCC 1</u>	<u>CCC 2</u>	<u>CCC 3</u>	<u>CCC 4</u>	<u>Total/ Average</u>
N	37	166	61	130	394
0	27.0%	38.6%	29.5%	46.9%	38.8%
1 to 4	37.8%	38.6%	39.3%	38.5%	38.6%
5 or more	35.1%	22.9%	31.1%	14.6%	22.6%
<u>Non-Cooperative Group Trials</u>	<u>CCC 1</u>	<u>CCC 2</u>	<u>CCC 3</u>	<u>CCC 4</u>	<u>Total/ Average</u>
N	111	157	43	193	504
0	18.9%	14.6%	23.3%	25.9%	20.6%
1 to 4	30.6%	22.9%	9.3%	26.4%	24.8%
5 or more	50.5%	62.4%	67.4%	47.7%	54.6%

Above Average

Below Average

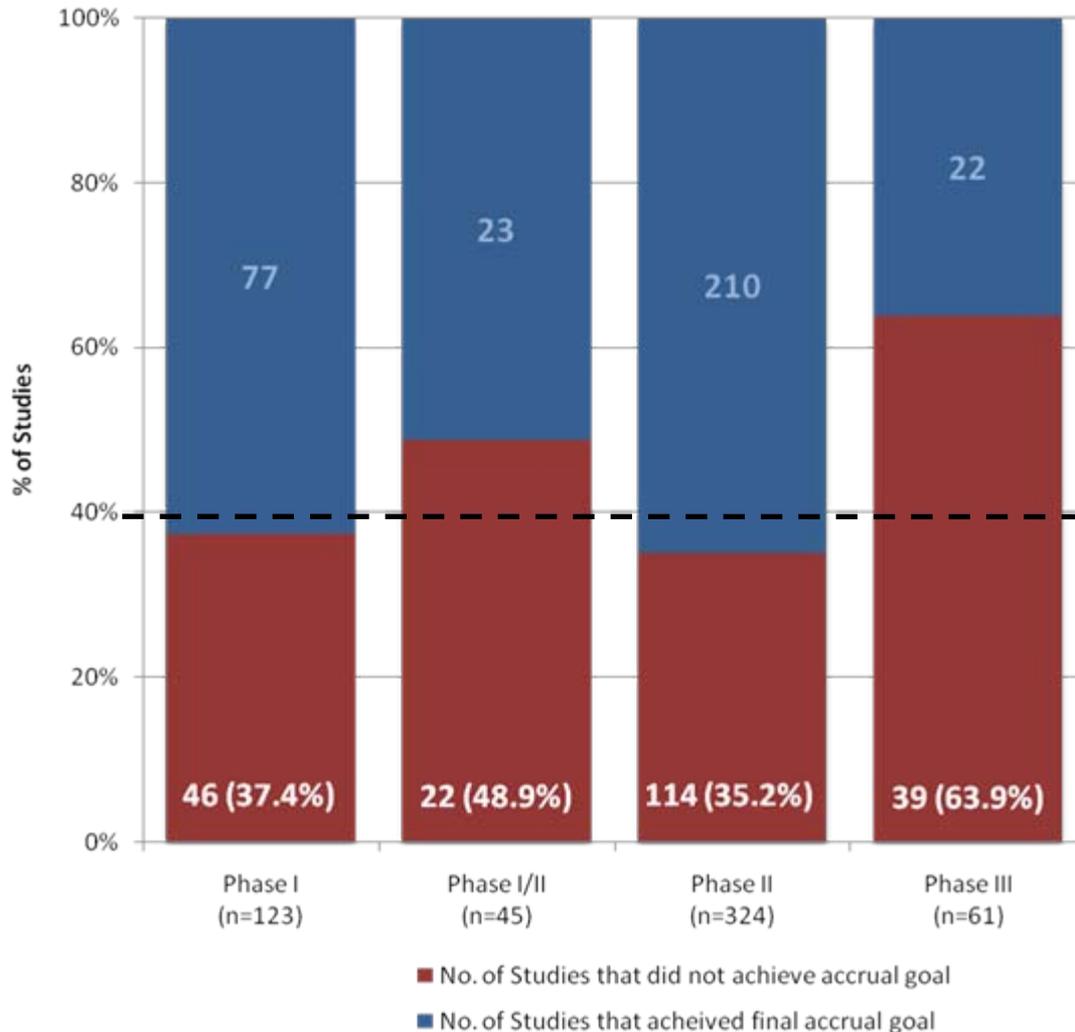


# Final Accrual\* of CTEP-Sponsored P-III Trials Opened and Closed between 2000 – 2007 (n=61)



- Accrual Performance is calculated based on the percentage of final accruals of studies completely closed to accrual compared to the projected minimum accrual goals as stated at the time of activation
- Pediatric studies are excluded from the sample

# Accrual Success Rate (by Phase)



Overall, **two out of every five** trials did not meet their minimum accrual goal

More than **three out of every five** Phase III trials did not meet the minimum accrual

“Phase III trials are the priciest part of clinical development, making up an estimated 70% of a compound’s clinical development cost. Improving their success rate would be the single biggest factor in bringing down the cost of drug development”

(Pearson, Nature 2006)

**Data:** CTEP recorded therapeutic, non-pediatric, Phase I-III opened and closed w/ complete development time between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2007 (n=553)

◆ Dotted line indicates the median number of studies that do not achieve accrual success across the total sample

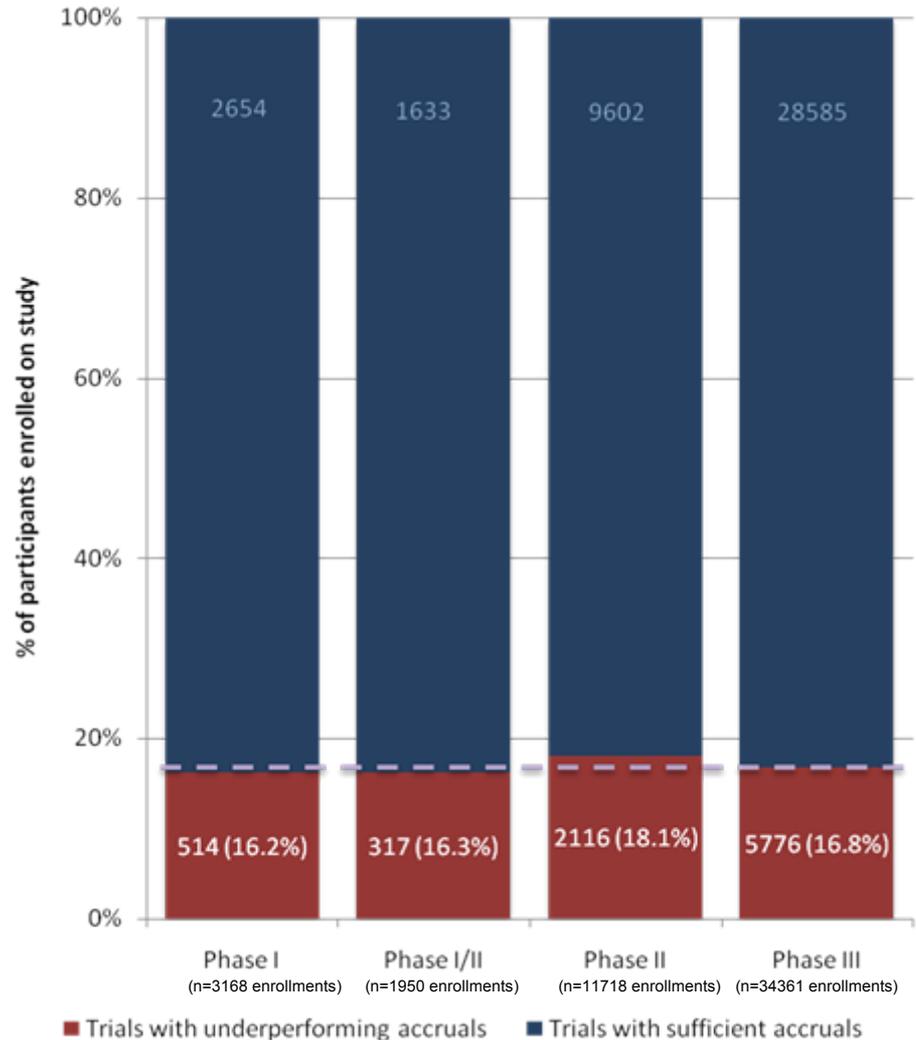
# Clinical Trial Participation

**51,197** total participants enrolled on trials in the sample

**8,723** (17.0%) of the participants enrolled on trials that had underperforming accrual

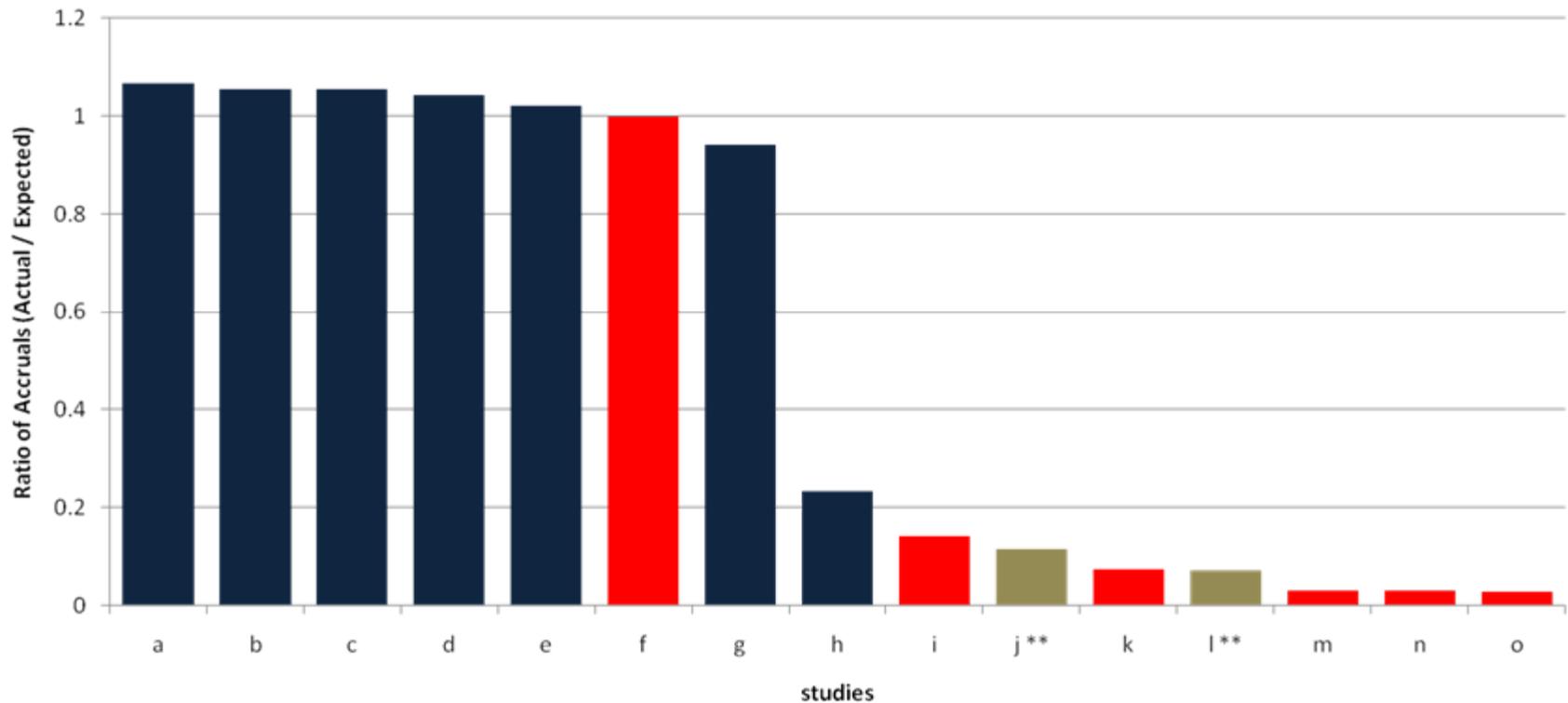
- ♦ Underperforming Accruals = Closed trials achieving < 100% of the minimum projected accrual
- ♦ Sufficient Accruals = Closed trials achieving ≥100% of the minimum projected accrual

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# Phase III Accrual Performance

Phase III ECOG Studies Closed to Accrual (n=15\*): Ratio of Actual Accruals vs. Expected Accrual



- All phase III studies activated and closed to accrual between 1/2000 – 7/2006
- red : > median time to open; blue: < median time to open
- gray: studies closed due to reasons other than poor accrual

TABLE 1. Summary Statistics for CTEP-sponsored Oncology Clinical Trials by Development Time and Accruals

Percent of Project Minimum Accrual Met	Type of Trial					Overall (n=553)
	Phase I (n=123)	Phase I/II (n=45)	Phase II (n=324)	Phase III (n=61)		
0%						
No. (% by Type of Trial)	8 (6.5)	1 (2.2)	13 (4.0)	2 (3.3)	24 (4.3)	
Development Time, months (Median, IQR)	20.3 (16.4 - 34.4)	31.6 (N/A)	16.4 (12.0 - 22.7)	12.7 (11.3 - 14.1)	18.7 (12.5 - 26.9)	
Minimum Projected Accrual (Median, IQR)	14 (12 - 25)	90 (N/A)	20 (12 - 34)	396 (292 - 500)	20 (12 - 33)	
Subjects Accrued	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Proposed	132	90	331	792	1,345	
.1% - 24.9%						
No. (%)	7 (5.7)	7 (15.6)	20 (6.2)	28 (45.9)	62 (11.2)	
Development Time, months (Median, IQR)	17.9 (12.1 - 41.3)	13.9 (12.7 - 16.4)	19.4 (14.4 - 24.7)	19.4 (15.8 - 31.0)	18.5 (14.1 - 29.2)	
Minimum Projected Accrual (Median, IQR)	18 (12 - 40)	22 (20 - 66)	26 (16 - 43)	545 (371 - 1,013)	67 (22 - 480)	
Subjects Accrued	15	28	82	1,546	1,671	
Total Proposed	167	243	634	26,147	27,191	
25% - 49.9%						
No. (%)	3 (2.4)	3 (6.7)	24 (7.4)	4 (6.6)	34 (6.1)	
Development Time, months (Median, IQR)	16.0 (14.9 - 20.7)	14.6 (14.1 - 19.1)	16.8 (14.1 - 21.0)	22.8 (17.3 - 48.7)	16.8 (14.6 - 20.9)	
Minimum Projected Accrual (Median, IQR)	25 (19 - 42)	12 (8 - 18)	33 (21 - 48)	779 (406 - 1,196)	33 (20 - 50)	
Subjects Accrued	26	14	342	1,241	1,623	
Total Proposed	86	38	894	3,175	4,193	
50% - 74.9%						
No. (%)	13 (10.6)	8 (17.8)	33 (10.2)	4 (6.6)	58 (10.5)	
Development Time, months (Median, IQR)	14.3 (11.9 - 17.9)	18.1 (13.5 - 22.2)	17.1 (12.5 - 22.6)	19.7 (12.9 - 24.2)	17.1 (12.6 - 21.7)	
Minimum Projected Accrual (Median, IQR)	25 (6 - 33)	30 (19 - 45)	36 (24 - 42)	586 (278 - 2,460)	34 (21 - 44)	
Subjects Accrued	207	201	877	2,540	3,825	
Total Proposed	324	313	1,403	4,432	6,472	
75% - 99.9%						
No. (%)	15 (12.2)	3 (6.7)	24 (7.4)	1 (1.6)	43 (7.8)	
Development Time, months (Median, IQR)	16.8 (11.5 - 24.2)	16.8 (12.0 - 20.0)	13.9 (11.7 - 19.9)	36.6 (N/A)	15.6 (11.9 - 22.6)	
Minimum Projected Accrual (Median, IQR)	18 (12 - 25)	25 (24 - 36)	30 (20 - 58)	450 (N/A)	25 (18 - 37)	
Subjects Accrued	266	74	815	449	1,604	
Total Proposed	320	85	941	450	1,796	
≥100.0%						
No. (%)	77 (62.6)	23 (51.1)	210 (64.8)	22 (36.1)	332 (60.0)	
Development Time, months (Median, IQR)	13.7 (10.6 - 17.9)	13.5 (10.4 - 19.3)	13.6 (11.3 - 17.0)	17.4 (11.4 - 19.5)	13.8 (11.0 - 17.6)	
Minimum Projected Accrual (Median, IQR)	12 (6 - 21)	18 (9 - 30)	20 (16 - 32)	535 (346 - 1,138)	20 (14 - 35)	
Subjects Accrued	2,654	1,633	9,602	28,585	42,474	
Total Proposed	1,262	577	6,104	22,600	30,543	
Total						
No.	123	45	324	61	553	
Development Time, months (Median, IQR)	14.9 (11.0 - 19.6)	14.6 (11.5 - 18.7)	14.4 (11.6 - 19.0)	18.3 (14.2 - 26.0)*	15.0 (11.6 - 19.4)	
Minimum Projected Accrual (Median, IQR)	15 (9 - 25)	21 (15 - 36)	22 (17-39)	500 (360 - 975)**	22 (15 - 42)	
Subjects Accrued	3,168	1,950	11,718	34,361	51,197	
Total Proposed	2,291	1,346	10,307	57,596	71,540	

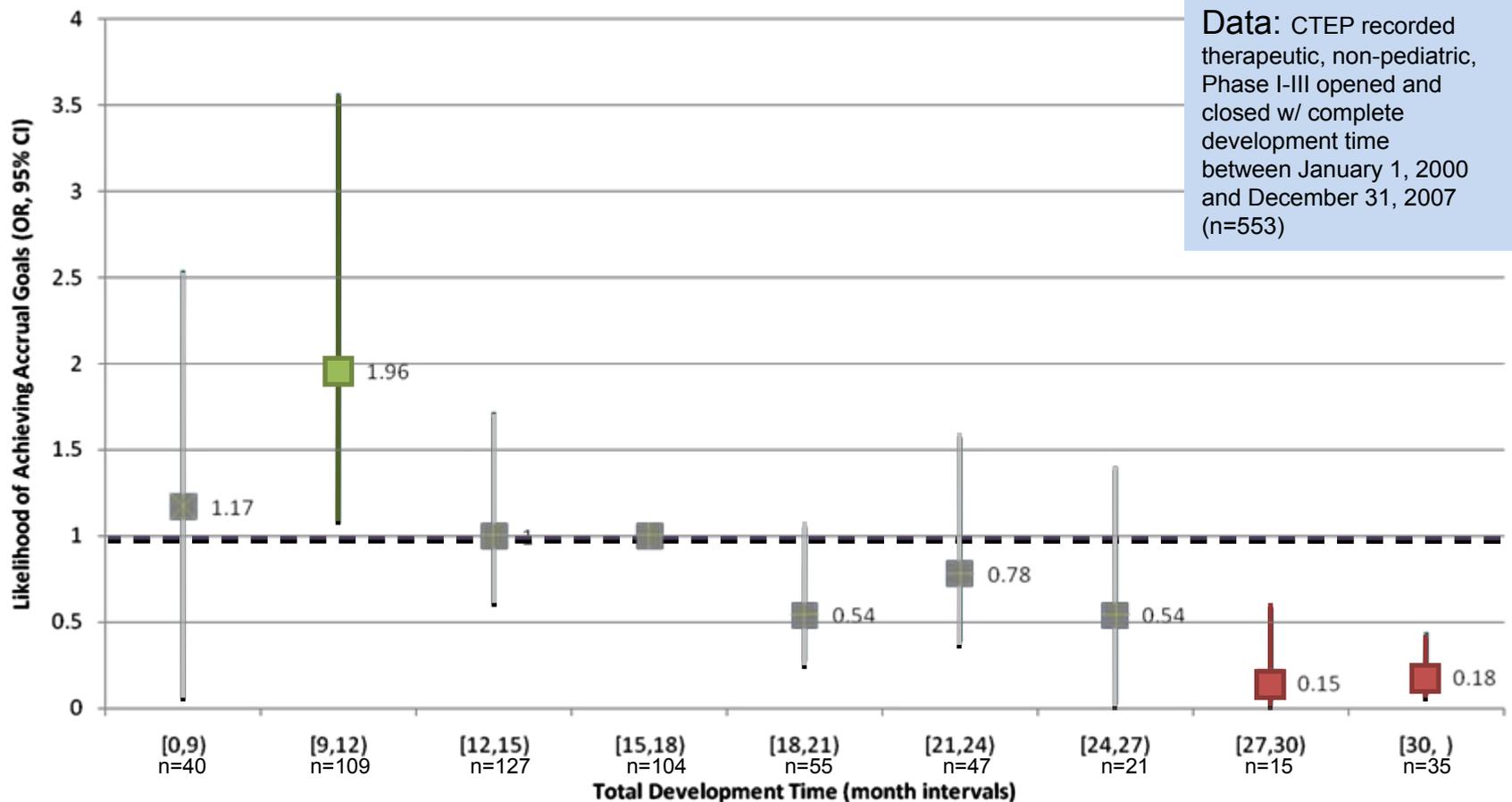
\* Phase III > Phase I, I/II, II; P=.001, adjusted alpha <.008

\*\* Phase I < Phase I/II, II, III; P<.001, adjusted alpha <.008

Phase III > Phase I, I/II, III; P<.001, adjusted alpha <.008

All therapeutic, non-pediatric, Phase I, I/II, II, and III oncology trials evaluated by CTEP that with submitted protocol opened to patient accrual, and subsequently closed to accruals between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2007 in the United States. Starting date is initial LOI/concept receipt to CTEP, end date is trial open for accrual.

# Development Time and the Likelihood of Achieving Accrual Goal at Study Closure



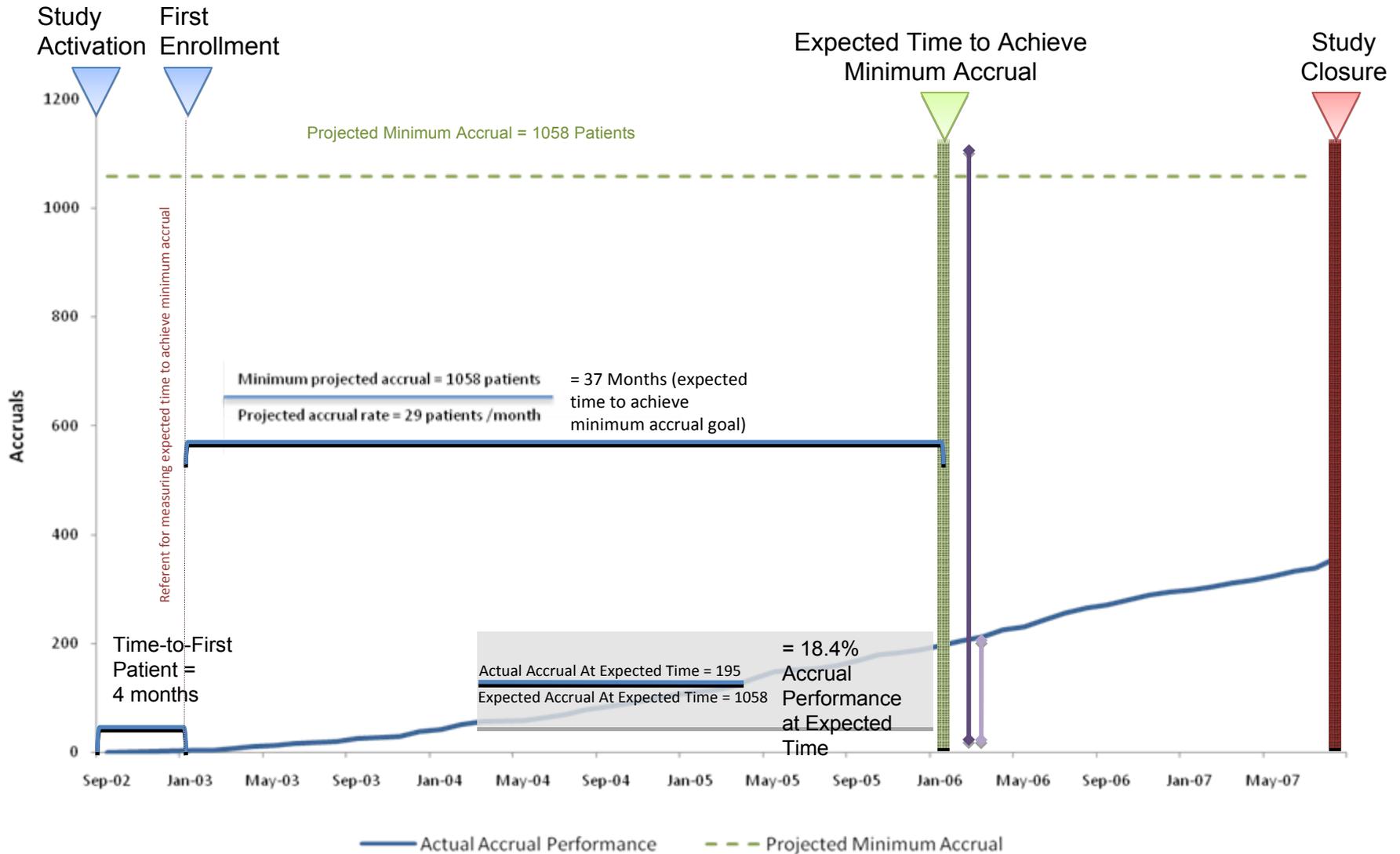
- ◆ Odds Ratios calculated using binary logistic regression adjusting for study size
- ◆ Dotted line indicates the referent as defined as the median development time of the sample
- ◆ Squares represent the odds ratio; vertical lines represent 95% CI

Source: Cheng, SK "The Impact of Delay", PhD Dissertation, Vanderbilt University, 2008

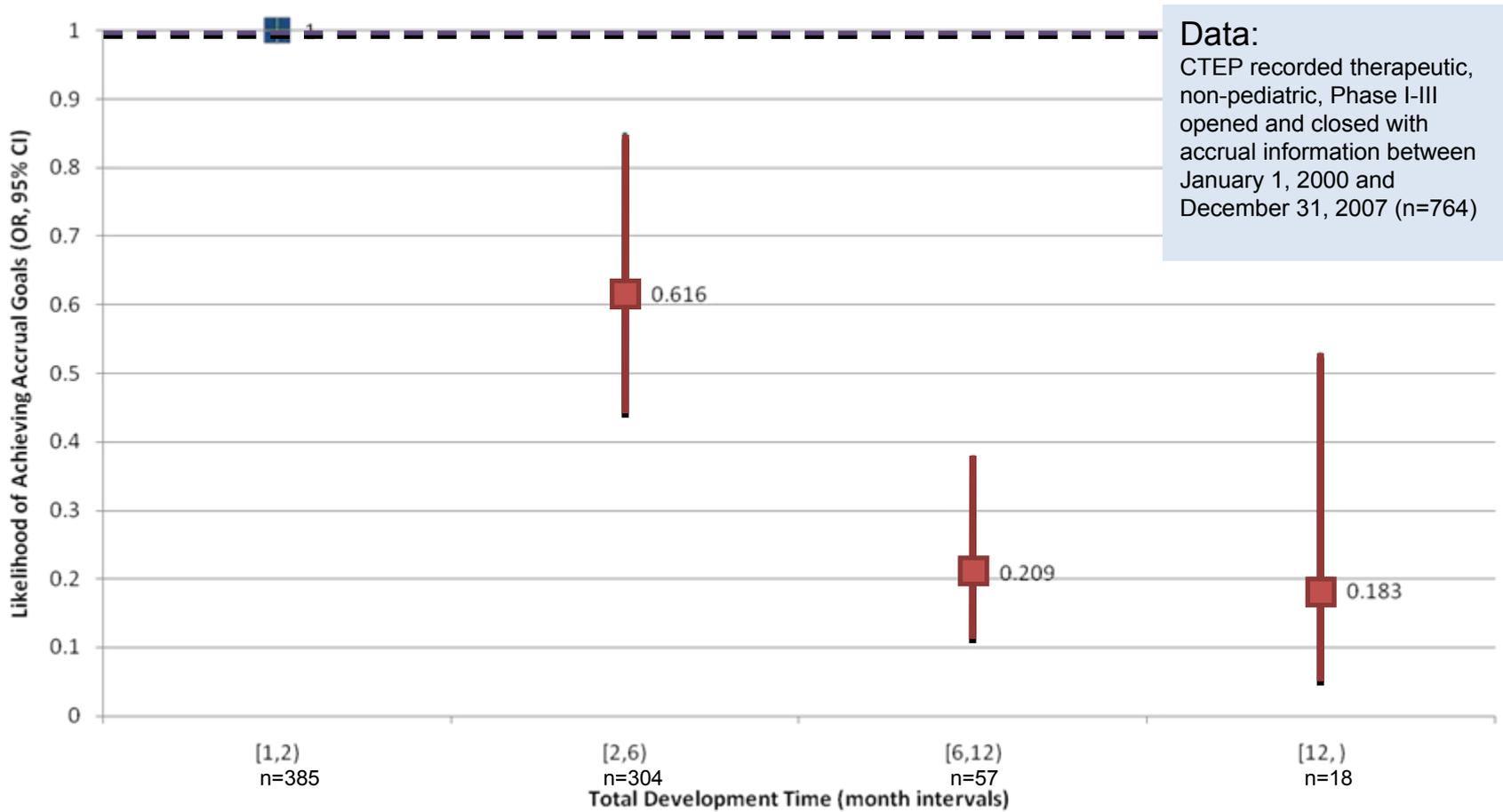
*“A ‘No’ uttered from deepest conviction is better and greater than a ‘Yes’ merely uttered to please, or what is worse, to avoid trouble.”*

--- Mahatma Gandhi

# Example: Phase III Cooperative Study



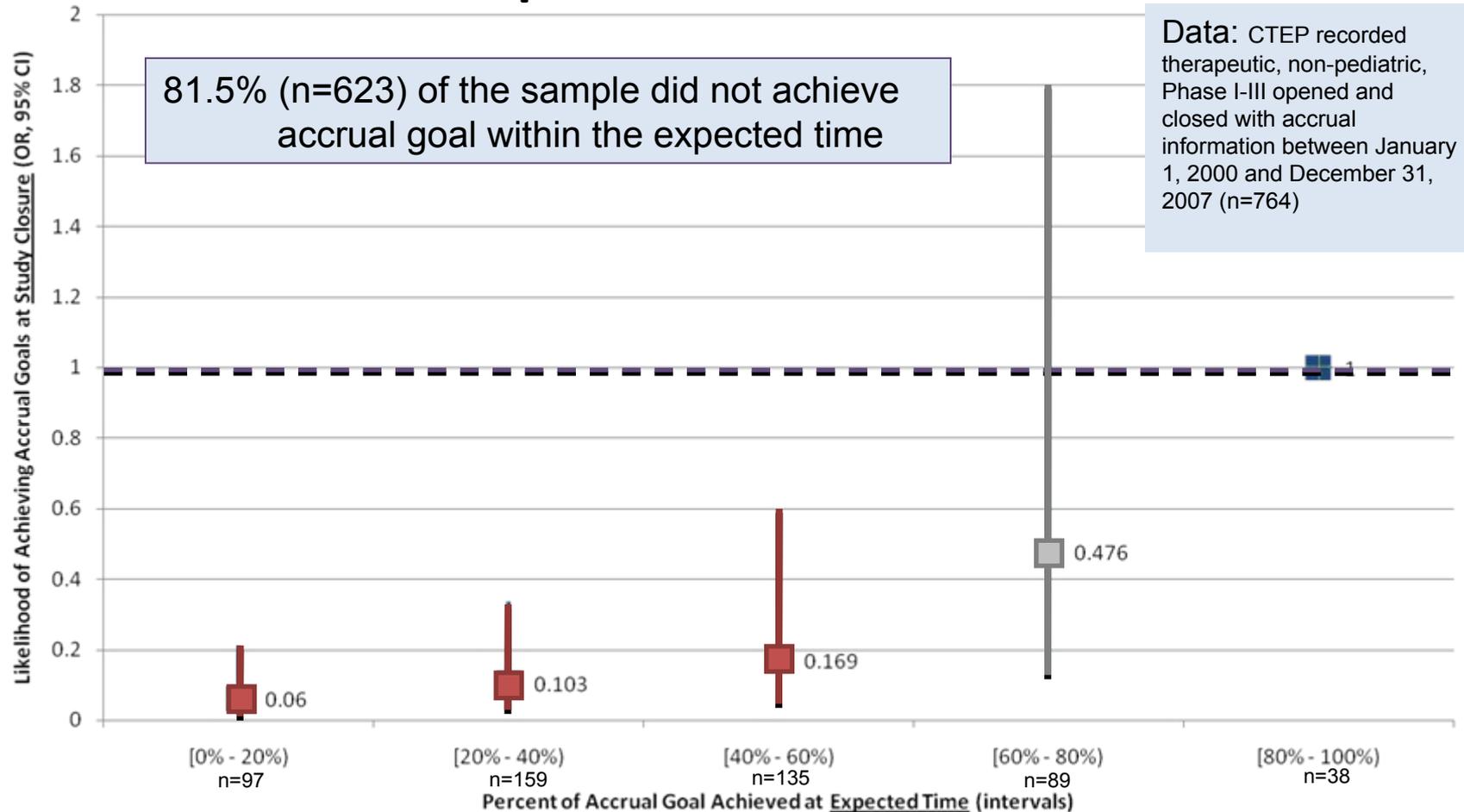
# Impact of Time-to-First Patient on Accrual Success



**Data:**  
 CTEP recorded therapeutic, non-pediatric, Phase I-III opened and closed with accrual information between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2007 (n=764)

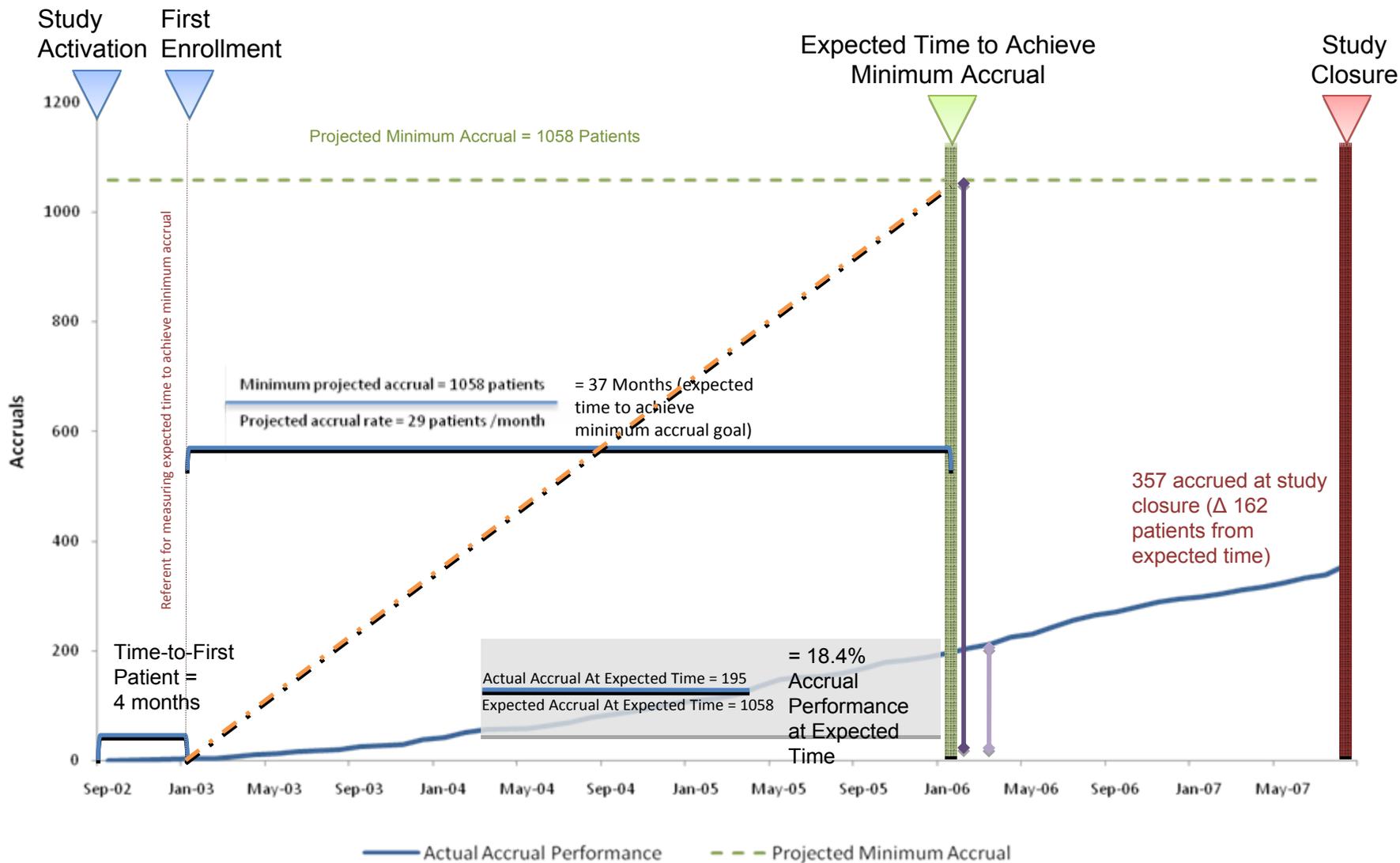
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- ◆ Squares represent the odds ratio; vertical lines represent 95% CI

# Actual Accrual Performance at Expected Time

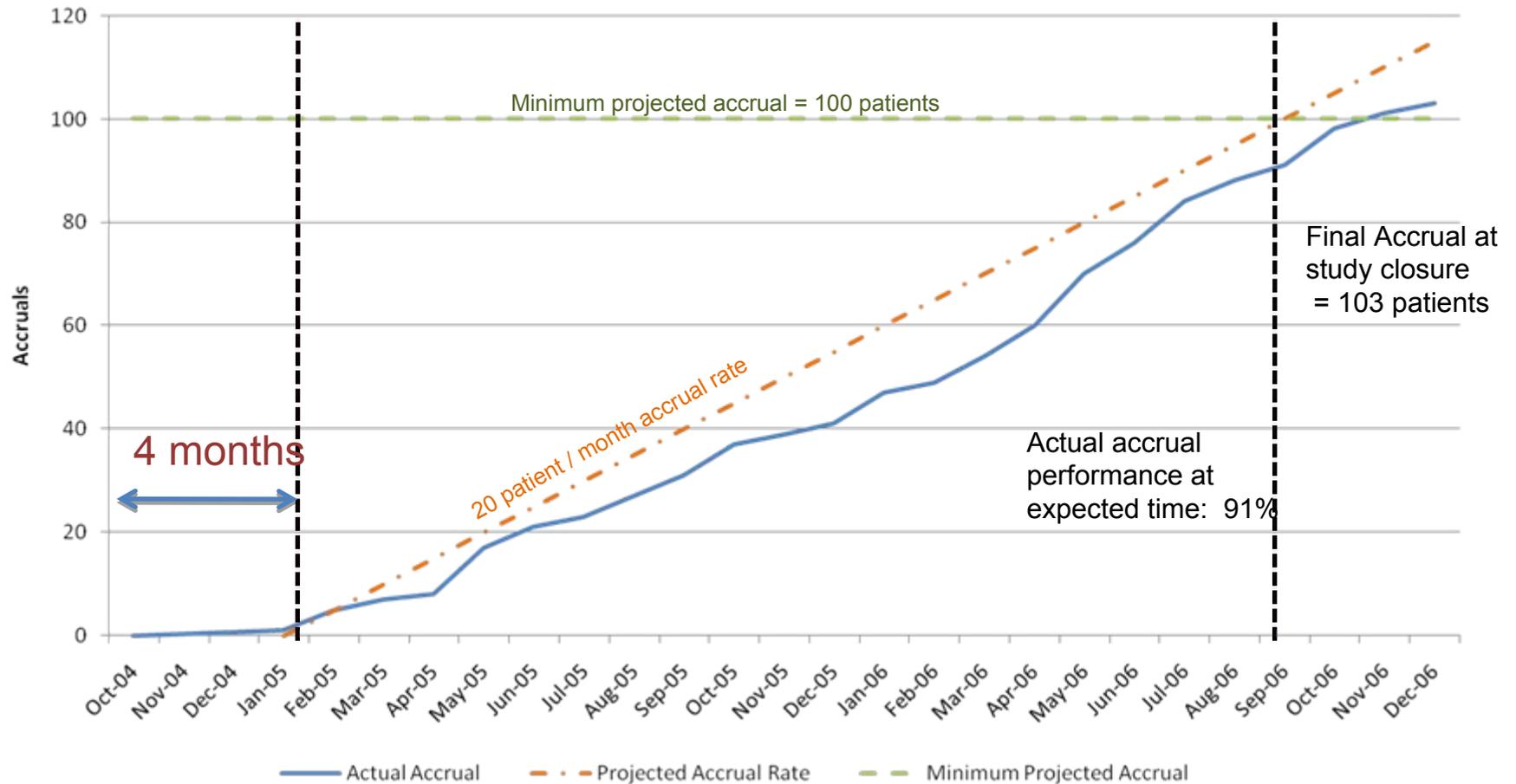


- ♦ Odds Ratios calculated from binary logistic regression adjusting for study size, phase, cancer incidence rate, and cancer mortality rate
- ♦ Dotted line indicates the referent as defined as by trials that enroll the first patient within 2 months
- ♦ Squares represent the odds ratio; vertical lines represent 95% CI
- ♦ Sample size includes studies that have not achieve minimum accrual goals at expected time

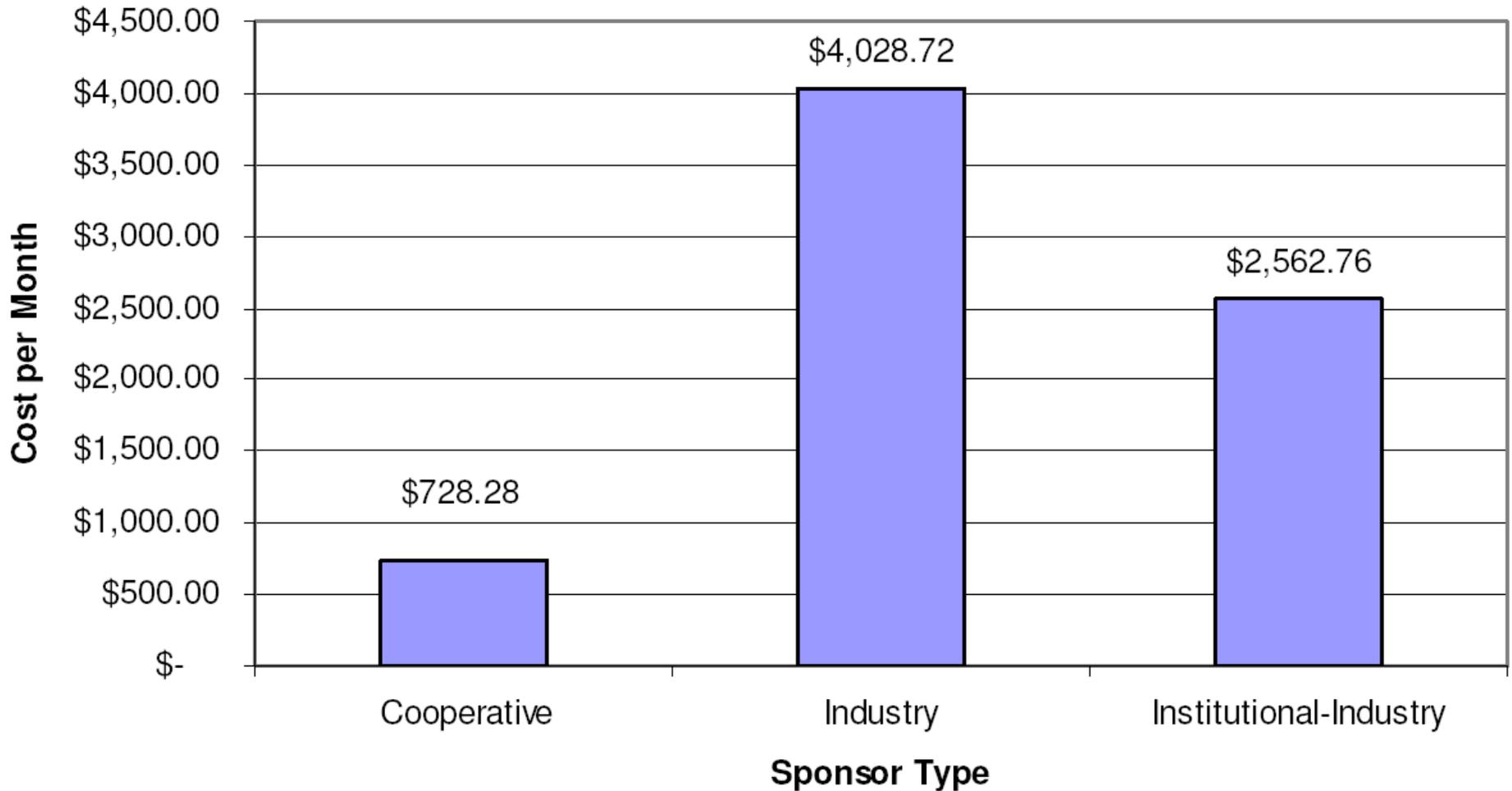
# Example: Phase III Cooperative Study



# Example: Phase II Cooperative Study



## For Low Accruing (0-2) Studies Average Cost per Active Year

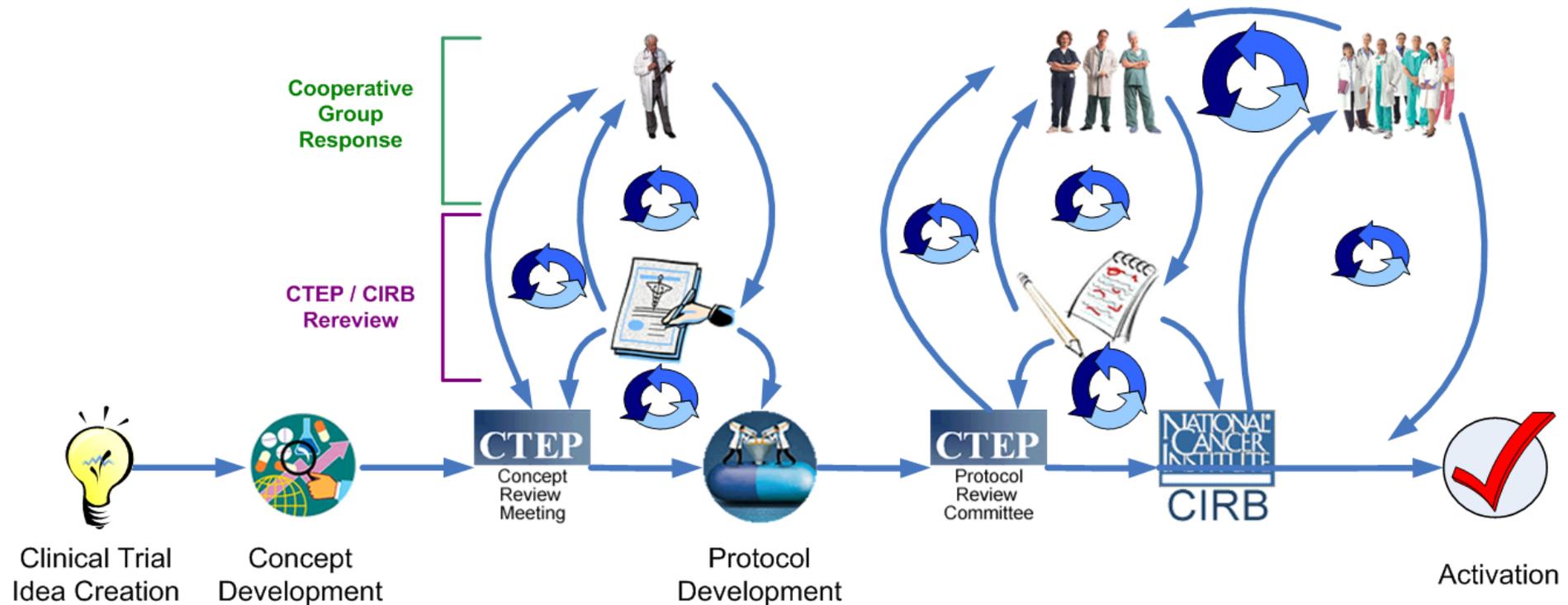


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# High Level Process Flow for Phase III Studies

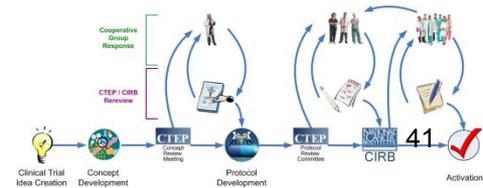


# Simulation Results of Working Together



\* Simulation period defined over a period of 5 years (1825 Calendar Days)

\* Note: Axes on the Timing Distribution Graphs are different



# On-Going Manuscript Progress

- **Opening an Oncology Phase III Clinical Trial:** *a process of chutes and ladders*
- **Unethical delay:** *The Ethical Ramifications of Delay in Clinical Trial Opening*
- **Oncology Clinical Trials at Four Major Comprehensive Cancer Centers:** *time to open and accrual comparison*

***“An analysis of executive contributions comes up with an embarrassing richness of important tasks; any analysis of executives’ time discloses an embarrassing scarcity of time available for work that really contributes.”***

--Peter Drucker *“The Effective Executive”*, p. 100

***“Unless a decision has ‘degenerated into work’ it is not a decision; it is at best a good intention.”***

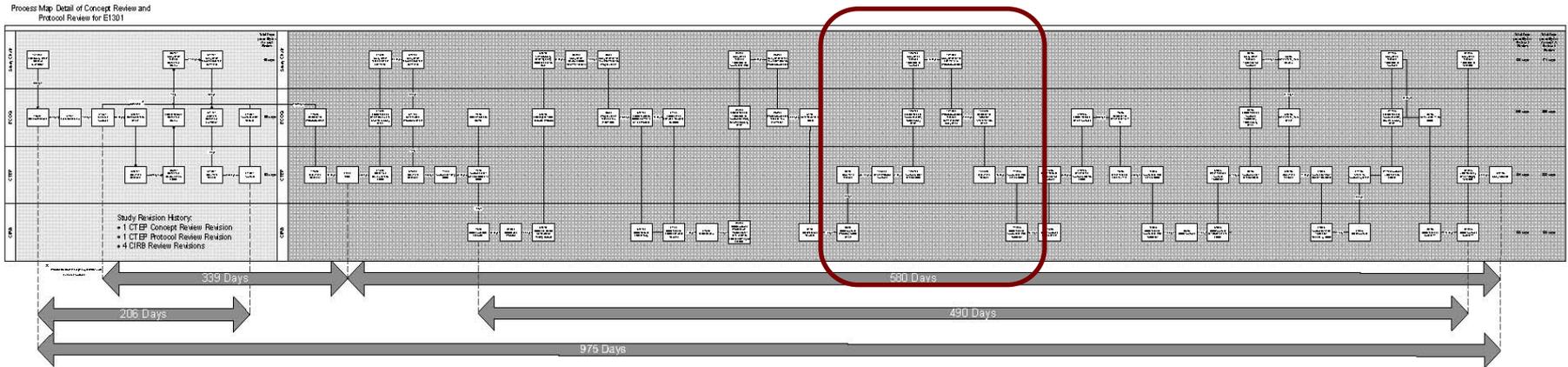
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A collage of pharmaceutical-related images. On the left, a large, shiny, blue-green capsule is shown in close-up. The background features a blurred laboratory setting with various pieces of equipment, including what appears to be a pipette or a small vial being held by a mechanical arm. In the bottom right corner, there is a pile of various pills and capsules in different colors and shapes, including white, yellow, and pink ones.

**Thank you**

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# Example Of The Flow: E1301



	Concept Review Days	Protocol Review Days	Total Days
Study Chair	49	122	171
Co-Operative Group	59	340	399
CTEP	98	184	282
CIRB	n/a	123	123
Total	206	769	975

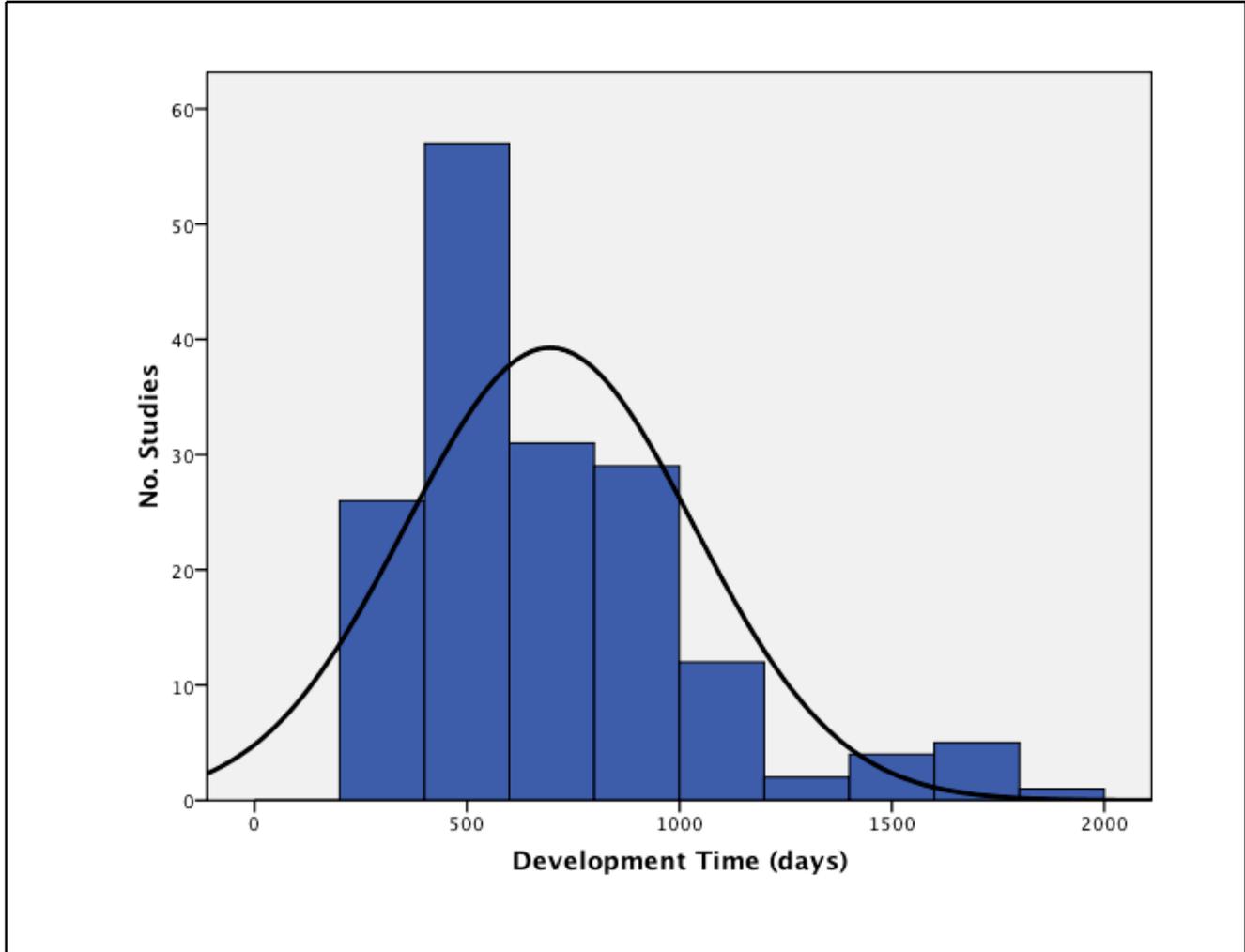


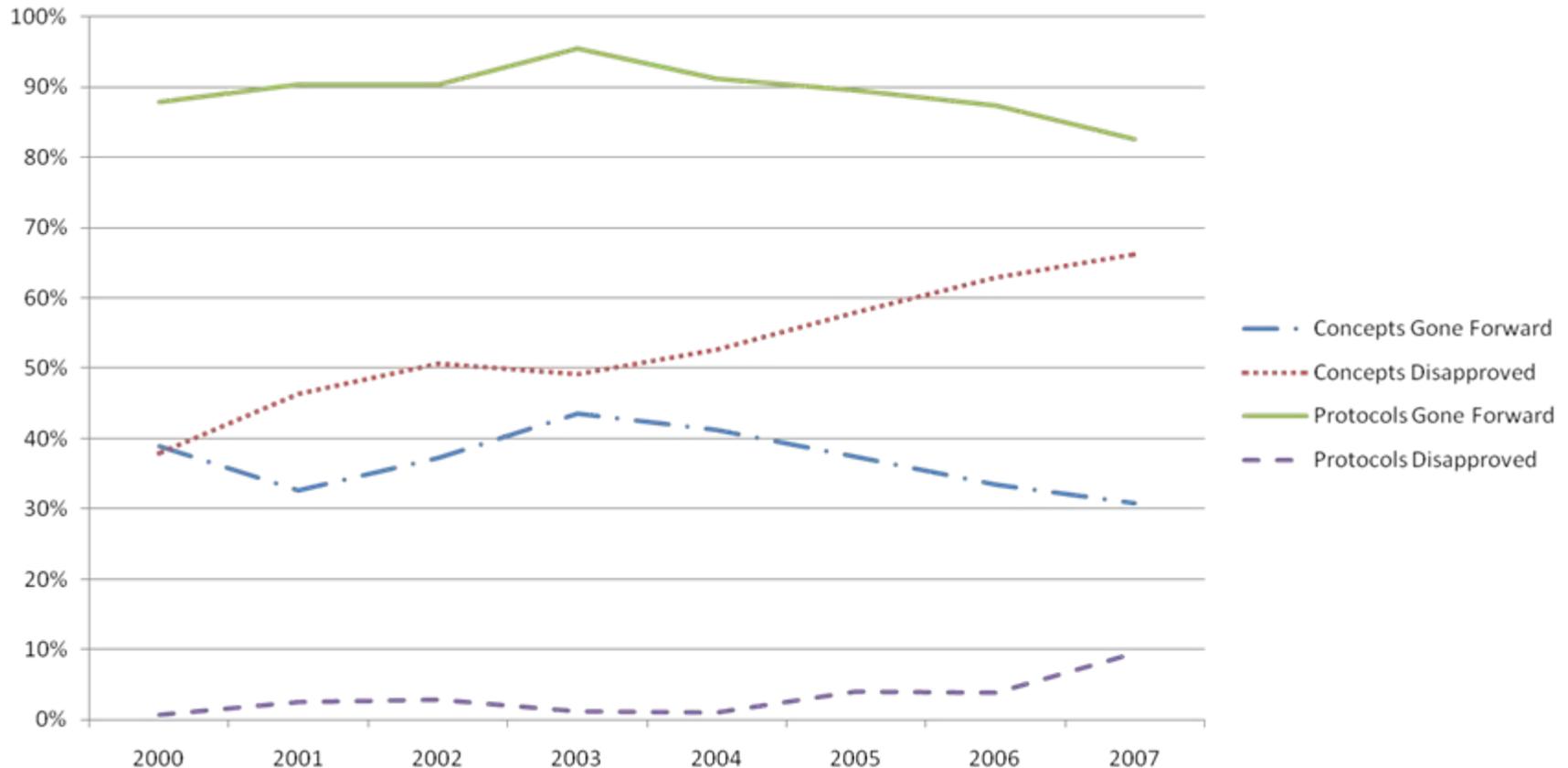
Figure 3: Number of CTEP-sponsored phase III Therapeutic Oncology Clinical Trials activated from January 2000 to December 2007 organized by Development Time. Development time is calculated from the initial receipt of the concept by CTEP to the time the trial is activated by the CTG.

# Concept and Protocol Acceptance Success Rates by Phase

	Phase	I	I/II	II	III	Other	Pilot	Total
Concepts	<i>n</i>	1421	490	2649	513	25	52	5150
	Gone Forward	33.4%	29.8%	35.3%	55.0%	28.0%	48.1%	36.3%
	In Review	2.4%	3.5%	1.4%	1.9%	8.0%	3.8%	2.0%
	Withdrawn / Replaced	13.7%	6.3%	13.6%	21.2%	24.0%	11.5%	13.7%
	Disapproved	50.5%	60.4%	49.6%	21.6%	40.0%	36.5%	47.9%
Protocols	<i>n</i>	388	166	1,031	192	150	72	1,999
	Gone Forward	88.9%	80.7%	86.9%	83.3%	74.7%	81.9%	85.3%
	In Review	4.6%	6.0%	4.3%	8.3%	8.7%	6.9%	5.3%
	Withdrawn / Replaced	5.9%	9.6%	6.8%	6.3%	10.0%	6.9%	7.1%
	Disapproved	0.5%	3.6%	2.0%	2.1%	6.7%	4.2%	2.3%

For all protocols received by CTEP, 1/2000 to 12/2007

# Concept and Protocol Acceptance Success Rates by Year\*



\* Excludes concepts or protocols "in review"

• total n = 6,713

For all protocols received by CTEP, 1/2000 to 12/2007

# Reviews Requiring Response

Calendar Days of Reviews and Group response by review type\* for Phase III Cooperative Group Studies (n=28 studies) activated from 2000 - 2005

	Reviewer	n	Review Time			Group Response Time			Total Time		
			median	min	max	median	min	max	median	min	max
<b>Concept</b>											
CRM	CTEP	14	60.0	15	104	71.5	1	368	126	16	411
CEP	CTEP	4	48.0	19	66	35.5	22	84	83.5	41	150
Concept Re-review	CTEP	3	6.0	1	6	17.0	1	56	23	7	57
Industry **	Industry	14	32.5	1	168						
<b>Protocol</b>											
PRC	CTEP	33	32.0	5	69	32.0	1	188	63	8	230
Protocol Re-review	CTEP	22	7.5	1	84	8.5	1	266	17	2	315
<b>CIRB</b>											
CIRB	CIRB	43	29.0	5	55	21.0	2	83	51	10	112
Re-review after CIRB	CTEP	19	12.0	1	32	17.0	1	140	34	2	144
<b>Amendment ***</b>											
Protocol Re-Review	CTEP	2	9.0	1	17	5.5	5	6	14.5	6	23
CIRB	CIRB	10	12.0	2	34	29.5	3	67	40.5	11	101
Re-review after CIRB	CTEP	1	1.0	1	1	22.0	22	22	1	23	23

\* Reviews listed are only a partial list of required reviews. Other reviews including RAB, PMB, and CTSU are required but were not available at the time of data collection.

\*\* Group response time to industry cooperation not available

\*\*\* Recorded time for amendments only include study amendments prior to study activation

# Significance of Cancer Incidence or Mortality Rate on Time-to-First Patient

Disease Site	Number of Trials	Incidences (per 100,000)	Mortality (per 100,000 cases)	Time to First Patient, months	IQR	Min - Max
Gastrointestinal (including colon and pancreas)	119	84.4	43.5	2	1 - 4	1 - 12
Lung, Mediastinal and Pleural	86	63.9	54.1	3	2 - 4	1 - 8
Miscellaneous Neoplasm	75	19.7	13.4	2	1 - 4	1 - 19
Leukemia	64	12.3	7.4	2	2 - 2	1 - 13
Breast	58	126.1	25	2	1 - 3.25	1 - 22
Female Reproductive	57	47.3	15.9	3	1 - 4	1 - 16
Skin	46	21.1	3.5	2	1 - 3	1 - 10
Lymphoma	44	22.2	7.8	4	2.25 - 5.75	1 - 18
Central Nervous System	41	6.5	4.4	3	1.5 - 4	1 - 14
Male Reproductive (including prostate)	36	168.4	27	3.5	1.25 - 6	1 - 16
Kidney	36	13.2	4.2	2	1 - 3	1 - 22
Head and Neck	35	14	3.9	3	2 - 5	1 - 14
Urothelial Tract	18	21.2	4.3	4	2 - 5.25	1 - 11
Soft Tissue	17	3.1	1.3	3	2 - 5.5	1 - 12
Myeloma	13	5.6	3.7	3	1.5 - 3.5	1 - 7
Endocrine	7	9.8	0.8	2	1 - 2	1 - 2
AIDS-related	5	1.2	n/a	5	1 - 10.5	1 - 12
Immune Disorder	2	0.7	0.8	4.5	4 - 5	4 - 5
Germ Cell	2	0.4	0.2	1.5	1 - 2	1 - 2
Hematopoietic (excluding Leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma)	1	0.5	0.4	2	n/a	n/a
Bone	2	0.9	0.9	2.5	2 - 3	2 - 3

Cancer Incidence Rate vs. Time-to-First Patient: Mann-Whitney,  $p=0.749$

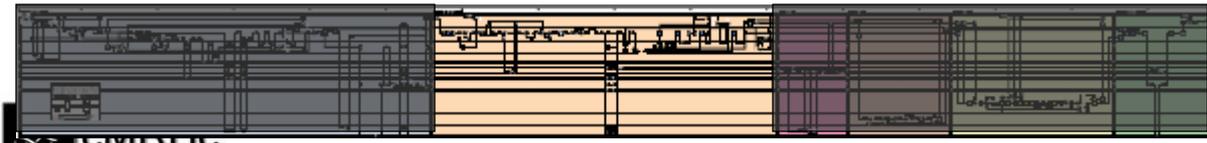
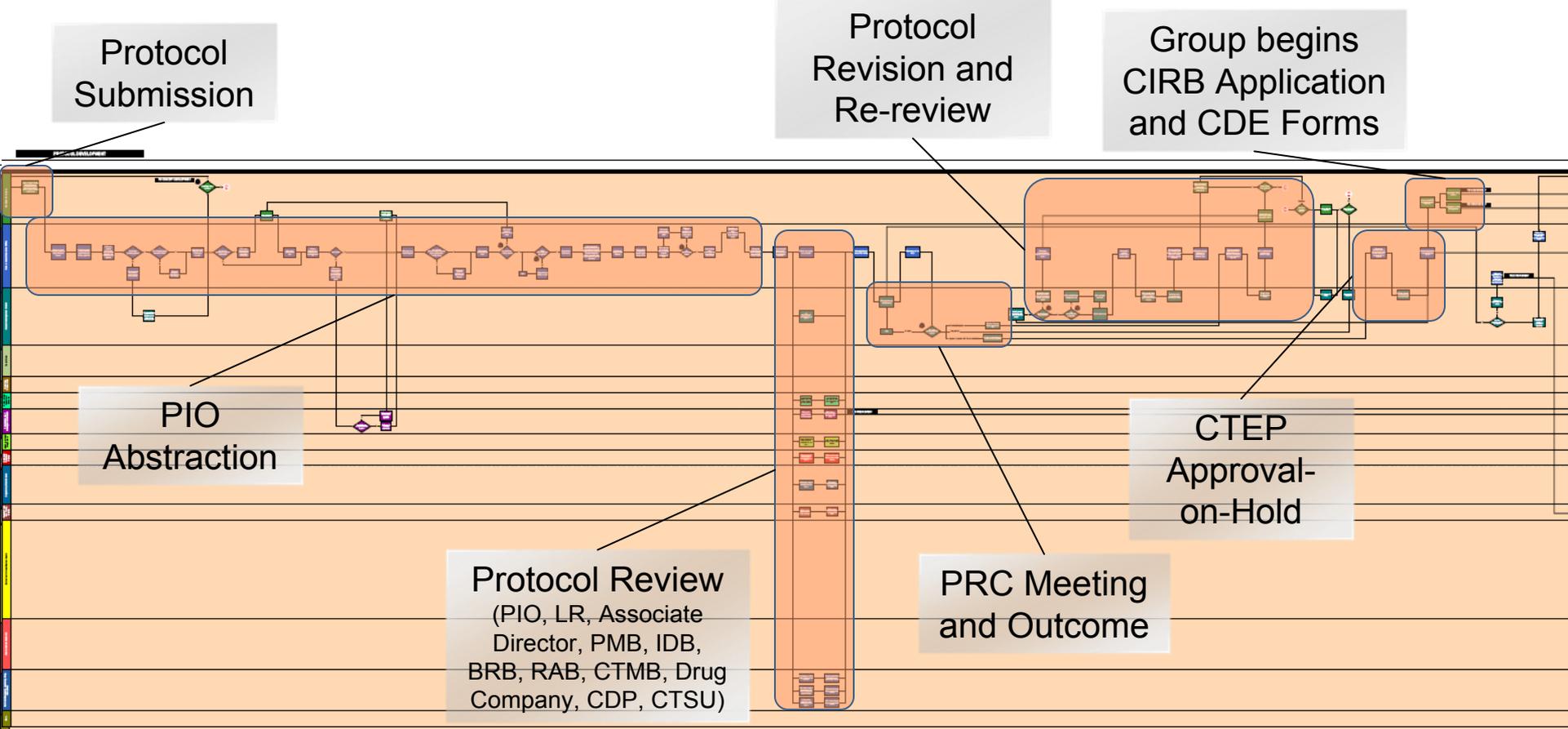
Cancer Mortality Rate vs. Time-to-First Patient: Mann-Whitney

# Percent of Goal Achieved by Phase for CTEP Reviewed Studies\*

Phase	I	I/II	II	III	Other	Pilot	Total
<i>n</i>	194	79	573	69	36	30	981
<u>Of Maximum Goal</u>							
Zero	6%	8%	4%	6%	28%	10%	6%
.1% to 25%	16%	28%	14%	41%	28%	10%	18%
26 to 50%	18%	16%	19%	9%	11%	7%	17%
51 to 75%	21%	11%	20%	7%	3%	10%	18%
76 to 100%	20%	19%	13%	6%	6%	17%	14%
>100%	20%	18%	29%	32%	25%	47%	27%
<b>% achieving &gt;75%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>41%</b>
<u>Of Minimum Goal</u>							
zero	6%	8%	4%	6%	28%	10%	6%
.1% to 25%	6%	15%	8%	39%	19%	7%	11%
26 to 50%	10%	6%	9%	7%	14%	3%	9%
51 to 75%	10%	11%	8%	7%	3%	7%	8%
76 to 100%	10%	8%	12%	1%	6%	13%	10%
>100%	58%	52%	59%	39%	31%	60%	56%
<b>% achieving &gt;75%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>66%</b>

\* Excludes active studies

# Protocol Development and Review



# PMB Review

Drug Company Negotiations for new drug

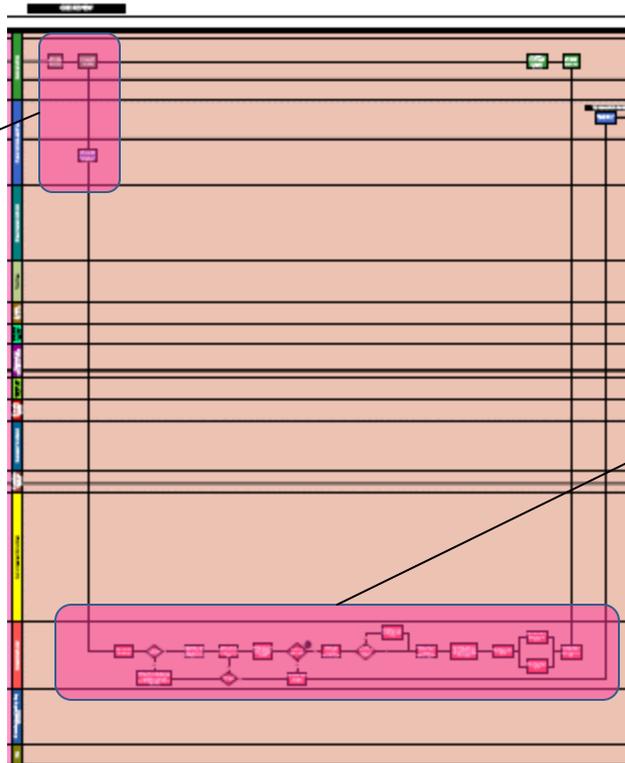


PMB and Group set up database



# CDE Review

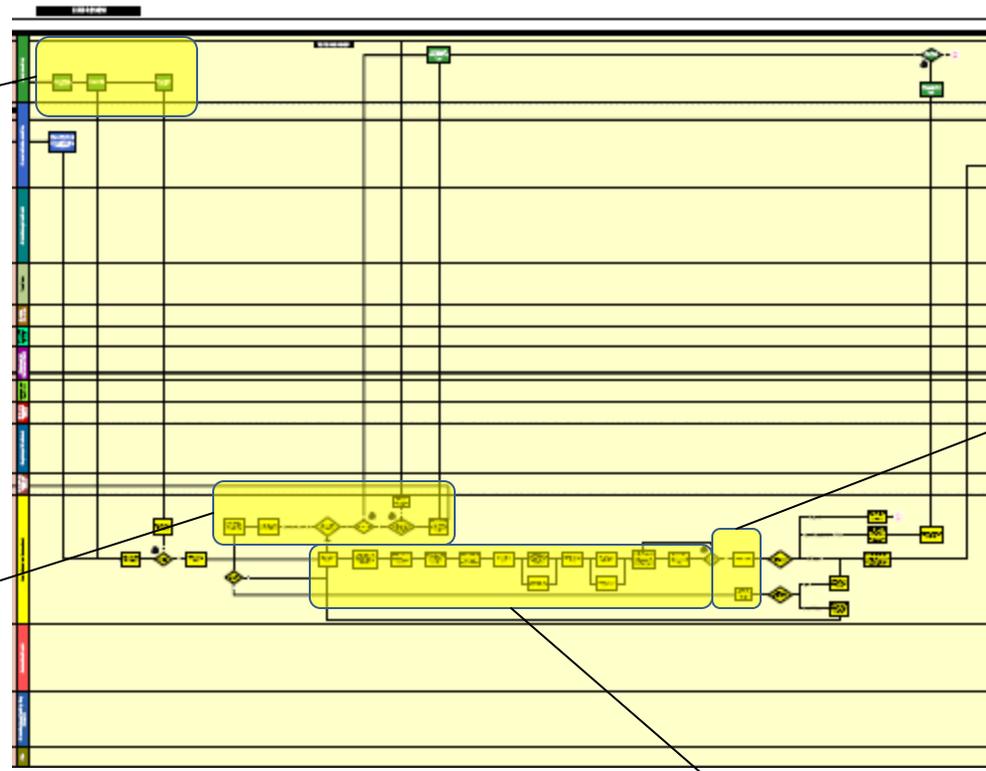
CRF Completion and Submission



CDE Compliance Review



# CIRB Review



CIRB Application Completion and Submission

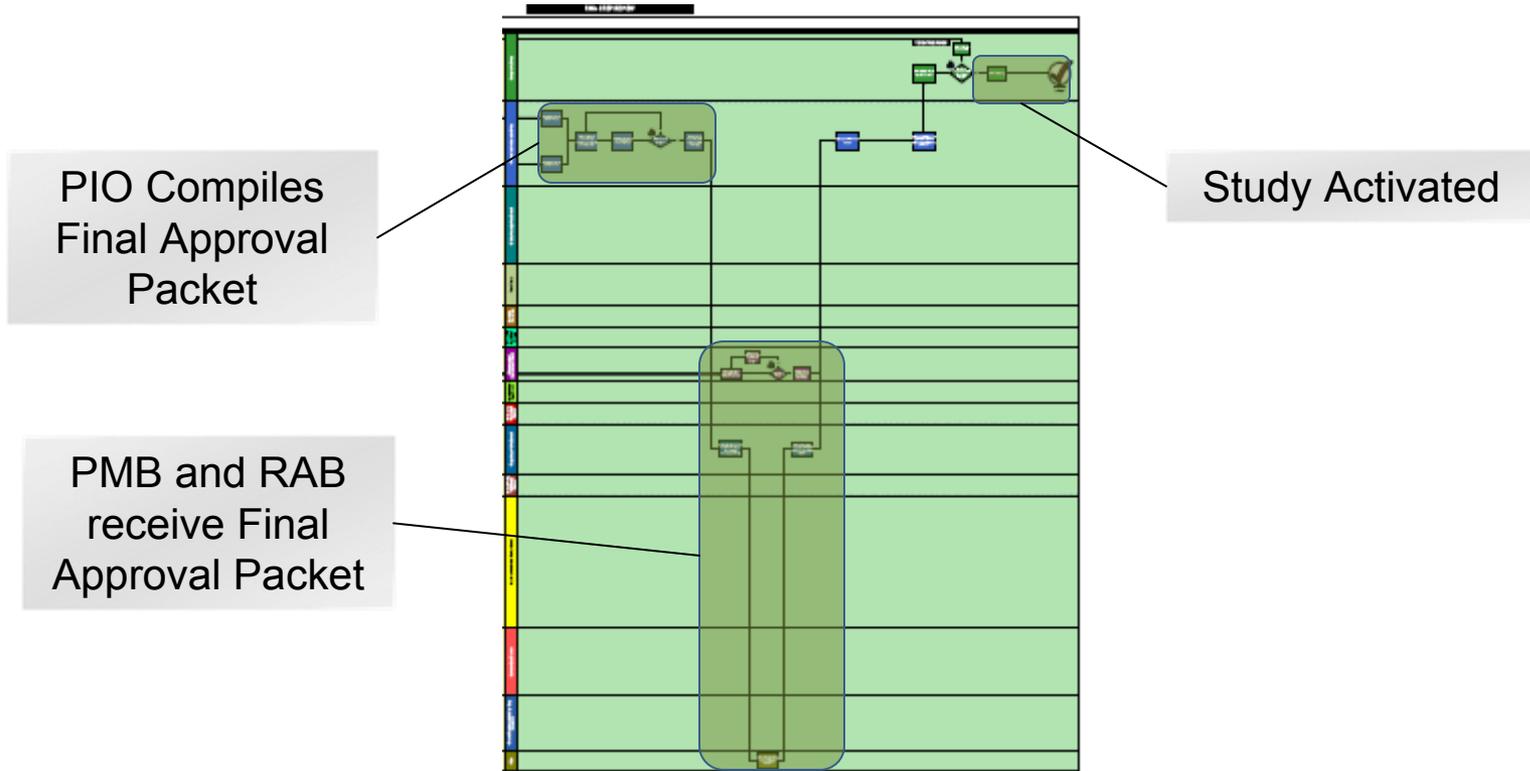
CIRB Board Meeting

CIRB receives Revised Protocol

CIRB Board Meeting Preparation



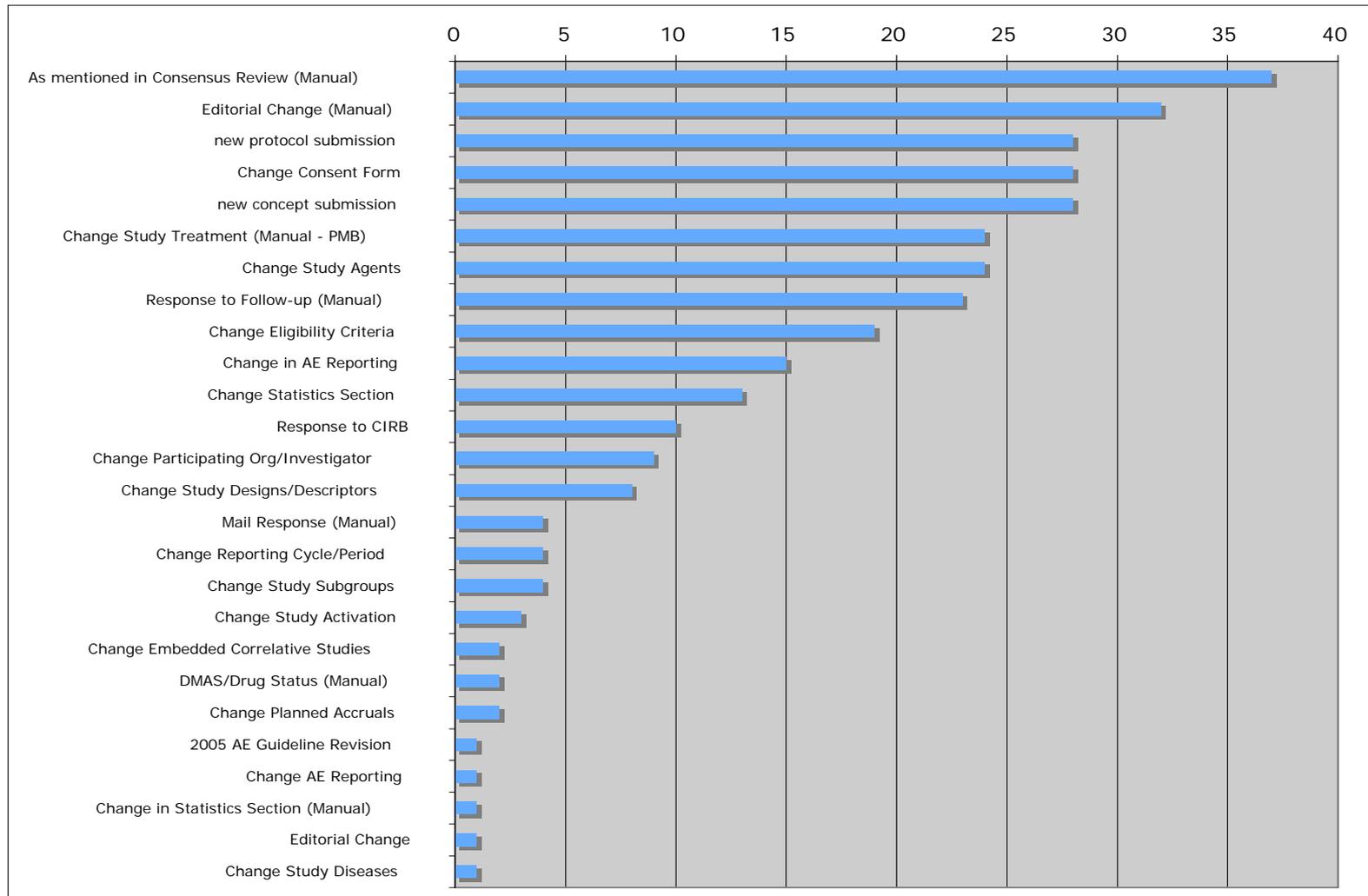
# Final CTEP Review



# Top 5 reasons for Document Changes

	Concept		Protocol		Amendment	
	Reason	Percentage	Reason	Percentage	Reason	Percentage
1	New Concept Submissions	65%	New Protocol Submission	13%	Editorial Change	16%
2	Consensus Review	30%	Consensus Review	12%	Change in Study Agents	14%
3	Follow-up Response	5%	Change Consent Form	11%	Change Study Treatment	12%
4			Follow-up Response	10%	Change Eligibility Criteria	12%
5			Editorial Change	10%	Change in Consent Form	8%

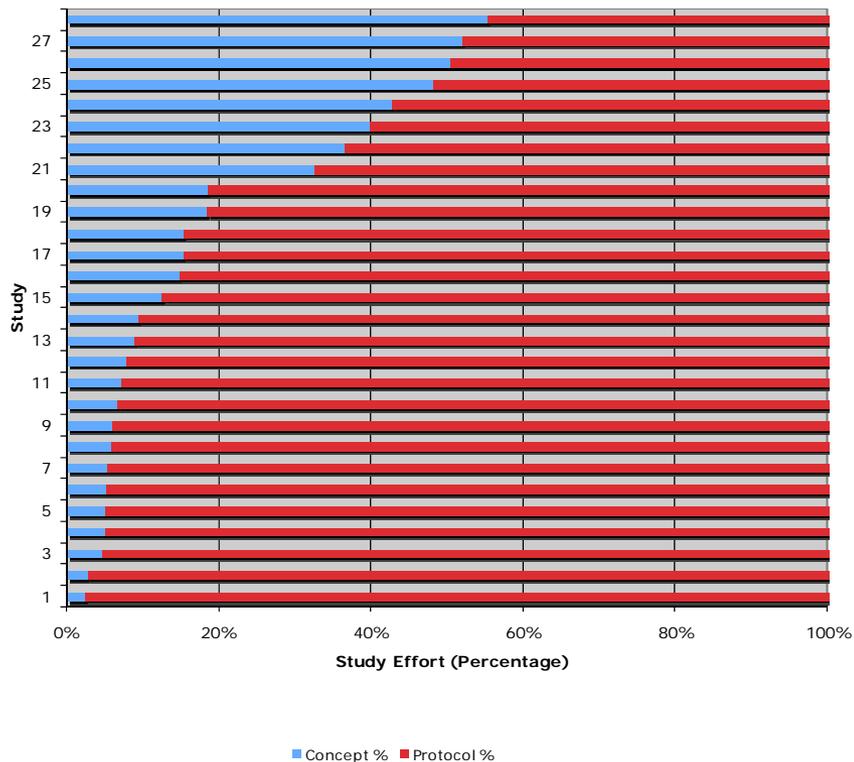
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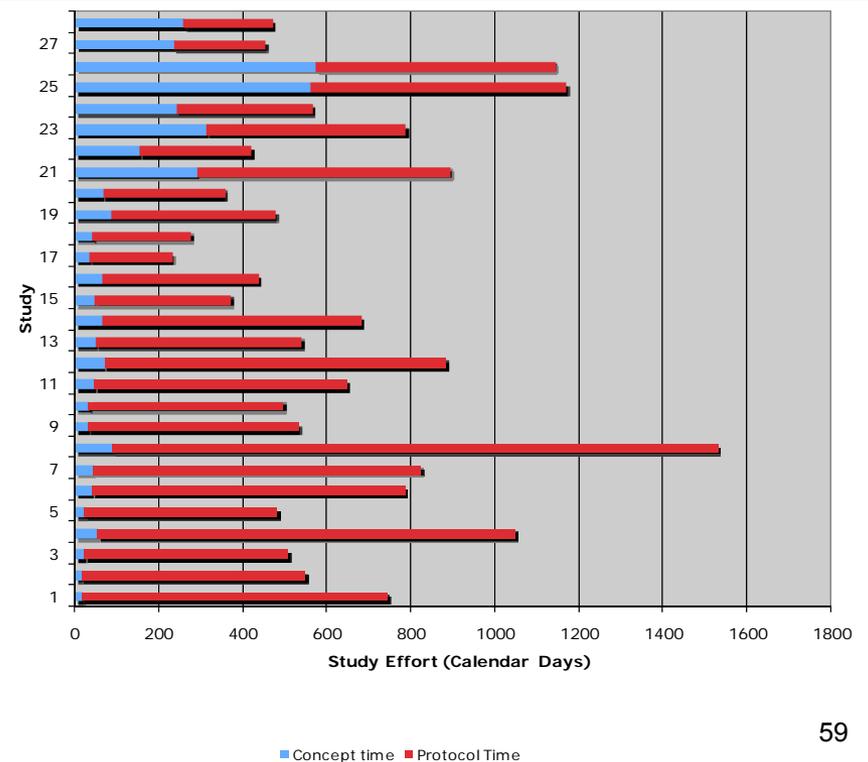
# Concept vs. Protocol Development Effort

Phase III Cooperative Group Study Effort (n=28) ordered by concept development time represented by percentage and days of total CTEP development time

## By Percentage



## By Calendar Days



# Number of Reviews per Study

Number of reviews per study by review type for Phase III Cooperative Group (n=28 studies) activated from 2000 - 2005\*

	Reviewer	n <i>studies</i>	Occurance per study		
			median <i>reviews</i>	min <i>reviews</i>	max <i>reviews</i>
Concept	CRM CTEP	27	1	1	3
	CEP CTEP	2	2	1	3
	Routing (CRM) CTEP	8	1	1	2
	Industry Industry	11	1	1	2
Protocol	PRC CTEP	28	1	1	3
	Routing (PRC) CTEP	25	2	1	5
CIRB	CIRB CIRB	26	2	2	6
	Routing (CIRB) CTEP	22	1	1	5
Amendment	Routing (PRC) CTEP	9	1	1	3
	CIRB CIRB	9	1	1	3
	Routing (CIRB) CTEP	2	1	1	1

• Reviews per study were counted from the Concept Complete Sheets, Protocol Complete Sheets, and CIRB data

\*\* Reviews for amendments are only counted for those amendments initiated prior to activations

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# Reviews Per Study

Number of reviews per study by development stage for Phase III Cooperative Group (n=28 studies) activated from 2000 – 2005\*

	Reviews per Study			
	<i>n</i> <i>studies</i>	<i>median</i> <i>reviews</i>	<i>min</i> <i>reviews</i>	<i>max</i> <i>reviews</i>
Concept	28	2	1	6
Protocol	28	9	5	20
Amendment **	4	5	2	6
Total	28	12	6	26

\* Reviews per study were counted from the Concept Complete Sheets, Protocol Complete Sheets, and CIRB data

\*\* Reviews for amendments are only counted for those amendments initiated prior to activations

# Number of Document Versions (pre-activation)

	Concept *		Protocol **		Amendments ***		Total	
n	28		28		9		28	
	Number of Versions	Time to Complete (Calendar Days)	Number of Versions	Time to Complete (Calendar Days)	Number of Versions	Time to Complete (Calendar Days)	Number of Versions	Time to Complete (Calendar Days)
median	1	194.5	3	216	1	88	6	481.5
min	1	83	2	14	1	26	3	204
max	3	637	10	758	3	324	13	1395

\* concept days = date of first concept submission to date of 1st protocol submission

\*\* protocol days = date of first protocol submission to date of last protocol submission

\*\*\* amendment days = date of last protocol submission to date of last amendment (if any)

# Initial Recommendations

- Immediate (Quick-Fix)
- Mid-range
- Long term



# Initial Quick-Fix Recommendations

- Immediately start collecting & analyzing data
- “Just Say No”
  - Eliminate “entitlement culture”
- Stop tweaking
  - “Two strikes and you’re out”
- Say what you mean & mean what you say

# Initial Medium Term Recommendations

- Triage concepts using scientific merit and operational complexity
- Eliminate redundant, non-value added steps in the entire process
  - Cooperative Groups, CTEP, CIRB, & Comprehensive Cancer Centers
- Benchmark other NIH Institutes & Pharmaceutical firms
- Create processes that build quality in “automatically”

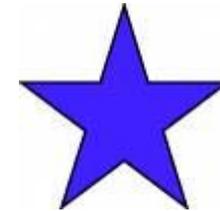
# Triaging Concepts:

*One Technique for Determine Entrance*

## Operational Complexity

Scientific  
Merit

High



Low



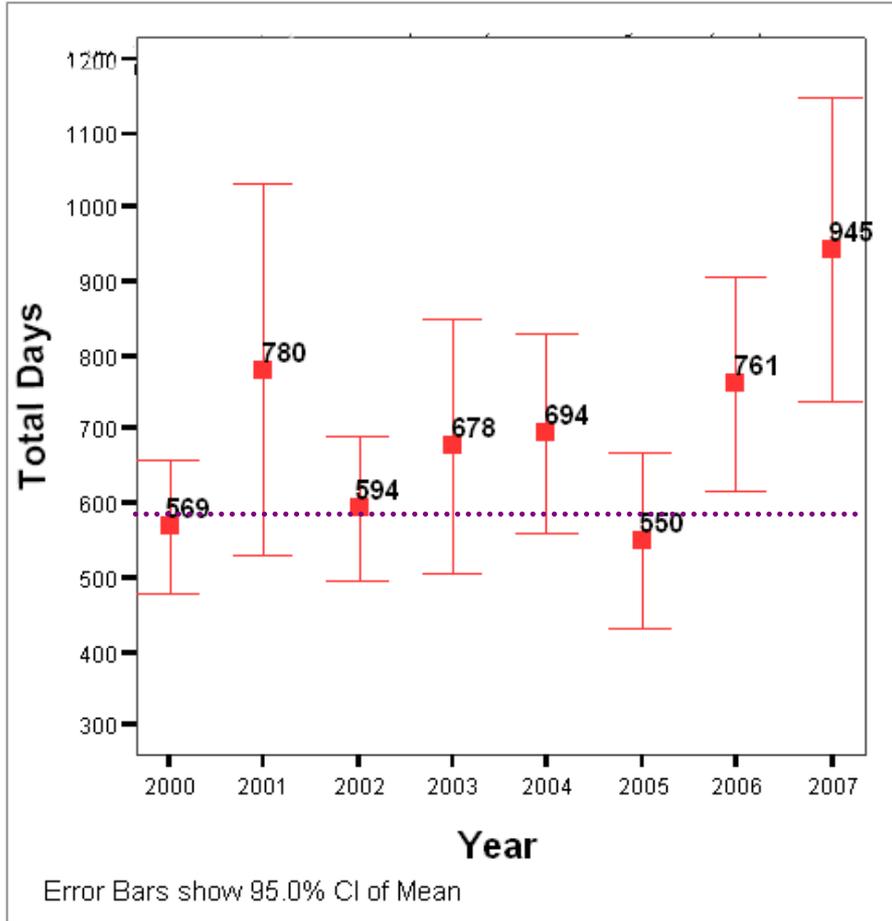
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High

Low

# Time From Concept Receipt to Activation

*Phase III Therapeutic Studies activated Through CTEP 1/2000 – 6/2007<sup>†</sup>  
by Activation Year*



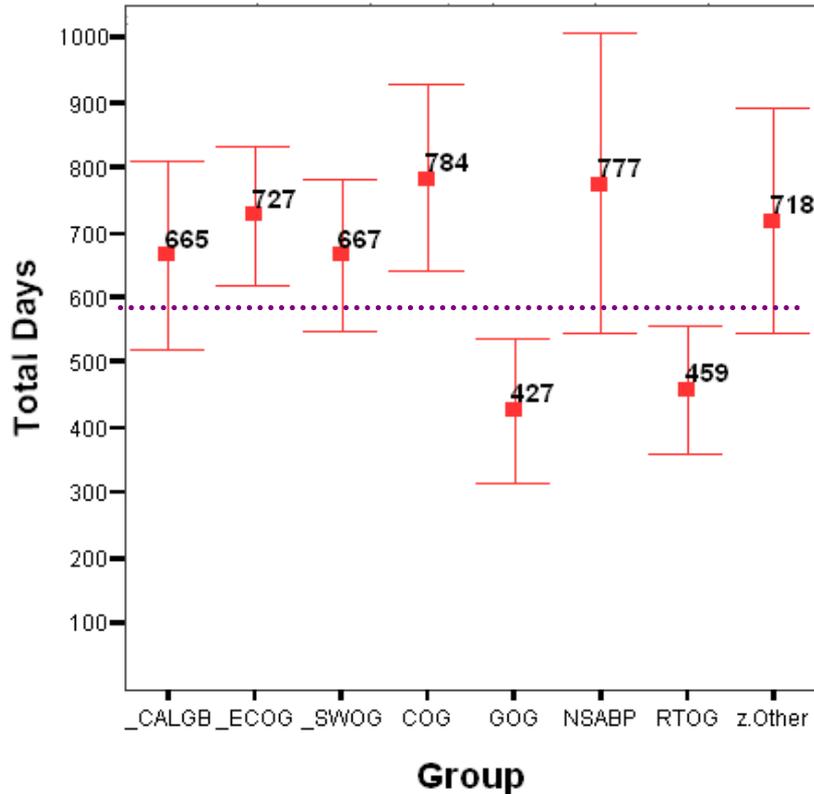
Year	Number	Median Days**	Min Days	Max Days
2000	29	542	203	1114
2001	15	563	312	1706
2002	19	528	370	1110
2003	23	539	321	1908
2004	24	655	229	1423
2005	18	496	264	1142
2006	22	678	329	1655
2007*	15	866	519	1776
<b>Total/ Overall</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>1908</b>

*† these dates do not include the days for concept development & approval at the cooperative group*

*\*\* Concept approval time represented 8% to 39% of the days, depending upon Group*

# Time From Concept Receipt to Activation

*Phase III Therapeutic Studies activated Through CTEP 1/2000 – 6/2007<sup>†</sup>  
by Co-Operative Group*



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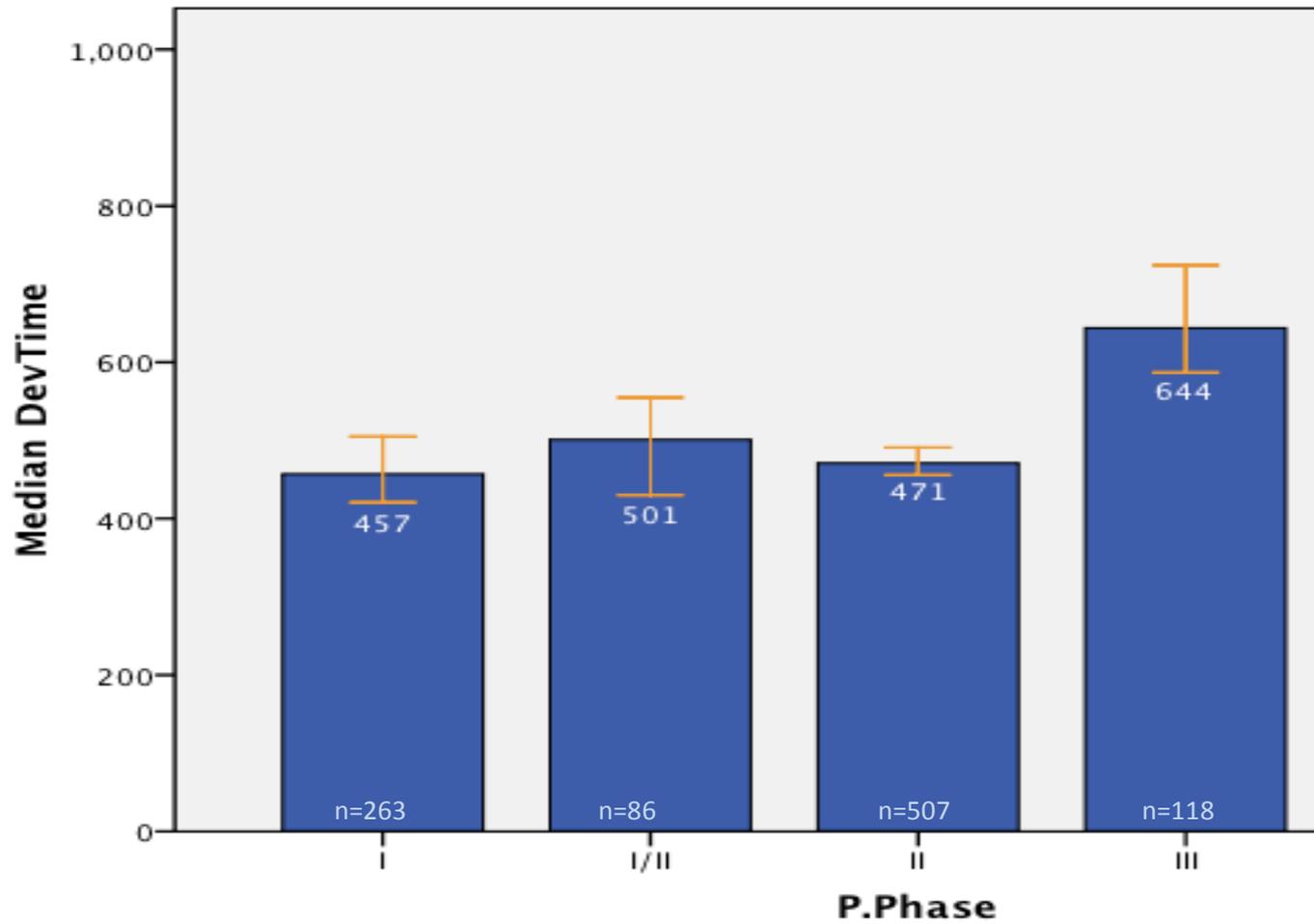
Group	Number	Median Days**	Min Days	Max Days
CALGB	21	532	229	1526
ECOG	27	635	274	1532
SWOG	27	597	342	1706
COG	34	719	203	1908
GOG	9	402	298	665
NSABP	13	691	317	1655
RTOG	16	432	264	989
Other*	18	583	372	1697
<b>Total/ Overall</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>1908</b>

\*Other: ACOSOG, IBCSG, NCCTG, NCIC, NCIMB, TX035

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# Median Development Time\*: CTEP sponsored studies activated from 2000 -2007



\* From Concept Receipt to Study Activation

# Development Time and the Likelihood of Achieving Accrual Goal at Study Closure

Development Time Intervals (months)	Unadjusted Analysis		Adjusted Analysis Controlling for Projected Minimum Accrual		Adjusted Analysis Controlling for Phase of Trial	
	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	<i>P Value</i>	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	<i>P Value</i>	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	<i>P Value</i>
[0,9)	1.20 (0.55 - 2.59)	0.650	1.17 (0.54 - 2.54)	0.686	1.13 (0.52 - 2.46)	0.758
[9,12)	1.94 (1.06 - 3.52)	0.010	1.96 (1.07 - 3.57)	0.029	1.86 (1.02 - 3.40)	0.044
[12,15)	1.01 (0.59 - 1.74)	0.960	1.00 (0.59 - 1.72)	0.987	0.97 (0.56 - 1.67)	0.906
[15,18) (referent)	1.0		1.0		1.0	
[18,21)	0.52 (0.27 - 1.00)	0.051	0.54 (0.27 - 1.05)	0.068	0.55 (0.28 - 1.07)	0.078
[21,24)	0.78 (0.39 - 1.57)	0.482	0.78 (0.38 - 1.57)	0.478	0.75 (0.37 - 1.53)	0.435
[24,27)	0.52 (0.20 - 1.35)	0.179	0.54 (0.21 - 1.40)	0.205	0.53 (0.20 - 1.37)	0.191
[27,30)	0.14 (0.04 - 0.54)	0.004	0.15 (0.04 - 0.58)	0.006	0.16 (0.04 - 0.59)	0.006
[30, )	0.17 (0.07 - 0.41)	<0.001	0.18 (0.07 - 0.44)	<0.001	0.19 (0.08 - 0.46)	<0.001

\* Referent indicates the median development time of all clinical trials in the sample

**Data:** CTEP recorded therapeutic, non-pediatric, Phase I-III opened and closed w/ complete development time between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2007 (n=553)

◆ Odds Ratios calculated using binary logistic regression adjusting for study size, and type of trial (phase)