

# Leveraging Cooperative Group Participation for Cancer Center Leadership

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# Overview

**Cancer Clinical Investigator Team Leadership Award (CCITLA)** has fostered ongoing leadership roles in clinical trials at the national cooperative group level as well as local clinical trial development

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# Prior Experience Helps

- Pediatric Oncologist
  - Unique perspective on clinical trial participation
  - Experience developing and running early phase and large front line studies at the national level with the Children's Oncology Group
  - Knowledge of large clinical cooperative group infrastructure and operating procedures

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# Activities Under CCITLA Leveraging Cooperative Group Experience

- Received award in 2011
- Immediately asked to lead the re-writing of the Data Safety Monitoring Plan for MCC
- January 1, 2012 asked to assume Medical Directorship of the Clinical Trials Office

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# Activities Continued....

- Leading a restructuring of the CTO and streamlining of processes
- Major participant in writing of CCSG renewal for MCC due in January
- Continued national clinical trial participation through the COG and will assume the role of chair of the Developmental Therapeutics Committee in the coming months

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# What Has CCITLA Meant?

- Recognition by the Academic Health Center and University of the importance of clinical translational science as a career path for promotion and advancement
- Recognition of the marriage of clinical trial academic accomplishments through the cooperative group mechanism as a training for higher level positions in cancer center leadership

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