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NCI Clinical Trials Cooperative Group Program

As NCI begins to respond to the IOM recommendations and other stakeholders' input regarding streamlining of Cooperative Groups, the following resources are available:

Presentation to the Cooperative Group Chairs – View NCI's slides of its initial presentation on transforming the Cooperative Group Clinical Trials Program focusing on the recommendations regarding consolidation of the Adult Groups and integration of the entire Program.

IOM Report – NCI asked the IOM to assess the state of cancer clinical trials, review the Cooperative Group Program, and provide advice on improvements.

NCI's Progress on IOM Goals and Recommendations – Review the changes and improvement in efficiency that NCI has put in place over the past five years.

Backgrounder and FAQs – Read about NCI's Cooperative Group Program and its efforts to transform the clinical trial enterprise and view the most frequently asked questions and answers to how changes in the Cooperative Group system may affect researchers.

Meetings and Presentations – View a list of meetings where NCI will be presenting information about addressing the IOM recommendations for Cooperative Groups and access slide presentations that highlight progress.

Send a Comment – If you have comments or feedback that you would like NCI to consider as we begin to implement IOM's recommendations to transform the NCI Cooperative Groups, please send an email to NCICGInfo@mail.nih.gov.

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What is the "Provocative Questions" Project?

The Provocative Questions project is intended to assemble a list of major questions that will help guide the NCI and its research communities in the effort to control cancer through laboratory, clinical, and population sciences. The questions should not be simple restatements of long-term goals of the National Cancer Program, which are to improve the prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment of all forms of cancer.

- Build on specific advances in our understanding of cancer and cancer control; address broad issues in the biology of cancer that have proven difficult to resolve;
- Take into consideration the likelihood of progress in the foreseeable future (e.g. 5 to 10 years); and
- Address ways to overcome obstacles to achieving long-term goals.



"Provocative Questions" and the Broader Community

The collaborative process of formulating these questions should also help to engage the NCI's scientific community in serious debate and to energize the NCI's many constituencies (advocacy groups, health professionals, Congressional supporters, and others) about the prospects for improving the welfare of cancer patients through research. These other constituencies are expected to take part in subsequent stages of the "Provocative Questions" enterprise.

Why Now?

Due to recent technological advances in genomics and molecular biology, there has never been a better time for doing cancer research. We have made large leaps in our fundamental knowledge of how cancer works and how to best treat it. We are poised to make even greater discoveries in the future; however, we need to ask the right questions in order to plot a strategy and direction for going the final distance. In addition, the timely arrival of new leadership at the NCI provides an additional opportunity to take stock of the state of cancer research by attempting to define the scientific questions that could drive the research program, and especially new initiatives, in productive directions over the coming years.

How Can I Become Involved?

The vision for the Provocative Questions project is to create a community of scientific inquiry that is open and transparent. By encouraging a broad range of stakeholders and the development of a cohesive community of interest, we hope to encourage questions that are novel, provocative, and yet ultimately productive in terms of addressing broad issues in the biology of cancer that have proven difficult to resolve. Through this website, you may register, submit an original question, comment upon an existing question, rank a question, or comment upon an existing comment. We welcome your input.



A message from Dr. Harold Varmus, Director of the National Cancer Institute

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