

**National Cancer Institute
NCI Council of Research Advocates**

Ad Hoc Working Group on Clinical Trials Enrollment and Retention

The NCI Council of Research Advocates will convene a Working Group to identify opportunities to promote research aimed at identifying the most successful strategies for improving patient enrollment and retention in cancer clinical trials, particularly for patients from underrepresented and minority populations. The primary focus will be on the financial costs of participation in cancer clinical trials. Secondary consideration will be given to the role of researchers, clinicians, sponsors and other health care organizations in addressing these financial burdens as well as other related inclusion and retention issues.

Working Group membership will include select NCI advisory board members, as well as individuals with expertise in cancer clinical trials, population science, health disparities, and patient advocacy.

The Working Group will advise the NCI Council of Research Advocates and the NCI Director.