



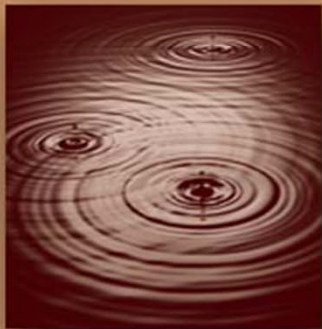
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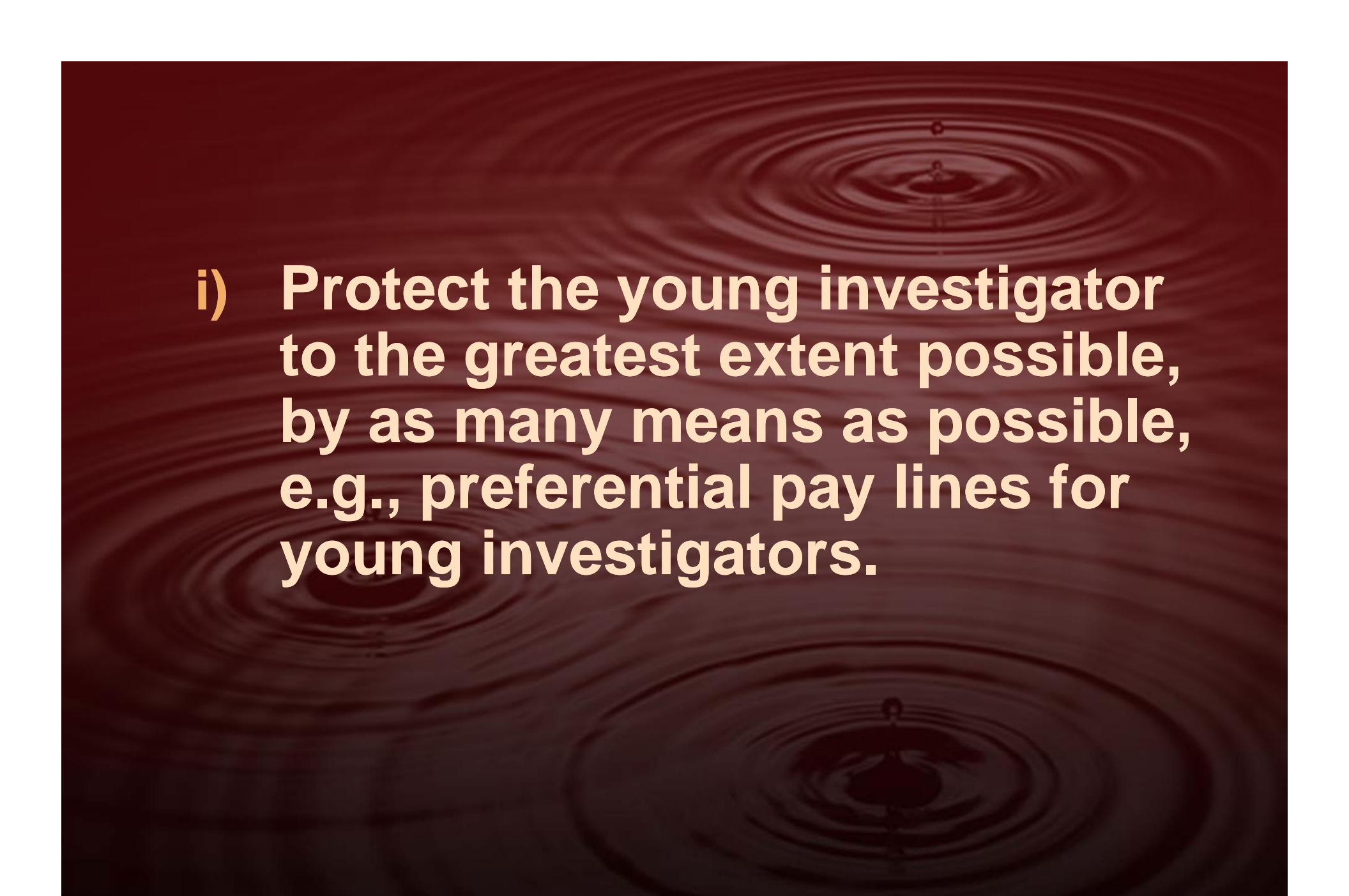
Overview of Budget & Planning Committee Retreat

Emerging Concepts

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- i) Protect the young investigator to the greatest extent possible, by as many means as possible, e.g., preferential pay lines for young investigators.**

ii) “PARITY and Pain”: All programs of NCI must share the overall burden of rescissions. Programs include those established and those recently initiated. Great wisdom must be exercised in the initiation of new programs.

iii) Re-examine and justify the existence of and/or the funding allocations to all large-scale NCI programs.

Program reductions and/or actual sunseting of some programs seem inevitable with reallocation to other funding mechanisms.


iv) Pay lines for R01 grants at the 10th percentile are not tenable in the long term.

- Increase number of grants by reducing budgets awarded?
- Reduce number of total grants held by any one senior investigator?
- Pursue additional joint-funding mechanisms with non-NIH partners?

v) Insure the balance of research among the basic, translational, clinical and populations science portfolios of the National Cancer Institute

vi) In view of the current fiscal exigencies, mandatory allocations, e.g., to NIH road map initiatives, need to be prudently tempered, especially in terms of planned expansions for years 2007-2009.

vii) NCI leadership must collaborate with members of the cancer research community to develop much more effective communications with the public at large and with congress.



viii) The cancer research community and the public should be engaged in defining what constitutes “return on investment” (ROI)