

Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research



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Frederick National Laboratory

Presentation Outline



- Our Identity and Mission
- Exemplifying the impact of Frederick National Laboratory programs
- NCI-Frederick Advisory Committee guidance for the future of Frederick National Laboratory

Overview of Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research



- **FNLCR is the Federally Funded Research and Development Center**
 - Established in 1972
 - Only FFRDC dedicated to biomedical research
- **Proudly operated by SAIC-Frederick, Inc. on behalf of the National Cancer Institute**
- **Main campus on 70 acres at Ft. Detrick, MD**
 - Co-located with intramural NCI researchers and other NCI activities
 - Additional FNLCR scientists at Bethesda and Rockville sites
- **Mission:** Pursue innovative basic, applied, and translational research leveraging technical expertise, physical infrastructure, and FFRDC status

Defining Characteristics of Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research



- **Unique combination** of scientific expertise & operational capability to support all aspects of applied biology and translational medicine
- **Agile** : adapt to changes in NCI priorities
- **Honest Broker** : integrate with government agencies, extramural community, and industry partners
- **Accessible**: technologies and contractor expertise is available to intramural, academic, and industrial biomedical concerns

FNLCR Partnership Development Priorities

Focus Areas



Supporting the NCI Mission in Cancer and AIDS Research

- **Technology Development and Application**

- Genomics, Proteomics, Advanced biomedical computing, Biomedical imaging & microscopy, Laboratory animal sciences, Small animal imaging, Clinical Assay technology

- **Accelerate Preclinical Development**

- Nanotechnology (NCL), Genetically Engineered Mouse Models of cancer (CAPR)

- **Clinical development support**

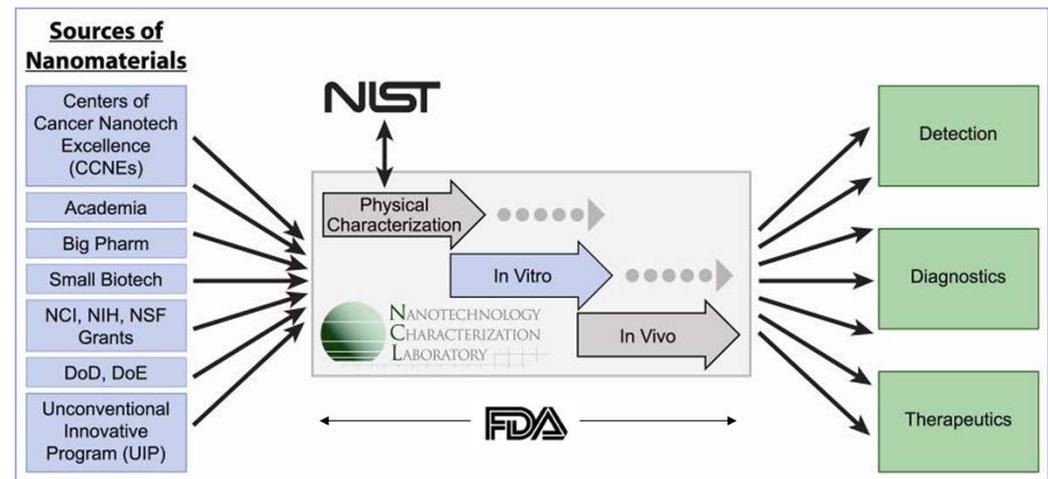
- Clinical Assay Development Center, Biopharmaceutical Development Program, Diagnostics and Pharmacodynamics

- **AIDS & Cancer Virus Program**

Nanotechnology Characterization Laboratory (NCL)



- NCL was established in 2004 as an interagency collaboration among NCI, NIST, and FDA. The lab's mission is to accelerate the translation of promising nanotech cancer drugs and diagnostics
- NCL performs preclinical characterization of nanomaterials, including:
 - physicochemical characterization
 - in vitro experiments
 - in vivo testing for safety and efficacy

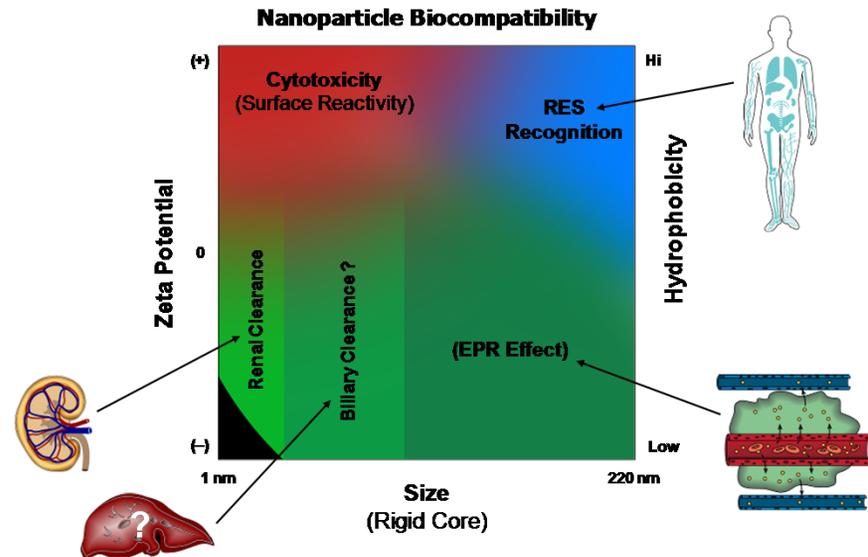


90% of NCL's efforts support the extramural community

Why NCL Is Needed



- Most nanomaterials come from academic labs focused on materials science
 - Investigators have little experience with oncology, pharmacology, drug development, or regulatory requirements
- Collaboration with NCL allows investigators to take advantage of ‘lessons learned’:
 - Trends in biocompatibility
 - Gives investigators a heads-up on regulatory requirements



McNeil (2009), *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Nanomedicine and Nanobiotechnology*, 1:264-271.

Nel et al. (2009), *Nature Materials* 8: 543-557.

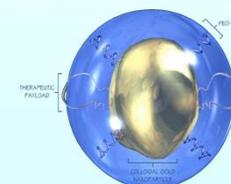
Cover of *Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews*, June, 2009.

Success Stories: NCL-aided Submissions to Clinic



IND 2009

- **ATI-1123** : PEGylated nanoliposomal formulation of docetaxel
- Phase I safety study in patients with advanced solid tumors complete in 2012.



*Phase 1
Completed 2008*

- **AurImune®** : PEGylated colloidal gold nanoparticle-TNF α conjugates
- Phase II study in combination with Taxotere to start in 2012.

- **BIND-014** : docetaxel-encapsulated PLGA nanoparticle-aptamer conjugates
- Binds PSMA expressed on prostate cancer cells
- Phase I safety study in patients with advanced or metastatic cancer ongoing.



IND 2011



IDE 2008

- Silica-core gold-shell particle for photothermal ablation with NIR irradiation
- Pilot safety study in head and neck cancers ongoing; efficacy study in lung tumors to start in 2012.



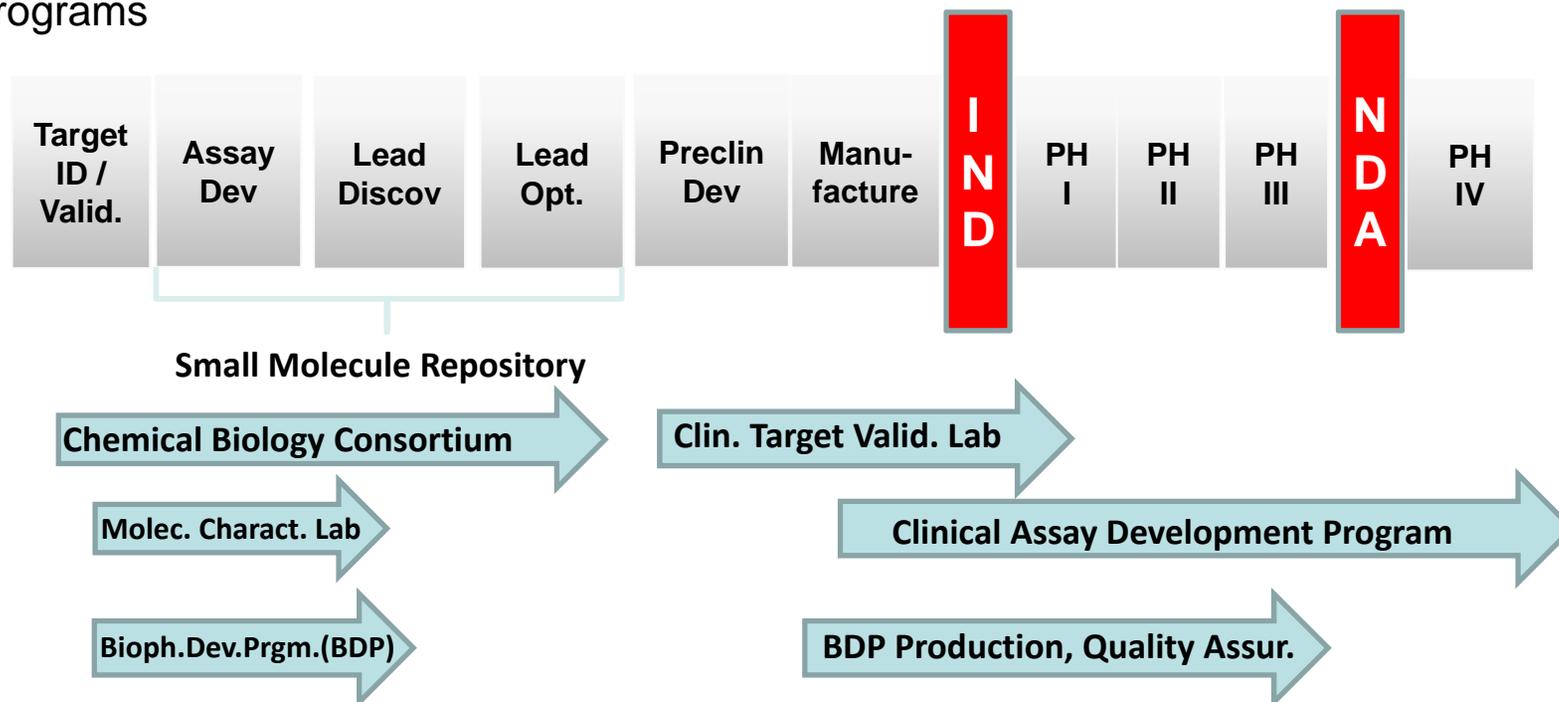
IND 2010

- **PNT2258** : liposome-encapsulated oligonucleotide for breast and lung cancer.
- Phase I safety study in patients with advanced solid tumors ongoing.

The NCI Experimental Therapeutics Program (NExT)



- NExT is led by the Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis to create a coordinated cancer therapeutics discovery and development pipeline with the external scientific community
 - Projects evaluated by extramural Special Emphasis Panel
- SAIC-F provides operational and dedicated technical support to all phases of NExT programs



Supporting Drug Development : Biopharm. Development Program

Sole Source of Monoclonal Antibody ch14.18



Concept : ch14.18 marks neuroblastomas for killing by the immune system by binding to an overexpressed antigen called GD2

- Due to complexity of process and small market, no commercial vendor would make the antibody

Children's Oncology Group Phase III trial in patients with high-risk neuroblastoma demonstrated clear event-free survival benefit

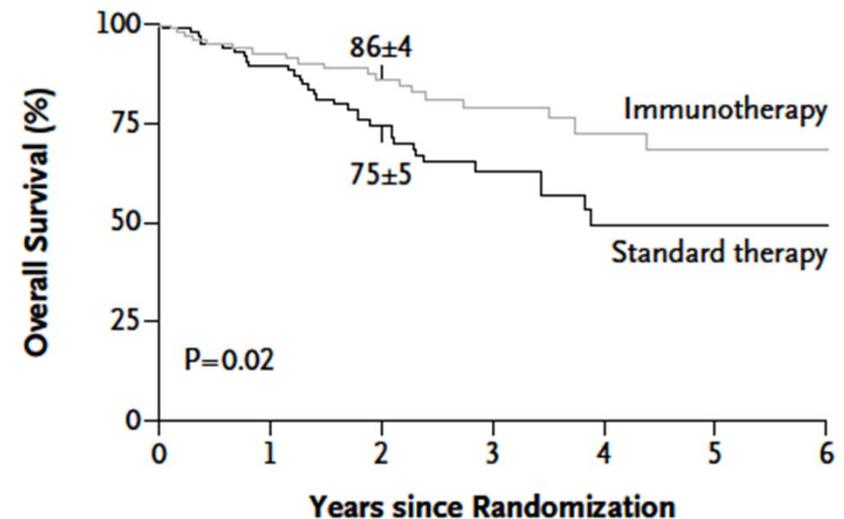
With the success of the trial, a commercial vendor has been found and our process transferred



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B Overall Survival

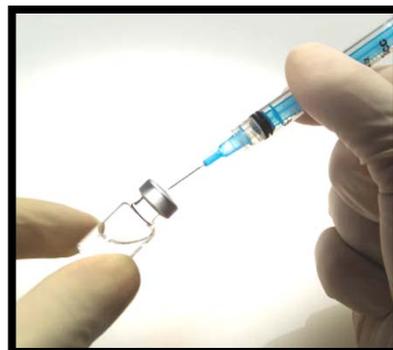


Collaborative Support of AIDS Vaccine Research at FNL



Quantitative Molecular Diagnostics Core

- State of the art capabilities for monitoring virus levels in blood and tissues in NHP models
 - Real-time qPCR/qRT PCR, droplet digital PCR)
- National reference lab
- Critical support of high impact AIDS vaccine studies



LETTER

nature

doi:10.1038/nature10003

Profound early control of highly pathogenic SIV by an effector memory T-cell vaccine

Scott G. Hansen¹, Julia C. Ford¹, Matthew S. Lewis¹, Abigail B. Ventura¹, Colette M. Hughes¹, Lia Coyne-Johnson¹, Nathan Whizin¹, Kelli Oswald², Rebecca Shoemaker², Tonya Swanson¹, Alfred W. Legasse², Maria J. Chituchiolo³, Christopher L. Parks², Michael K. Axthelm³, Jay A. Nelson¹, Michael A. Jarvis¹, Michael Piatak Jr², Jeffrey D. Lifson² & Louis J. Picker¹

ARTICLES

nature
medicine

Lymph node T cell responses predict the efficacy of live attenuated SIV vaccines

Yoshinori Fukazawa^{1,2,8}, Haesun Park^{1,2,8}, Mark J Cameron³, Francois Lefebvre³, Richard Lum^{1,2}, Noel Coombes^{1,2}, Eisa Mahyari^{1,2}, Shoko Hagen^{1,2}, Jin Young Bae^{1,2}, Marcelo Delos Reyes III^{1,2}, Tonya Swanson^{1,2}, Alfred W Legasse^{1,2}, Andrew Sylwester^{1,2}, Scott G Hansen^{1,2}, Andrew T Smith³, Petra Stafova³, Rebecca Shoemaker⁴, Yuan Li⁴, Kelli Oswald⁴, Michael K Axthelm^{1,2}, Adrian McDermott⁵, Guido Ferrarini⁶, David C Montefiori⁶, Paul T Edlefsen⁷, Michael Piatak Jr⁴, Jeffrey D Lifson⁴, Rafick P Sekaly³ & Louis J Picker^{1,2,7}

LETTER

nature

doi:10.1038/nature11443

Vaccine-induced CD8⁺ T cells control AIDS virus replication

Philip A. Mudd^{1,2}, Mauricio A. Martins³, Adam J. Ericson¹, Damien C. Tully⁴, Karen A. Power⁴, Alex T. Bean¹, Shari M. Piaskowski¹, Lijie Duan⁵, Aaron Seese⁴, Adrianne D. Gladden⁴, Kim L. Weisgrau¹, Jessica R. Furlott¹, Young-il Kim⁶, Marlon G. Veloso de Santana⁷, Eva Rakasz⁸, Saverio Capuano III⁸, Nancy A. Wilson⁸, Myrna C. Bonaldo⁷, Ricardo Galler⁹, David B. Allison¹⁰, Michael Piatak Jr¹¹, Ashley T. Haase⁵, Jeffrey D. Lifson¹¹, Todd M. Allen¹ & David I. Watkins³

NCI-Frederick Advisory Committee

Building for the Future



- **NFAC charge** - review the state of research at FNLCR and make recommendations for the best use of its capabilities and infrastructure
- **15 member committee**



Zachary Hall, Ph.D. Former Director, NINDS Former President; Institute of Regenerative Medicine, UCSF Emeritus Professor, UCSF

Chair



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M. Justice



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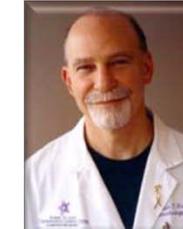
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K. Olden



J. Pietenpol



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C. Willman

Expanding the Partnering Base

Development of Contractor Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (c-CRADA)



- **Enables SAIC-Frederick to partner directly with extramural scientists and organizations for access to our science and technology know-how**
- **Use full CRADA authority under CRADA statutes**
 - c-CRADAs for Research, Development, and Testing collaborations
 - “Technical Service Agreement” for tactical evaluation of proprietary partner materials, AIDS testing kits, etc.
- **Intellectual property rights**
 - SAIC-F is the custodian of joint or sole IP emerging from the CRADA
 - Streamlined assignment of exclusive commercialization rights
 - Any royalty streams support FFRDC R&D efforts
- **Processes**
 - Focus on speed
 - Local government review and approval with external input as appropriate

New Partnering Initiatives

Expanding access to FNLCR Resources



- **Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (cCRADA)**
 - Two partnerships received initial concept approval
 - Five additional agreements in development
- **Technical Service Agreement (TSA)**
 - Seven distinct assays approved for external offering
 - Three additional assays submitted for approval, 11 in preparation
 - One agreement signed with UCSF, 4 in progress
- **External-facing FNLCR website operational and evolving**
 - <http://frederick.cancer.gov/>



FNLCR Strategic Direction Initiatives



- **Identification and Implementation of “Big Ideas”**
 - Fulfill the “National Laboratory” vision
 - Variety of NCI, FNLCR, and external workgroups contributed ideas
 - “Hub-and-spoke” model likely
 - Funding strategies within the existing FNLCR budget under discussion
 - Communication plan under development
- **FNLCR Laboratory Director (NCI)**

Conclusions



- **Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research** is a unique resource within the national biomedical research community
- **Program partnerships** facilitate basic and translational research achievements
- **New partnering opportunities** expand the impact of FNLCR science
- **New “big idea” research programs** will strengthen the identity and impact of FNLCR as a National Laboratory