

# The CIMAC-CIDC Network

(Cancer Immune Monitoring and Analysis Centers & Cancer Immunologic Data Commons)

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## NCI-DCTD

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- MD Anderson Cancer Centers
- Stanford University
- Dana Farber Cancer Institute
- Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Saini

### CIDC Site

- Dana Farber Institute

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## *What is needed to accelerate further development of immunotherapy?*

- **Basic science discovery**
- **Biomarker strategies suitable for the complexity of immunotherapy**
- **Databases and Data Commons** for clinically annotated tumor and immune profiling data to enable analysis across trials and organizations

DCTD-supported trial Networks represent a rich public resource to address important clinical and biomarker questions

- **> 100 new immunotherapy trials since 2010**
  - 20+ Phase 3 trials (metastatic or adjuvant)
  - 20+ Randomized phase 2 trials (advanced or neoadjuvant)
  - Novel combinations
  - Rare tumors and special populations (Pediatric, HIV+ patients)
- **> 20 I-O agents under CTEP IND**, and targeted agents relevant to combinations
- Established infrastructure for clinical data collection AND biorepository

***However, a systematic approach to correlative studies is needed to maximize the translational outcome of individual trials and enhance the collective power of analysis across trials***

## Cancer Immune Monitoring and Analysis Centers (CIMAC) & Cancer Immunologic Data Commons (CIDC)

A standing network of assay laboratories and a data commons to provide tumor-immune profiling using standardized or compatible platforms

- **Immediate goal** – Supporting NCI-funded immunotherapy trials
- **Longer term goal** - Building a framework that will evolve into a sustainable I-O data resource serving the larger research community

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- A Cancer Moonshot Initiative, funded through the **NCI Cooperative Agreements (U24)** (*Awarded in September 2017*)
  - Partnership with 12 pharmaceutical companies through the **FNIH PACT Initiative** (Partnership for Accelerating Cancer Therapies) (*Press release October 2017*).

# Partnership for Accelerating Cancer Therapies (PACT)

***Press release - October 12, 2017 . NIH partners with 11 leading biopharmaceutical companies to accelerate the development of new cancer immunotherapy strategies for more patients***



**FNIH**

Foundation for the  
National Institutes of Health



# The CIMAC-CIDC Network (Launched September 2017)

## CIMACs

**1. The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center**

PIs: Ignacio Wistuba\* and Chantale Bernatchez

**2. Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai**

PI: Sacha Gnjjatic

**3. Dana-Farber Cancer Institute**

PIs: Catherine Wu and F. Stephen Hodi

**4. Stanford University**

PIs: Holden Maecker and Sean Bendall

## CIDC

- **Dana-Farber Cancer Institute**

PIs: Xiaole Shirley Liu and Ethan Cerami

# Scope of work under the NCI funding

(~\$55M over 5 years)

- Each **CIMAC** is a multidisciplinary team (clinical, IO, technical, statistical and informatics expertise)
  - In conjunction with **CIDC**, will work on correlative studies from study design to bioassays and data analysis.
- **Eligible trials for use of the CIMAC resources** – NCI funded Early trials (Phase 1 and phase 2) involving immunotherapy
  - **CTEP Trial Networks** (NCTN, ETCTN, CITN, ABTC, PBTC)
  - **NCI Grant-supported trials** (P01, R01, SPORE Programs etc)
- **~600 patient/timepoint/year for 5 years for comprehensive profiling** (More pts if not all assays are feasible with available tissues)

\* **The scope is expanded with the PACT funding** (infrastructure and PACT-identified trials)

# Assays/Platforms in CIMACs

(Status as of March 2018)

- Blue text = Tier 1 assays
- Black text = Tier 2 assays

## Tissue based Imaging

- Multiplex immunohistochemistry –
- Conventional immunohistochemistry –
- FISH DNA –
- Multiplexed Ion-Beam Imaging (MIBI) –

## Cell Profiling

- Mass Cytometry (CyTOF) –
- High-dimensional flow cytometry –,
- ELISpot –,

## Cytokines/Serum Analytes

- O-link serum cytokine analysis -
- Luminex –
- Seromics – ELISA/Grand serology -
- MesoScale Discovery –

## Sequencing

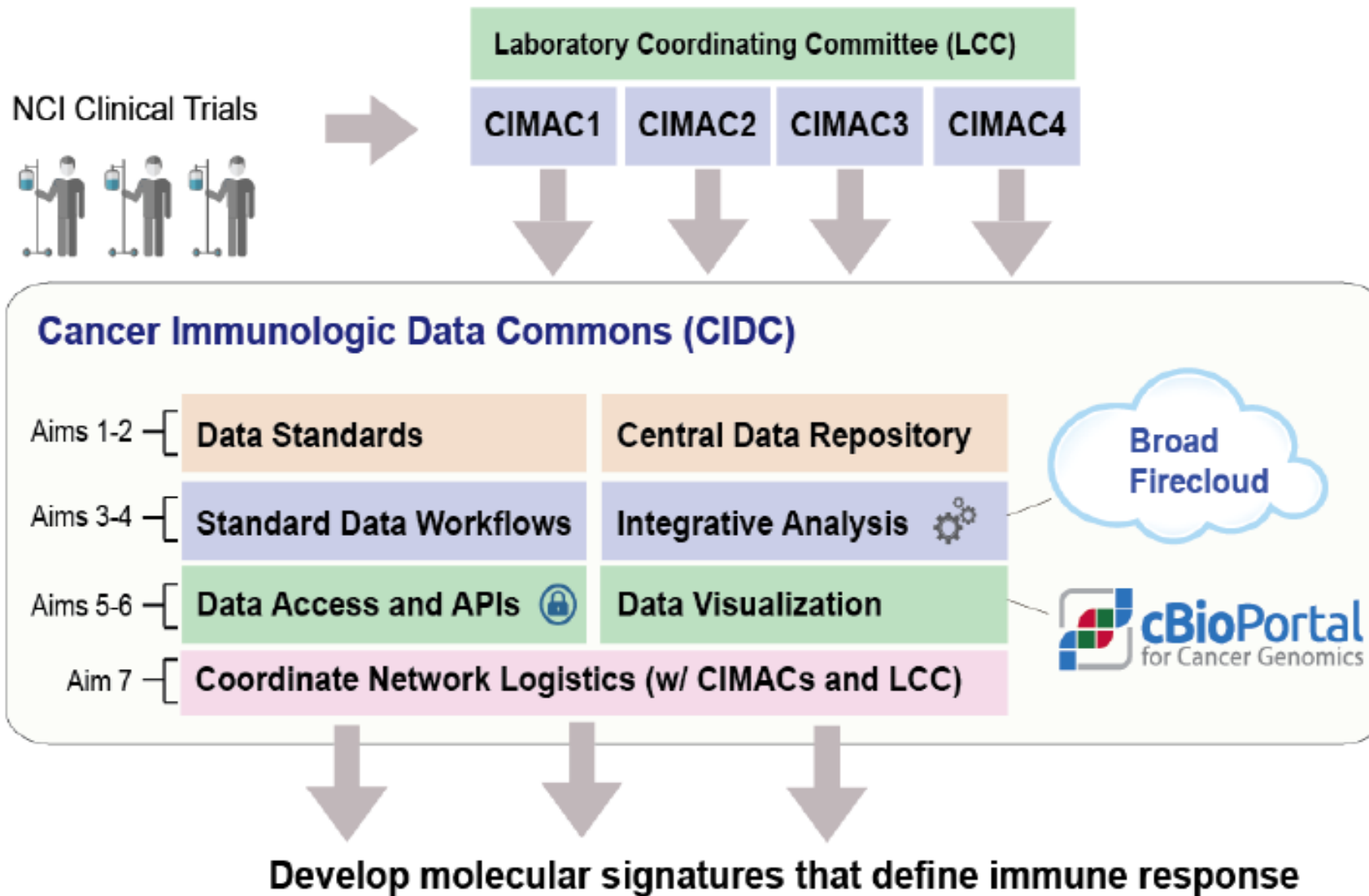
- Whole Exome Sequencing – DFCI, MDACC
- RNA-Seq – DFCI, MDACC
- NanoString – MDACC, DFCI, MSSM
- TCR/BCR clonality –,
- Single-cell TCRseq -
- HLA-Seq, Epitope prediction –
- Cell-free DNA (circulating tumor DNA) –,
- HTG-EdgeSeq (gene expression) –
- Single-cell transcriptome –

## Other:

- Neoantigen Prediction –
- Mass spectrometry epitope detection [
- Epigenomics (ATAC-Seq) –
- Microbiome (16S Deep Sequencing) –Exosomes
- CRISPR []



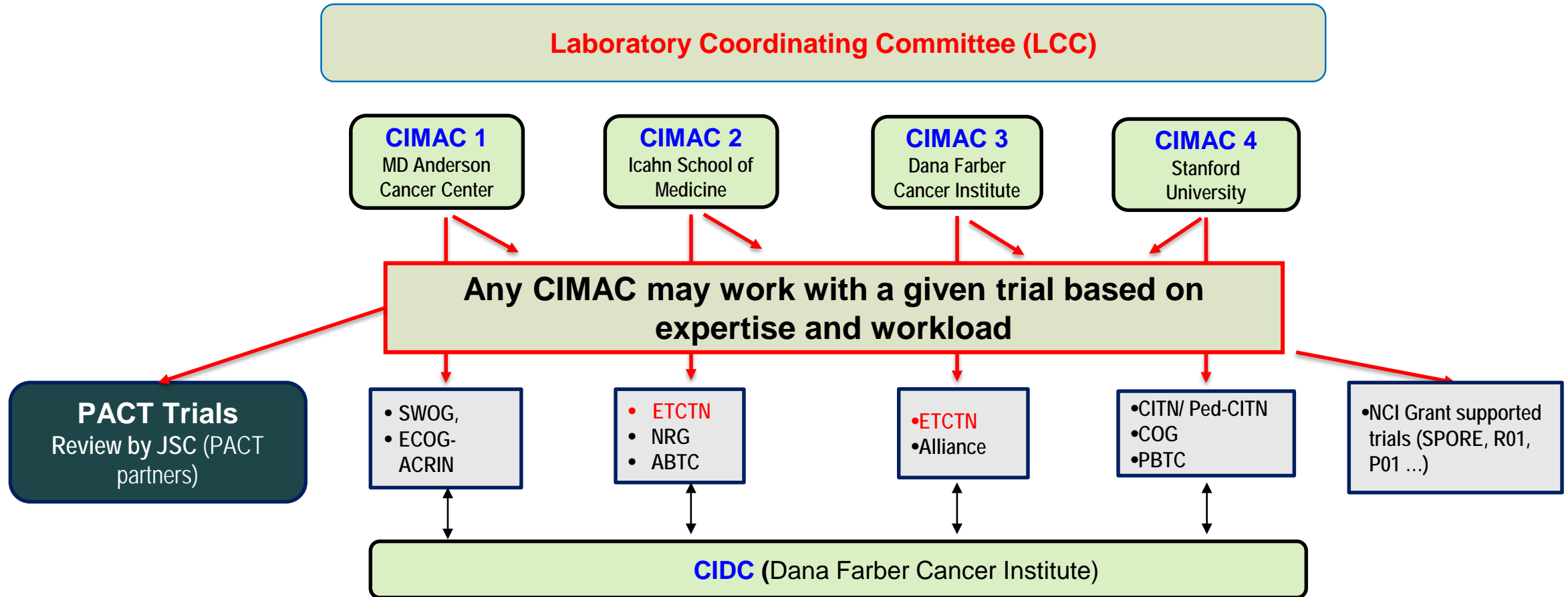
# A. Overall Vision of CIDC



- **Data Standards**
- **Central Data Repository** with censuses pipelines (Genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, flow, IHC)
- **Data integration** with clinical data, to enable correlative analysis
- Role-based, time-controlled **data access** with **web visualization** by collaborating CIMAC and clinical team... and in the future, outside community

**Figure 1:** Overall vision of Cancer Immunologic Data Commons (CIDC).

# CIMACs-CIDC Network Structure



- **ALL CIMACs can work with any trial networks, depending on specific needs, expertise and work load**
- Each CIMAC will be in a Primary Alignment with 1-2 trial Networks – to facilitate scientific planning, Biobank interactions
- A given CIMAC may perform a specific assay for all trials

# Oversight of CIMAC-CIDC Functions

## Laboratory Coordinating Committee (LCC)

**Leader:** Ignacio Wistuba

**Co-leaders:** Catherine Wu, Holden Maecker, Sacha Gnjjatic, Shirley Liu

**NCI Staff,** Subject experts when appropriate

**PACT** representatives

### Clinical Trials WG

**Network Leads:**

Stephen Hodi

**NCI Leader:**

Helen Chen

### Biobank WG

**Network Leads:**

Ignacio Wistuba

Ethan Cerami

**NCI Leaders:**

David Patton

Irina Lubensky

**PACT** representatives

### Assays/Platforms WG

**Network Leads:**

Holden Maecker

Catherine Wu

Sacha Gnjjatic

**NCI Leader:**

Magdalena Thurin

**PACT** representatives

### Software/Database WG

**Network Leads:**

Ethan Cerami

**NCI Leader:**

David Patton

**PACT**

representatives

### Bioinformatics/ Statistics WG

**Network Leads:**

Shirley Liu

**NCI Leader:**

Yingdong Zhao

**PACT**

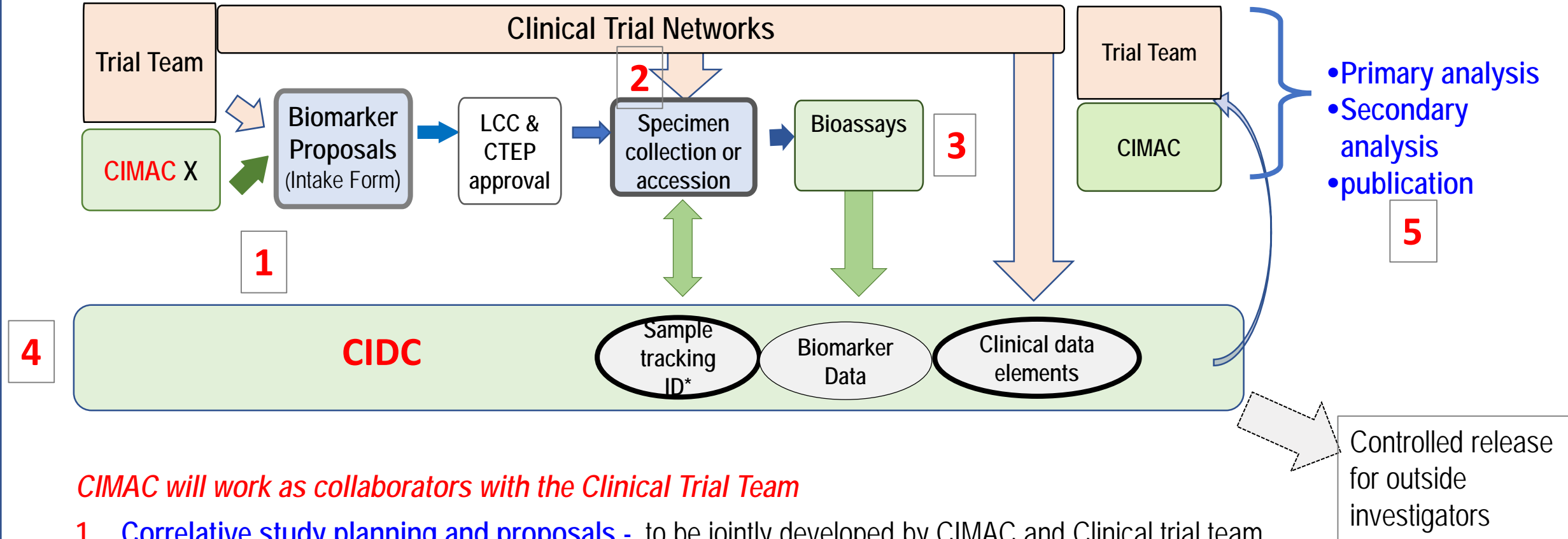
representatives

### Non-CTEP Network Trials WG

**NCI Leader:**

Min Song

# Work flow for CIMAC-CIDC and Clinical Trial collaborations



*CIMAC will work as collaborators with the Clinical Trial Team*

1. **Correlative study planning and proposals** - to be jointly developed by CIMAC and Clinical trial team
2. **Specimen accession** - multiple biorepositories to any of the CIMACs
3. **Bioassays** - multiple platforms
4. **Database upload and access at CIDC** - for biomarker data; specimen tracking; and required clinical data elements
5. **Data analysis and Publication** - data analysis will be done collaboratively between the Trial Team and CIMAC

# Working group progress



# CLINICAL TRIAL WG

Co-Chairs: Stephen Hodi

NCI Leader: Helen Chen, with Elad Sharon and Howard Streicher

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Tasks - To identify scientific opportunities and develop correlative study plans with trial investigators

- Established the trial intake process
- Selected pilot projects to “test” the network

## Intake process

**New LOIs or Concepts**  
(indicate request for CIMAC)

**Ongoing trials/LOI in review**  
(Contact CTEP if interested)

Initial prioritization by CTEP

**Intake Form** (Proposals for Correlative Studies in Collaboration With CIMAC)

Submission by Trial PIs or the Groups

▪ CIMAC Working Groups Review  
▪ LCC Approval

▪ CTEP PRC Review /Approval

- Use of the CIMAC-CIDC resource is voluntary. However all proposals required review and approval by CIMAC and CTEP
- Prioritization will be based on strength of the hypothesis and appropriateness of the trial contexts as well as potential contribution to the field.
- If approved, CIMAC will work with the trial team as **collaborators**.
- Provision of clinical data (including outcome data) to CIDC is required to enable correlative analysis

**Multiple proposals for CIMAC collaboration have been submitted from the trial networks (CITN, ETCTN, ECOG, SWOG, NRG, Alliance)**

# Pilot Projects ... to test the CIMAC process from sample accession to assays to data analysis

5 trials from four different networks, with completed cohorts ready for biomarker studies

Trial	Current Status	SparkNotes	Lead CIMAC	Assays	Scientific objectives
1	Closed to Accrual	<b>Randomized IL-7</b> or observation after vaccine	Stanford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blood- ATAC-Seq, CyTOF, TCR-Seq</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact of IL-7 on T cell function/phenotype</li> </ul>
2	Active	<b>Phase I</b> Anti-CTLA or anti-PD1 in AML after allotransplant	DFCI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blood - CyTOF,</li> <li>Tumor - WES, RNASeq;</li> <li>IHC Singleplex, Multiplex IF</li> <li>TCR-Seq,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immune modulation on allo and host T cells</li> <li>Predictive markers</li> </ul>
3	Active	<b>Phase 2</b> High or Low dose <b>RT</b> in combination with anti-PD1/CTLA-4 in CRC and NSCLC	DFCI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blood - CyTOF, Olink</li> <li>Tissue – WES, RNASeq,</li> <li>IHC Singleplex, Multiplex</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PD effects of RT/CPI on TME/blood (HD, LD)</li> <li>Predictive markers</li> </ul>
4	Active	Phase I Study with an Expansion Cohort of the <b>anti-CTLA-4 and CD30 ADC</b> in HD	Mt. Sinai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blood - CyTOF, Olink</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PD effects</li> </ul>
5	Active	<b>Phase 2 DART:</b> Dual Anti-CTLA-4 and Anti-PD-1 Blockade in <b>Rare Tumors</b>	MDACC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blood - CyTOF, Olink,</li> <li>Tumor - RNA-Seq, WES</li> <li>IHC Singleplex, Multiplex IF,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genomics of rare tumors</li> <li>Predictive markers</li> </ul>



# ASSAY & PLATFORM WORKING GROUP

Co-Chairs:            Holden Maecker, Stanford  
                             Sacha Gnjatic, Mt. Sinai  
NCI Leader:           Magdalena Thurin

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- Biospecimen collection protocol (Near completion)
- Assay harmonization for Tier 1 (Ongoing )
- Discussion on Tier 2 ad 3 assays
  
- Many assays available in all/most CIMAC sites will be harmonized
- Many assays unique to one or two CIMACs will not be harmonized

# Harmonization of Tier 1 Assays

- **These assays would be performed in most, if not all, CIMAC trials**
- **Standardization across trials is required to achieve uniformity of results**
  - CyTOF [PBMC]: A core panel for all sites, uniformly labelled and lyophilized, cell preps provided across all CIMACs
  - RNA-seq and WES [tumor]: Two sites selected to lead (DFCI and MDACC)
  - Multiplex IHC [tumor]: DFCI, MSSM, MDACC
  - Immunoprofiling [serum]: Olink, MSSM
  - TCR/BCR clonality [tumor, PBMC]: all CIMACs
  - Single-cell TCR-seq [tumor]: Stanford, MSSM, DFCI
  - Gene expression profiling [tumor]: Nanostring, MDACC, DFCI
- **Harmonization of some assays will not be done at all centers, unless throughput demands it**
- **All sites will use uniform pipelines established at CIDC for data processing**

# CIDC UPDATE (SOFTWARE/DATABASE WG)

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Ethan Cerami

James Lindsay

NCI Lead: David Patton

# Bootstrapping the CIDC

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Phase 1: Use Public Data Sets to build the version 1.0 of CIDC infrastructure and bioinformatics platform (80% complete)

Phase 2: Enable the first DFCI Trial #10021, as concrete means to build version 1.1 of CIDC infrastructure and bioinformatics platform (currently scoping out).

Phase 3: Extend to all other pilot clinical trials with all other CIMACs.

## CIMAC-CIDC

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# CIMAC-CIDC

Immuno-Oncology  
Biomarkers Network

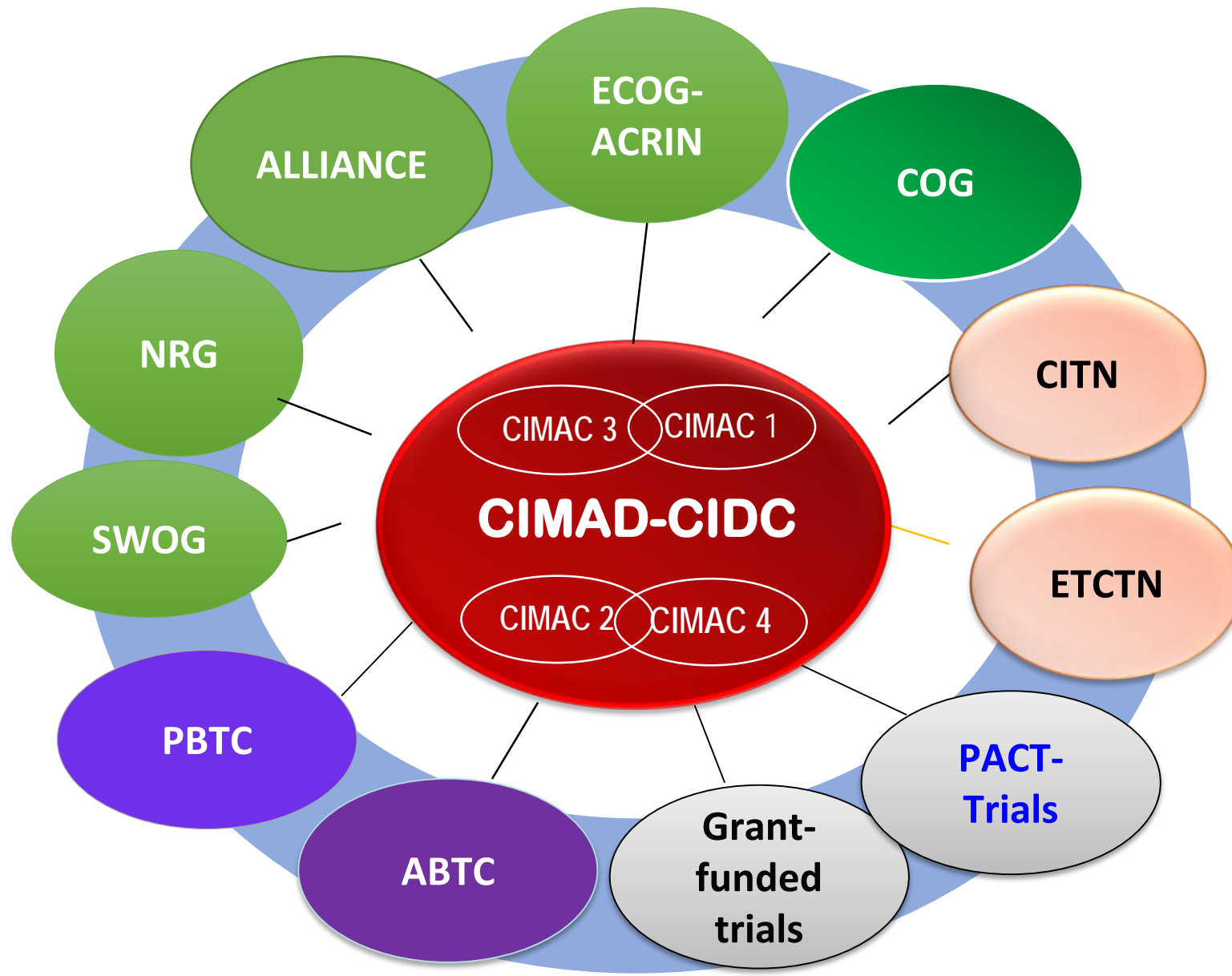
The CIMAC-CIDC Network is an initiative of the NCI Cancer Moonshot that provides cutting-edge technology and expertise in genomic, proteomic, and functional molecular analysis to enhance clinical trials in cancer immune therapies.

## CANCER IMMUNE MONITORING AND ANALYSIS CENTERS (CIMACS)

The four Cancer Immune Monitoring and Analysis Centers ([CIMACs](#)), at [Dana-Farber Cancer Institute](#), [Stanford University](#), [MD Anderson](#), and [Mount Sinai](#), will be responsible for providing a wide range of state-of-the-art analyses for genomic,

# Summary

- CIMAC-CIDC Network is a standing infrastructure for cutting-edge technology and expertise in tumor/immune profiling and analysis to enhance the translational studies in immunotherapy trials.
- Pilot projects have been selected and more studies under review.
- **Work in progress**
  - **Harmonization/standardization** for tier 1 assays and selection tier 2-3 platforms
  - **Database and informatics pipelines** for key platforms and clinical data
  - **Specimen tracking system** across CIMACs and Biobanks and sites
  - **Various agreements** between CIMAC, investigators, trial networks, biobanks (data access, data sharing, MTA, Institutional Certificates, ...)
  - ...



# Questions



# CIMAC Intake Forms

CIMAC Intake Form for “Clinical Trial #”

(Template Version Mar 8, 2018)

## Proposal of Correlative Studies in Collaboration with the CIMACs-CIDC Network

- Cover sheet: Trial Team, CIMAC Team
- Study plan: Biomarker objectives; Hypothesis; Method of analysis, Statistics
- Biomarker table

(An example)

Priority	Biomarker Name	Assay	Use (Integral or Exploratory) AND Purpose	Specimen Type/ Timing point	M/O Biopsies	Assay LAB	Funding Source(s) <sup>c</sup>
1	PD-L1 and TIL	IHC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated</li> <li>• MOA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tumor FFPE</li> <li>• Baseline, D8</li> </ul>	M	CIMAC (1)	CIMAC
2	WES	NGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploratory</li> <li>• Correlation with response</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tumor, PBL</li> <li>• Baseline</li> </ul>	M	CIMAC (2)	CIMAC
3	Tumor Immune phenotyping	Tissue flowcytometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploratory</li> <li>• MOA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tumor Fresh</li> <li>• Baseline, D8</li> </ul>	Optional	PI's site	Grant xxx

- Table for Specimen request and availability (If ongoing/completed trials)

