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• Expected
• Unknown
• Variable
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Accrual Challenges
• Community NCORPs see less emphasis on accrual
• Decreased expectation numbers
• Fewer trials approved for common cancers
• Variable credit by NCORP
• Physician time commitment continues to increase
• Funding/accredual

Protocol Changes
• Targeted therapy trials with selective eligibility
• Built in treatment initiation delay
• Trial complexity requires additional research personnel training
• Increase in credentialing
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New Initiatives

• Cancer Care Delivery Research
  -- Unknown protocol design
  -- Infrastructure issues
  -- Protocol review process
  -- Hospital buy in
  -- Staff training

• Minority recruitment reinvigoration
• Barriers to clinical trial access
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NCTN Changes Potentially impacting the NCORPs

• Accrual minimums
  -- Affiliation adjustments possible
  -- Questionable role for smaller institutions

• Requests for more community participation

• Protocol standardization across groups expected

• Audit standardization would be appreciated
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Regulatory Issues

• Central IRB – new to some NCORPs
• Generation of new membership lists
• New site codes
• Reimbursement for study specific tests/pathology, etc
  -- More complex procedures
  -- Reimbursement delays on some studies
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