



NCTN—View from a Lead Academic Site/Cancer Center

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University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute (UPCI)



- 320 faculty members from 42 academic departments at University of Pittsburgh
- Clinical research and care through UPMC hospitals and cancer centers



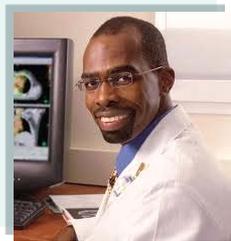
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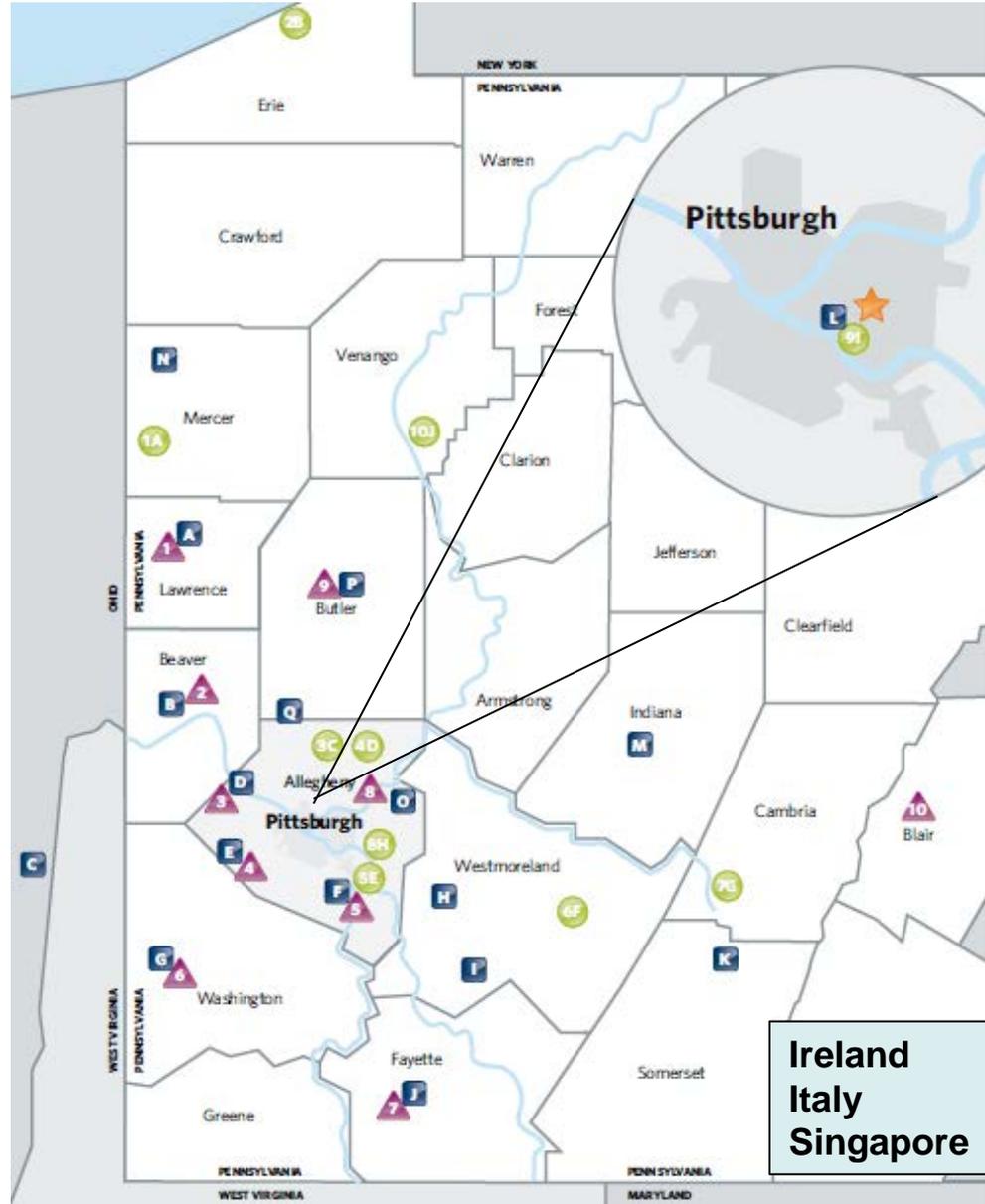
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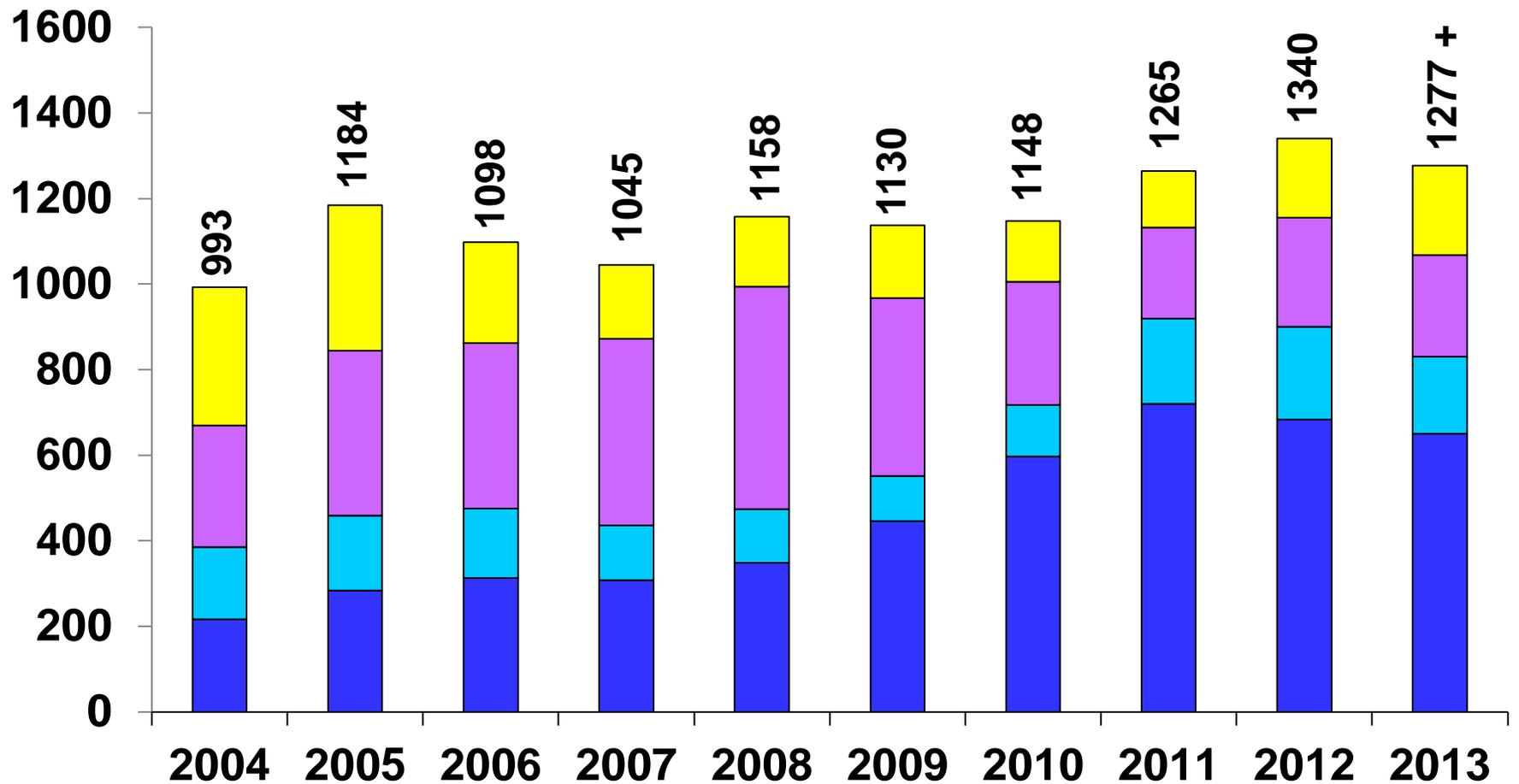
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- Medical Oncology Centers
- UPMC Shadyside Campus
- Radiation Oncology Centers
- Centers that provide radiation and medical oncology services



Accrual to Interventional Clinical Trials at UPCI UPMC CancerCenter (2004 – 2013)



■ Institutional ■ External Peer Review ■ National Group ■ Industry

National Clinical Trials Network (NCTN)



Costantino

- **Group Statistician, NRG**
- **NRG Biostatistical Office headquartered at University of Pittsburgh**



Brufsky

**Lead
Academic
Participating
Site (LAPS)
(CA180844)**



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**Early
Therapeutics
Clinical Trials
Network Site
(UM1CA099168)**

Cooperative Groups Consolidation



Eastern Cooperative
Oncology Group



Working with Mayo Clinic to bring the latest cancer research to the community

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UPCI Participated in 8 Cooperative Groups

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ECOG-ACRIN
cancer research group
Reshaping the future of patient care



NRG
ONCOLOGY
Advancing Research. Improving Lives.™



Alliance
for Clinical Trials
in Oncology



SWOG
Leading cancer research. Together.



CureSearch
Children's Oncology Group

UPCI Participating in 4 Cooperative Groups

Potential Advantages for LAPS

- **Single grant—streamlined finances and administration**
- **Use of NCI CIRB**
- **Enhanced case reimbursement**
- **Provided internal mandate to assemble a steering committee led by UPCI AD for Clinical Investigation to oversee NCTN accruals and allocate resources—better integration**

Potential Disadvantages for LAPS

- **Shifting focus and loyalty from legacy to new cooperative groups**
- **Maintaining engagement of LAPS leaders with scientific leadership of new cooperative groups**
- **Encouraging NCTN involvement for young investigators given lack of opportunity to “lead”**
- **Financial penalty for “overaccrual”**

What We Must Consider.....

- **Impact of a more centrally directed NCTN in the field**
- **How a goal of smaller biologically based trials will be implemented in the community**
- **Interactions between and roles of the component parts to advance the clinical trials agenda—cooperative groups, LAPS, NCORPs, ET-CTN, SPOREs, CCSGs, etc**