Clinical Trials Informatics Updates: CTAC Working Group and Other Activities

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NCI CTAC Clinical Trials Informatics Working Group

• Purpose: To provide extramural expertise and advice on the implementation of clinical trial informatics initiatives. The goals are to:
  - Minimize the burden of cancer clinical trial data management
  - Improve the value of cancer clinical trial data
  - Increase the impact of clinical trials, by streamlining initiation, conduct, data analysis and reporting as originally envisioned in the 2005 Clinical Trials Working Group (CTWG) Report
    - Co-chairs: Louis Weiner, M.D., Warren Kibbe, Ph.D.

• Initial Focus: NCI’s Clinical Trials Reporting Program, a comprehensive registry of interventional cancer clinical trials supported by NCI,
  - Scope of trials reported
  - Reporting requirements
  - Data access
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NCI CTAC Clinical Trials Informatics Working Group: Progress to Date

• Several meetings have taken place via webinar, most recently in April, 2016

• Agenda items included:
  - Review of CTRP reporting requirements
  - Type and scope of information contained in CTRP
  - Feedback from CTRP users

• The group concurred that it would be most efficient to address the topics emerging during these webinars in subgroups
Subgroup 1: Enhancing the Usability and Accessibility of CTRP data for Patients, Treating Physicians, and the Public. This subgroup will be asked to provide input regarding improving clinical trial search capabilities in coordination with the Vice-President’s Cancer Moonshot initiative and provide additional recommendations as needed for improving the usability and accessibility of CTRP data.
NCI CTAC Clinical Trials Working Group: Subgroups

**Subgroup 2:** Enhancing the Value of CTRP Data for the Cancer Research Community (Enhancing CTRP Data). This subgroup will be asked to consider the following:

1) Resolving inconsistencies and definitional ambiguities in current data;

2) Assessing the value and burden of collecting patient–level demographic data;

3) Assessing the value and burden of expansion of CTRP to include data on observational/correlative studies, outcomes, and toxicities;

4) Providing extramural access to CTRP information for researching the NCI-supported clinical trials landscape.
Subgroup 3: CTRP Data as the Source for Cancer Center Support Grant (CCSG) Clinical Trials Reporting (CCSG Data Tables). This subgroup will be asked to consider the following:

1) Identify issues and benefits of using CTRP data as a source for reporting interventional clinical trials activity;

2) Assess the issues, approaches and value of using CTRP as a data source for observational/ancillary/correlative studies activity if these data were reported;

3) Recommend approaches for facilitating implementation of CTRP data as source of CCSG reporting.
NCI CTAC Clinical Trials Informatics Working Group: Next Steps

• The three subgroups are being formed, and will start meeting in the near future.
• We will continue to update CTAC with the working group’s progress.
NCI Clinical Trials Informatics Updates

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Outline

• Genomic Data Commons

• Rethinking Clinical Trial Search
  - Development of Application Programming Interface (API) to NCI’s Clinical Trials Reporting Program, for use by:
    - NCI’s Cancer.gov website
    - Third party innovators providing clinical trial content to their communities

• Recent Initiatives
  - Changes to the NCI’s Cancer.gov Search Form in June
  - Twitter Feed and Gov Delivery Service

• Vice President’s Moonshot Summit – June 29, 2016

• Next Steps and Involvement of NCI’s CTAC Clinical Trials Informatics Working Group
Genomic Data Commons

- Unified knowledge base that promotes sharing of genomic and clinical data between researchers and facilitates precision medicine in oncology
- Contains standardized data from approximately 14,500 patients, derived from NCI programs, including:
  - The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA)
  - Therapeutically Applicable Research to Generate Effective Treatment (TARGET)
  - Cancer Genome Characterization Initiative (CGCI)
  - The Cancer Line Encyclopedia (CCLE)
Genomic Data Commons

Went live at ASCO June 6, 2016

The NCI and VP Communication teams showed their mettle! Special thanks to Shannon Hatch!
Biden unveils launch of major, open-access database to advance cancer research

The New York Times
Biden Unveiling Public Database for Clinical Data on Cancer

FOX NEWS Health
Biden unveiling public database for clinical data on cancer

HealthData Management
NCI launches open access resource to spur cancer research

HOUSTON CHRONICLE
Biden unveils searchable government cancer database

Scientific American
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The Washington Post
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CHICAGO SUN-TIMES
VP Joe Biden in Chicago to promote Moonshot Initiative vs. cancer

THE CANCER LETTER
Biden Designates NCI’s Genomic Data Commons As Foundation of Cancer Moonshot

Daily Mail
New US data system to centralize cancer information

genomeweb
NCI Launches Genomic Data Commons for Cancer Data Sharing

HealthIT Analytics
NIH Launches Genomic Data Commons Supporting Cancer Moonshot

FORTUNE
Joe Biden Just Announced a Huge New National Cancer Database

Biden announces U.S. project to promote cancer data sharing

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Biden launches data portal to back Cancer Moonshot
Colleagues from @UCHicagoMed host @VP & @NCIDrDoug to launch #NCIGDC. #CancerMoonshot #BigData @theNCI
See @VP speak today at #ASCO2016 on the #CancerMoonshot
youtube.com/watch?v=s44YVo... #NCIGDC
Cancer Data Ecosystem

**Discovery**
- Genomic research
- Clinical trials with genomic data

**Patient engaged Research**
- Clinical Research
- Observational studies

**Surveillance Big Data Implementation research**
- EHR, lab data, PROs, smart devices, decision support

**Well characterized genomic data sets**

**Cancer cohorts**
- Active research participation

**Patient data**
- Learning from every cancer patient

**Genomic information donor**

**GDC**

**SEER**
Rethinking Clinical Trials Search

• Engage Presidential Innovation Fellows
• Create an Application Programming Interface (API) for Clinical Trials
• Create an example search interface based on the API
• Incorporate these innovations into NCI’s website, Cancer.gov
• Thanks to OCPL and Li Gwatkin in particular
Our Presidential Innovation Fellow Team

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**Goal:** Discover what the user’s & system’s needs are.

**Goal:** Synthesize discovery into themes and prioritize.

**Goal:** Develop hypotheses and validate them through iterative solutions.

**Goal:** Iterate on successful solutions to create a higher fidelity prototype.

**Goal:** Build & Launch the solution

**Evaluation & iteration**

**PROPOSED TIMELINE:**
1. Discovery Sprint & Synthesis (week 1-4)
2. Develop Prototypes & Iterate (week 3-9)
3. Outreach/Communication- Launch Planning (week 6-12)
Rethinking and Enhancing Clinical Trial Search: June, 2016

• Initial Release of an API (Application Programming Interface) (API)¹, developed by the Presidential Innovation Fellows, for testing. This tool, found at https://clinicaltrialsapi.cancer.gov, makes publicly available trial registration information from the CTRP database, currently found on cancer.gov, assessable to third-party innovators so that they can build new digital tools tailored to the clinical trial search needs of their users

• Launch of @NCICancerTrials on Twitter and dissemination of clinical trial information via GovDelivery: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNIHNCI/subscriber/new

• Changes the Cancer.gov Website to enhance clinical trial searching

¹A set of protocols designed to provide communication between a software application and a computer operating system or between applications.
Find NCI-Supported Clinical Trials

NCI-supported clinical trials are those sponsored or otherwise financially supported by NCI.

Search Tip: For more search options, use our advanced search.

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Cancer Moonshot Summit - Announcements on June 29th

- NCI-pharma & Biotech Formulary
- Applied Proteogenomics OrganizationaL Learning and Outcomes (APOLLO) NCI-DoD-VA
- NCI – DOE partnership to incorporate computational science into cancer research
- NIH Partnership for Accelerating Cancer Therapies (PACT) – collaboration with 12 biopharmaceutical companies
- NCI, DOE, and GlaxoSmithKline public-private-partnership for using high performance computing in drug development
Cancer Moonshot Summit – Announcements on June 29th

• Genomic Data Commons (https://gdc.nci.nih.gov) went live June 6th and is a data sharing point for clinical and basic science data generating genomic information

• CTRP data:
  - NCI Clinical Trials Search https://trials.cancer.gov
  - NCI Clinical Trials API https://clinicaltrialsapi.cancer.gov
FACT SHEET: At Cancer Moonshot Summit, Vice President Biden Announces New Actions to Accelerate Progress Toward Ending Cancer As We Know It

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the Cancer Moonshot is hosting a summit at Howard University, in Washington, D.C. as part of a national day of action that also includes more than 270 events in communities across the United States. Vice President Joe Biden will join over 350 researchers, oncologists and other care providers,

Making Clinical Research Trials More Accessible to Cancer Patients: Today, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), in partnership with the White House Presidential Innovation Fellows, is announcing its plan for re-designing how patients and oncologists learn about and find information about cancer clinical trials. The goal is to ensure that patients and their care teams have access to the information they need at the right time, as well as strengthen participation in cancer research studies to help accelerate medical discoveries and treatments for cancer. The first phase will make cancer clinical data hosted on cancer.gov available through an application programming interface (API) for advocacy groups, academia, and others in the cancer ecosystem to access directly. The API will enable third-party innovators, including Smart Patients, Syapse, Cure Forward, and Trial Reach, to use the new cancer clinical trial API to build applications, integrations, search tools, and digital platforms tailored to individual communities that bring clinical trial information to more providers, patients, and their family members.
Rethinking Clinical Trial Search – Next Steps

• Cancer.gov
  - Work with the CTAC Clinical Trials Informatics Working Group (CTIWG) on the design on a “front end” to the API for use on the Cancer.gov website
    - This will allow search and retrieval of information that is currently available on Cancer.gov directly from NCI’s Clinical Trials Reporting Program
    - The CTIWG will provide input regarding design and usability of the Cancer.gov website, as well as:
      - Prioritization of requested enhancements (e.g., structured eligibility criteria)
  
• Other websites and/or providers of clinical trial search
  - Test API and use publicly assessable CTRP data for use in their systems

• Obtain input via Ideascale
NCI is redesigning the way patients and oncologists learn about and find information about cancer clinical trials.

How can we make cancer clinical trials information more accessible to you? Submit your ideas by August 30.