

# The Intramural Clinical Research Program-CTAC Nov 2011

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### **CCR's Clinical Vision**

To improve outcomes of patients with cancer and related diseases and to be the world's leading oncology research organization by:



- Engaging outstanding researchers in consequential investigator-initiated clinical research in a translational research culture
- Providing the flexible funding necessary to support innovative, high- impact bench-to-bedside research through access to the largest publicly-funded research center in the world
- Collaborating with outstanding researchers across the NIH and throughout the extramural community



### **Clinical Research Priorities**

- Take discoveries from within the CCR or other NIH laboratories to the point of first-in-human trials
- Foster the education and research of physician-scientists
- Design and execute novel, science-based clinical trials
- Focus on molecularly-based, tailored medicine
- Utilize technology and correlative science difficult to support elsewhere
- Study rare cancers that are not being adequately studied elsewhere



## CCR's Vision for 2012 and Beyond

- Accelerate translational progress through flexible targeted approaches to solve difficult and complex problems
- Embrace new initiatives and programs that enable significant progress in alleviating the impact of human cancer
  - Use science-based knowledge about both the disease and its progression and intervene at the very earliest stages through early detection prior to invasion and metastasis
- By integrating advanced biomedical technologies into every clinical trial, we will make significant advances toward improving cancer therapy; treating each patient and each tumor based on the specific tumor and patient molecular characteristics

# Distinctiveness of NCI's CCR Derives from a Convergence of Multiple Attributes





- Sustained support for high-risk, high-impact research
- Highly interactive, multidisciplinary culture for basic and clinical scientists:
  - generation of new knowledge
  - efficient bench to bedside to bench translation
  - development of new technologies and approaches
- Access to the world's largest cancer-focused clinical research center
- Commitment to rare cancers and underserved patient populations
- Collaborations that facilitate joint ventures within NIH as well as partnerships in industry, pharma, academia
- Flexibility to rapidly redeploy resources
- Multi-faceted training for the next generation of scientific leaders

# Working Together With A Vision of Excellence



- How can we be more efficient as costs increase and budgets grow tighter?
- How do we ensure that we fund the most important clinical research?
  - Need maximize impact per dollar spent
- How do we measure quality? How do we measure impact?
- Why should a study be done here instead of extramurally?
- Our protocols must:
  - support the mission of the CCR
  - be scientifically exciting
  - meet peer-reviewed standards of scientific design
  - have a high likelihood of timely patient accrual.

# Strategic Alignment & Resource Planning Checklist (SARP)



- A six section form:
  - 1. Study Identification
  - 2. Study Impact
    - Why is this an important study for the CCR to do now?
  - 3. Study Demographics
  - 4. Study utilization of unique CCR resources
  - 5. Study resource needs
  - 6. Any additional pertinent information

The form will eventually be put into IRIS

# Strategic Alignment & Resource Planning Checklist (SARP)



#### Strategic Alignment and Resource Planning Checklist STUDY IDENTIFICATION Branch / Lab: Study Title: STUDY IMPACT 1. How is this study consequential to the field? 2. Would leaders in this field consider this study to be of high impact? Yes, Likely No. Not Likely If YES, please identify rationale (check all that apply) Publication in high impact journal Success likely to lead to a significant change in paradigm in treatment and/or Study would rarely be done elsewhere ☐ Incorporating new and/or novel Likely to lead to studies in a broader context both within and outside of approaches If negative results, likely no further study your program (productive failure) Other 3. Why can't this study be easily conducted on the outside (i.e. at other institutions)? 4. Is this a direct translation of CCR laboratory research and/or an extension of a prior study phase completed at CCR? If YES, briefly explain how this is a direct translation of prior research: 5. Is the study part of an EXISTING line of clinical investigation at CCR or is the study a NEW clinical area. at CCR that requires long-term commitment and tolerance for a lack of significant early clinical impact? 5a. If this study is part of an EXISTING clinical program at CCR, explain how the study fits within the existing program: 5b. If the study is part of a NEW clinical program at CCR, explain why the new clinical area is important to be conducted at CCR:

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0	Yes	0	No	Pharmaceutical Agents List specific agent and estimated amount requested
0	Yes	0	No	Laboratory of Pathology List specific requirements needed and estimated amount requested
0	Yes	0	No	Monitoring of SINGLE-SITE study when IND is held by the CCR List specific monitoring requirements and estimated level of support
0	Yes	0	No	Monitoring of MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL study when IND is held by the CCR List specific monitoring requirements and estimated level of support
0	Yes	0	No	Patient Recruitment List specific patient recruitment activities and requested level of support
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## **Section 2: Study Impact**

#### **STUDY IMPACT**

- 1. How is this study consequential to the field?
  - i.e., why will this study change research paradigms, clinical practice or be a significant step in doing either?
- 2. Would <u>leaders in this field</u> consider this study to be of high impact?
  - If Yes
    - Success likely to lead to a <u>significant</u> change in paradigm in treatment and/or research
    - <u>Publication</u> in high impact journal
    - Study would <u>rarely</u> be done elsewhere
    - Incorporating <u>new and/or novel</u> approaches
    - Likely to lead to studies in a <u>broader context</u> both within and outside of your program
    - If negative results, likely no further study (productive failure)
    - Other

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# **Completed by Branch Chief**

To Be Completed By The Branch Chief Identify the strategic fit of this study (select all that apply)	CONFIRM THE RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)
<ul> <li>□ This study fits within the branch strategy</li> <li>□ This study is a high priority within the branch</li> <li>□ This study is an important new area for the branch</li> <li>□ This study is important for programmatic support</li> <li>□ This study is in support of a junior investigator</li> <li>□ Further discussion with the PI is required</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ This study has sufficient resources provided by the branch</li> <li>□ This study requests additional resources supported by CCR</li> <li>□ This study is dependent upon outside resource support</li> <li>□ This study requires re-evaluation of study resource requirements</li> </ul>
Please add any additional comments regarding the requirements for this study:	strategic importance, branch priority, and resource

Branch Chief Signature	Date	Chief, Medical Oncology Branch* * if protocol is scientifically reviewed through the	Date e MOB Branch
Scientific Director Signature	Date	-	

# Formal Resource Allocation Process (in process)



- Goal: To, as optimally as possible, distribute CCR resources across the current and projected portfolio of clinical trials to maximize the likelihood of achieving the CCR missions
- Basic Principles:
  - Transparency in decision making
  - Focus on impact & outcomes
    - When making the hard choices, do not concentrate on "entitlements" but on potential future impacts and outcomes for the entire CCR, the community of cancer researchers, and the community of current & future cancer patients
  - Acknowledge that some good research will not be funded now
    - There will not be sufficient resources for the foreseeable future
- Focus of CCR clinical research: consequential, innovative and highimpact



## **CCR Is Putting the Pieces in Place**

- **♦** Molecular Imaging Clinic
- Standardized biospecimen collection
- Genome-wide profiling of tumor/normal
- MicroRNA profiling of tumor/normal
- Genetic background profiling of patient
- Biomarker development to monitor targeted therapies



# **Imaging is a CCR Priority**

- Blur the line between imaging and pathology
- Develop novel imaging approaches and technology:
  - Basic discovery research
  - Translational applications
  - Non-invasive patient care
- Improve imaging techniques to enhance early detection, diagnosis, and treatment
  - Preclinical model testing and validation
  - Clinical trial design and implementation
- Develop novel imaging instrumentation
- Preemptive medicine
  - Detect lesion
  - Determine pathway
  - Monitor for reactivation
  - Intervene upon re-activation, before gross tumor recurrence









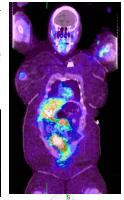
#### **Active Human Protocols:**

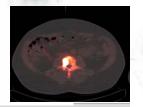
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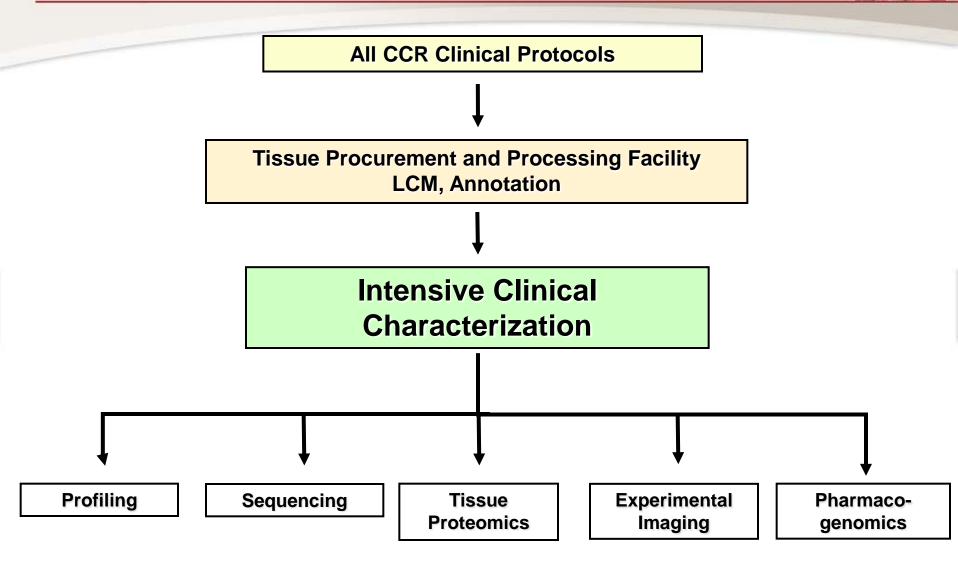
# NIH Center for Interventional Oncology



- Offers new and expanded opportunities to investigate cancer therapies that use imaging technology to diagnose and treat localized cancers in ways that are precisely targeted and minimally or non-invasive
  - Cutting edge technology
    - MRI, PET, CT
- Ideally and uniquely positioned to provide an interdisciplinary environment combining training, patient treatment, translational research and development in interventional oncology



### **Clinical Molecular Profiling Core**



## **Clinical Molecular Profiling Core**

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CMPC Director: Paul Meltzer, M.D. Ph.D., CLIA Director: J. Keith Killian, M.D. Ph.D., Facility Head: Daniel Edelman, Ph.D.

# The CMPC provides CCR clinical investigators with ready access to genome technologies for:

- Tumor classification and cancer gene discovery
- Discovery and validation of predictive and prognostic markers
- Hypothesis based exploration of genes and molecular pathways
- Clinical testing (under <u>CLIA</u>) for nucleic acid based tests incorporated into clinical trials

The CMPC operates on a collaborative model providing a fully integrated team with skills in genomics, oncology, pathology, bioinformatics and laboratory operation. Funding for assays is provided by collaborating investigators. Opportunities are sought which take advantage of unique NCI patient populations and expertise.

#### Assays:

- Expression microarrays (several platforms)
- CGH and SNP arrays
- DNA methylation by array and pyrosequencing
- DNA sequencing (Sanger and Illumina)
- Taqman and related multiplex assays for follow up of array data



## **CCR Sequencing Facility**

# BRINGS THE POWER OF NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING TO THE INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

- DNA Sequencing is a broadly applicable technology which is beginning to displace older approaches to nucleic acid analysis for a large range of applications as well as enabling previously impossible investigations
- Supporting numerous investigators carrying out both large and small scale projects
- Illumina GAIIx and HiSeq instruments with capacity of several hundred samples per year
- Capable of all standard applications (mRNA, miRNA, DNA, ChIP-seq etc.)
- PacBio Sequencer installed and being tested (rapid single molecule sequencing for analysis of targeted regions in cancer and normal DNA, microbial genomes, development of scaffolds for whole genome assembly etc.)
- Work has led to publications in top journals including (Nature Genetics, Nature Methods, EMBO J)

### **Impact**



- To ensure that the greatest amount of information can be derived from every patient participating in a clinical trial and to gain the types of detailed information that could serve as the foundation to rapidly accelerate the pace of translation of basic science to clinical application
- The integration of these technologies into every clinical trial will enable CCR to contribute greatly to creating an approach that will facilitate each patient receiving the most appropriate treatment

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# What is a Major Opportunity?

#### A Clinical Major Opportunity:

- Addresses a fundamental problem in oncology, with broad applications across multiple clinical and laboratory branches, where the CCR has rare enabling expertise, capabilities, and/or direct patient populations.
- Focuses efforts over the next 3-5 years to achieve <u>specified goals & deliverables</u> that, when achieved, would be considered a major leap forward by the entire oncology community.
- By definition, are not permanent organizational units, but are focused groups with a time sensitive deliverable
  - i.e., they are not a branch, faculty, Center of Excellence, or working group
  - Managed with a new level of leadership
- Must have the following elements:
  - Major thematic
  - Paradigm shifting scientific and clinical goal
  - Rational why this is unique and feasible area at CCR
  - Collaborative across multiple branches

# Goals of the Major Opportunity Retreat



- Increasing communication among CCR members on clinical and basic activities
- Understanding the importance of the Major Opportunities to the CCR
- Improving the Major Opportunities presented and identifying opportunities for cross-branch collaborations
- Providing transparency of the Major Opportunities selection process

# **Strategic Visioning Committee Members**



### **Committee Members**

- Lee Helman, MD (chair)
- Deborah Citrin, MD
- William Dahut, MD
- Giuseppe Giaccone, MD, PhD
- Ronald Gress, MD
- Ola Landgren, MD, PhD
- Marston Linehan, MD
- Steven Rosenberg, MD, PhD
- Briggite Widemann, MD

### **External & Ancillary Members**

- Bob Wiltrout, PhD
- James Doroshow, MD
- Mel Bronez, MPH
- Caryn Steakley, RN

- David Dilts, PhD, MBA
- Steven Cheng, PhD

# Process of Identifying and Creating Major Opportunities for the Retreat



- Developed 6 exemplar Major Opportunities (April August 2011)
- Created the dimensions to best capture the framework of the Major Opportunities
  - Lay Summary
  - Uniqueness to the Cancer Community
  - Overarching Strategy
  - Anticipated Timeline
  - Targeted Population / Pathway
  - Scientific and Therapeutic Goals
  - Current CCR laboratory and/or clinical research
  - Potential level of scientific and clinical impact
- Refined each MO with input from CCR members, extramural community, and Board of Scientific Counselors
- Multiple iterations to generate the exemplar MOs
- Distributed 6 exemplars and asked for other potential MOs

## **Major Opportunities Presented** at the Retreat



- Targeting Inflammation in Cancer
- 2. Matrix Drug Screening for Combination Therapies in Cancer
- 3. Treatment of Cancers based on Drivers Mutations Independent of Histology or Site
- 4. Monitoring and Manipulating the Epigenome In Human Cancer
- Targeted Therapy Combining Immunotherapy and Pharmacotherapy
- 6. Attacking Cancer Based on its Metabolic Basis
- 7. Rare cancers and Genetic Tumor Predisposition Syndromes
- Characterizing the Transition from Premalignant or Smoldering Cancers to Malignant Tumors to Improve Interventions between Prevention and Treatment

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### **Structured Discussions**

- Perceptions from external and internal oncology communities
  - Assuming the scientific objectives are met in year 5, how would this MO "change the face of cancer", i.e., novel, impactful, paradigm shifting, stretch goal?
  - Why should the MO be done at CCR and not by other cancer centers or by industry? (Do you know of similar activities outside of the CCR that would fit within or compete with this MO)?
- MO strengths and areas for improvement
  - In what ways could this MO be strengthened?
- Integration of current research direction with the MO
  - Could this MO be integrated with <u>your</u> current clinical research direction
  - How could <u>your</u> research stream improve this MO?





98 Responses to Post-Retreat Survey

18 did not attend retreat

80 attended retreat

19 Clinical

49 Both

31 Basic

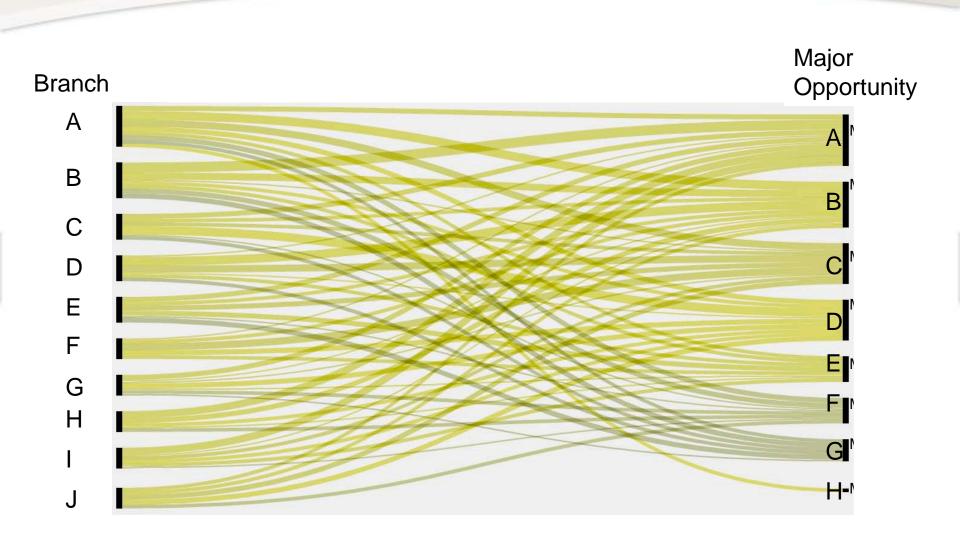
# Major Opportunities Retreat Feedback



- "Good exercise for CCR. Good way to potentially get people to work together."
- "I like the transfer of effective strategies to NIH and biology from other disciplines where effectiveness and progress can be accurately measured. Applying these measures or processes to biomedical research is exciting and progressive!"
- "I ranked those opportunities that bridge many cancer disciplines."
- "A difficult decision, all were excellent."



## **Analysis of Cross-Collaboration**



## **Next Steps**

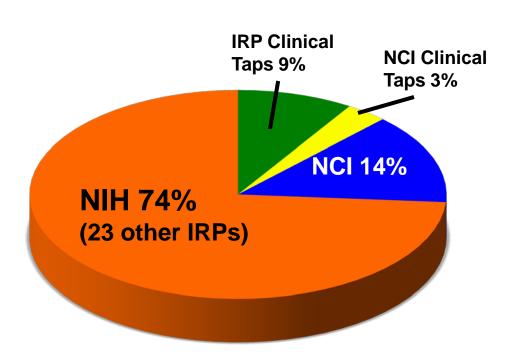


- MO Input given to all MO Leaders
- Post-retreat survey to all participants for additional input
- Presentation to BSC meeting in November for additional information
- All input collected and provided to Bob & Lee for initial prioritization
- Initial priorities reviewed with NCI Director and Deputy Directors
- Specific MOs contacted to create a detailed schedule, budget, and resource list
- Final selection by Bob & Lee
- Announcement: January 2012



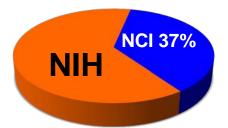
### **CCR Clinical Activity at the NIH**

### **NIH IRP vs CCR Budget**

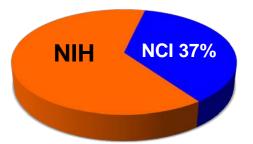


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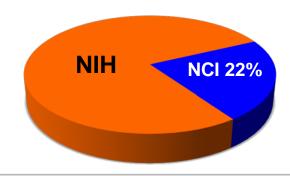
#### **Outpatient Visits**



### **Inpatient Days**



#### **New Patients**



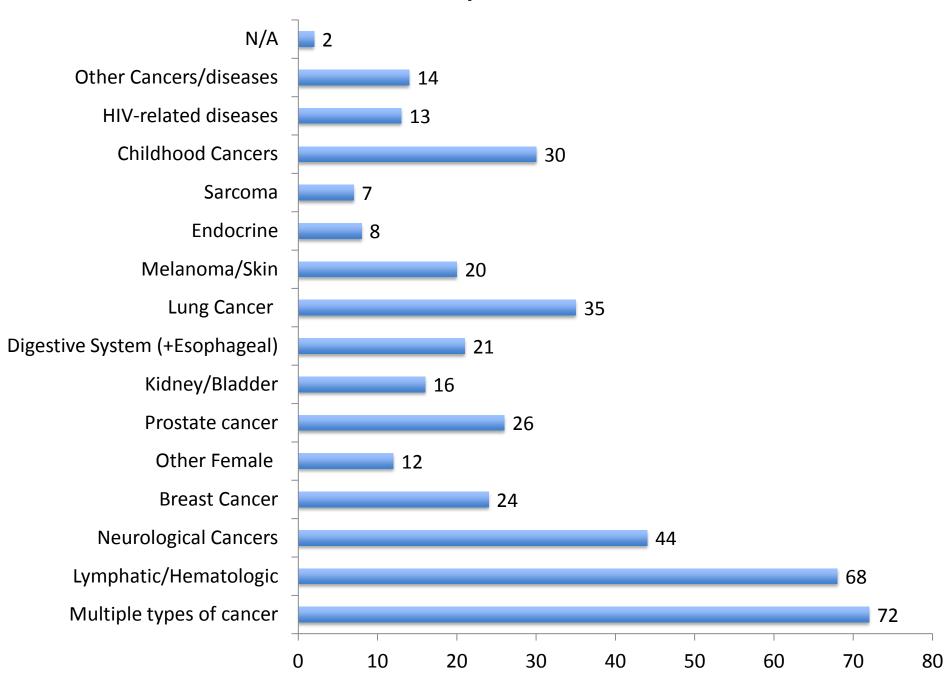


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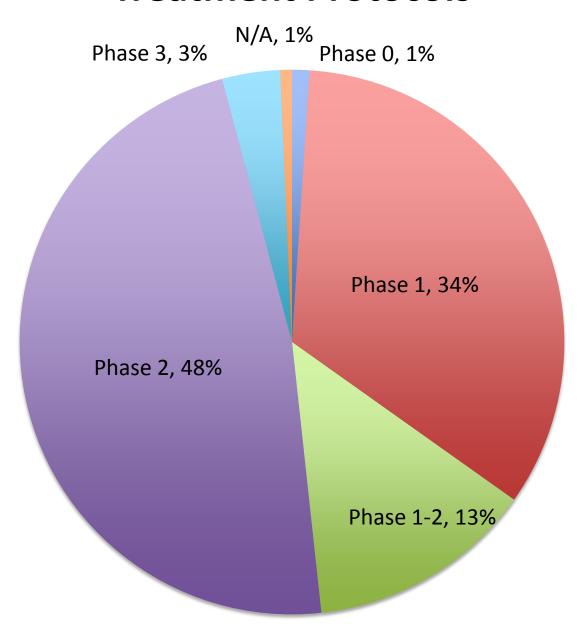


CCR Labs/Branches	# protocols by L/B	% of total
MOB	108	25%
POB	64	16%
SB	49	12%
MTB	31	8%
ETIB	24	6%
ROB	20	5%
NOB	19	5%
LMB	17	4%
LTIB	12	3%
HAMB	11	3%
MIP	10	2%
Derm	9	2%
UOB	9	2%
VB	7	2%
LGD	6	1%
LP	4	1%
CC	3	1%
OCD	3	1%
LEI	3	1%
CCR-OD	1	0%
GB	1	0%
LHC	1	0%
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### **Protocols by Disease Site**



## **Treatment Protocols**





### Examples-where are we going



### Pediatric Wild-Type GIST have SDH loss



	Centrist	Divergent	p-value
Pathologic Characteristics	n=18	n=34	
SDHB IHC negative	0	34 (100%)	<0.0001
SDH germline mutations	0/9	8/25 (32%*)	0.07

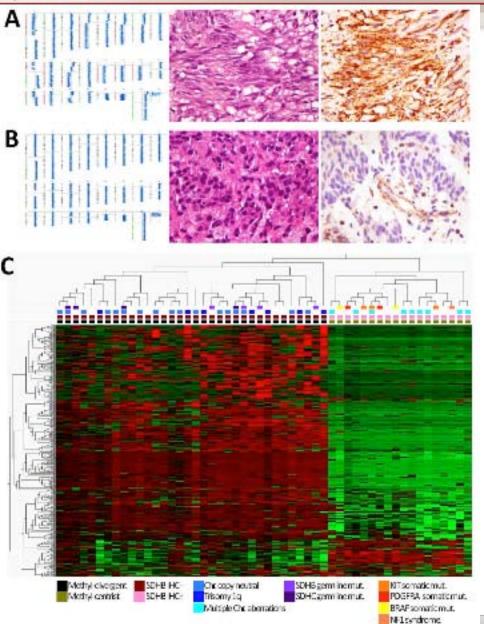
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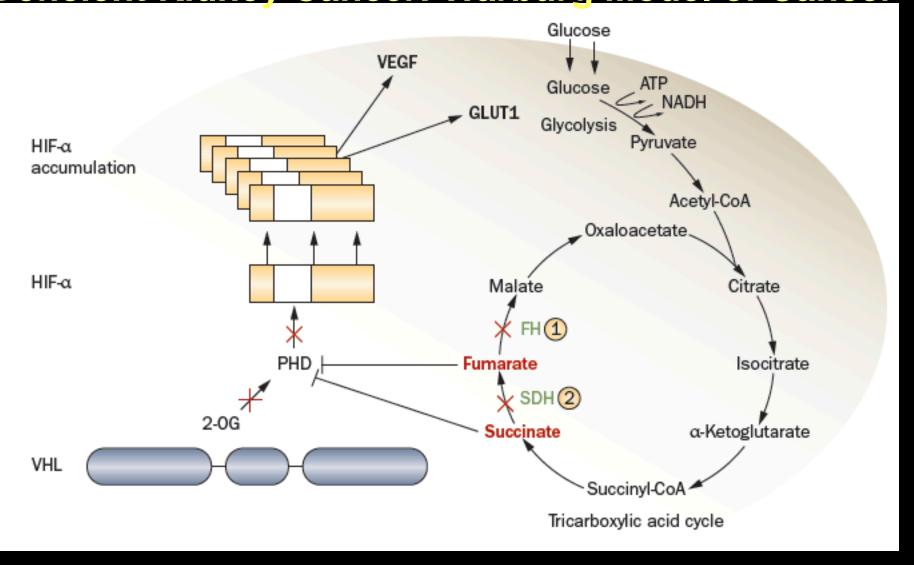
## SDH deficient GIST have global hypermethalyation





## DehydrogenaseDeficient Kidney Cancer: Warburg Model of Cancer

Fumarate Hydratase- and Succinate



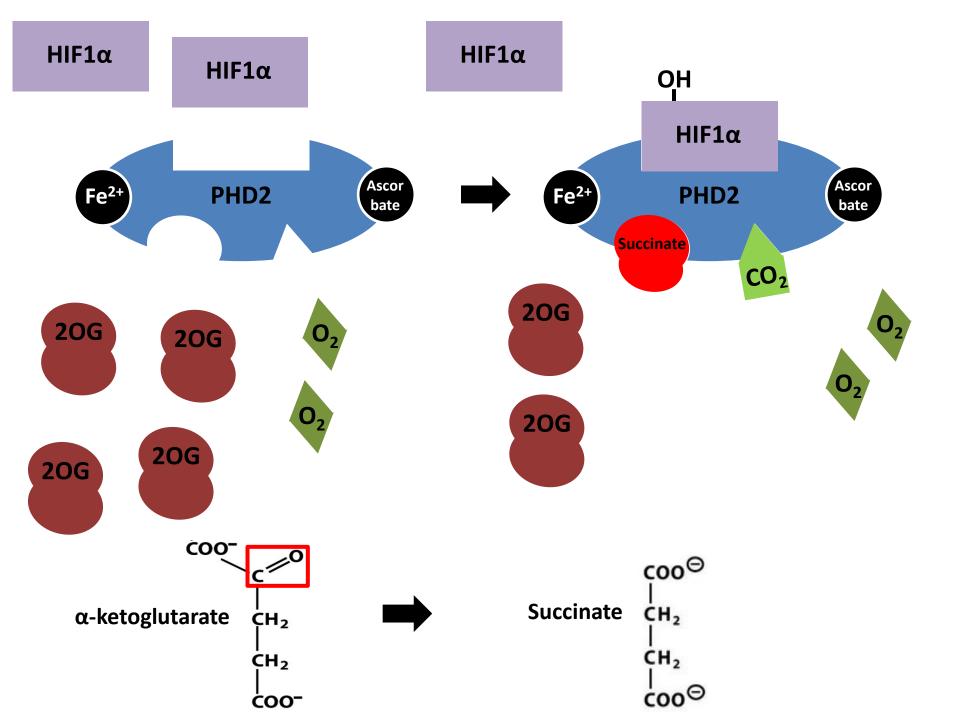
# Succinate Dehydrogenase SDH-RCC

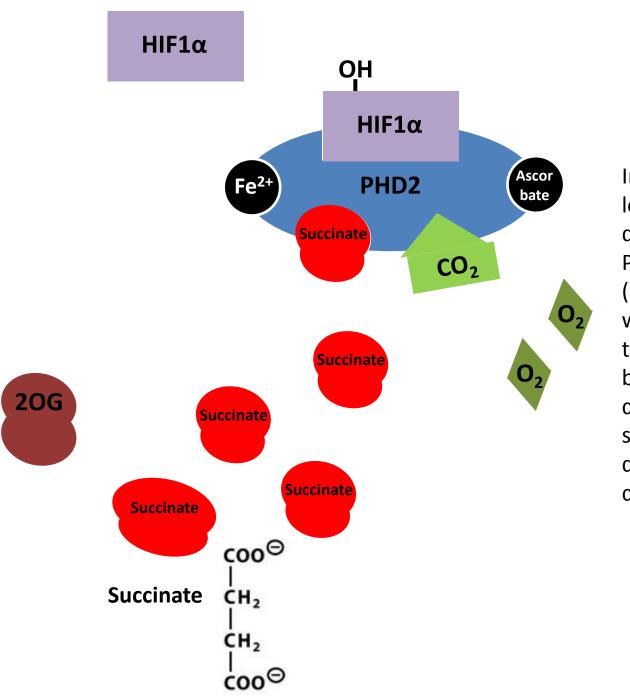
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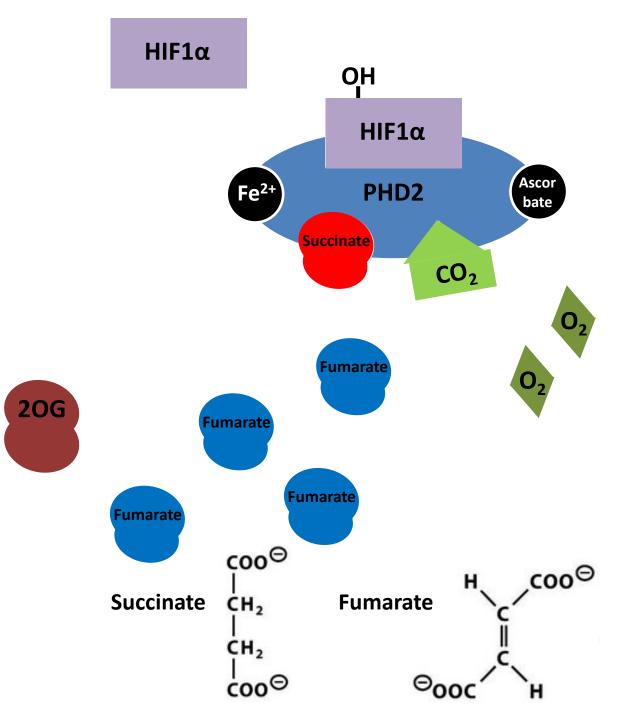
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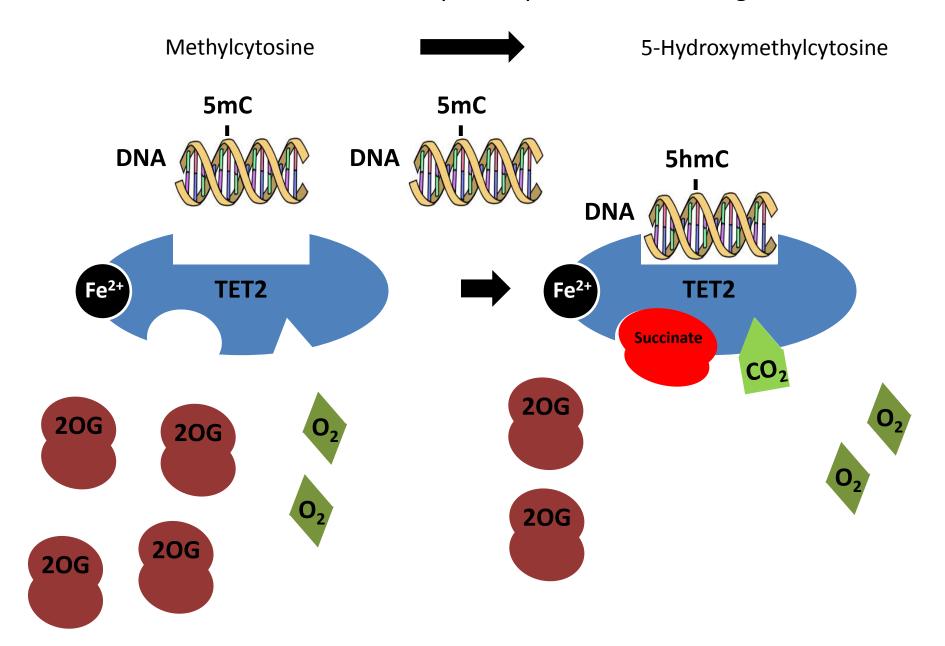


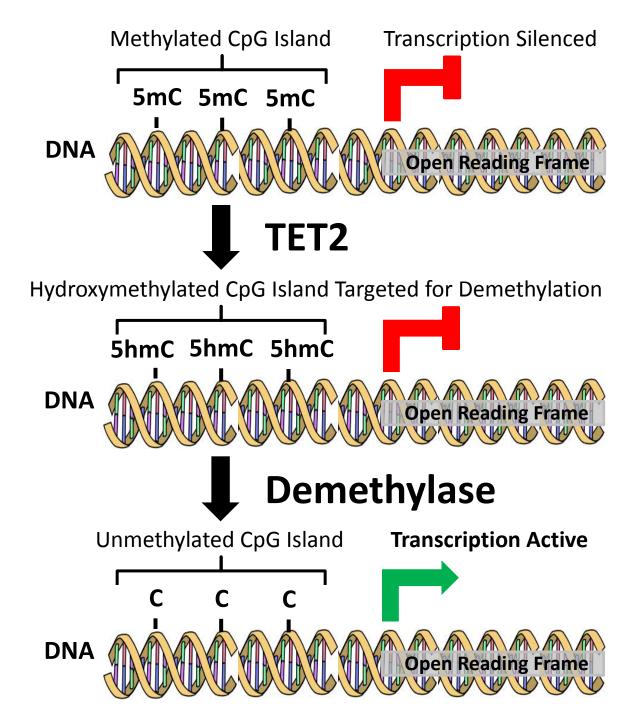
Increased succinate levels inhibits the disassociation of the PHD2 bound succinate (hence the animated wiggling) and increase the chances of succinate binding again instead of  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate, but the succinate will still keep disassociating and some  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate will bind



Increased fumarate levels may also inhibits the disassociation of the PHD2 bound succinate and fumarate could then bind instead of  $\alpha$ ketoglutarate. Fumarate is thought to bind with a much better affinity and is a more rigid molecule making it likely it would be much harder for disassociation to occur. This could explain why fumarate is more effective than succinate, but this would only be true for enzymes with a higher affinity for fumarate.

TET2 (and TET1) is an enzyme that works in a similar manner to PHD2 but within a different substrate – methylated cytosines within the genomic DNA



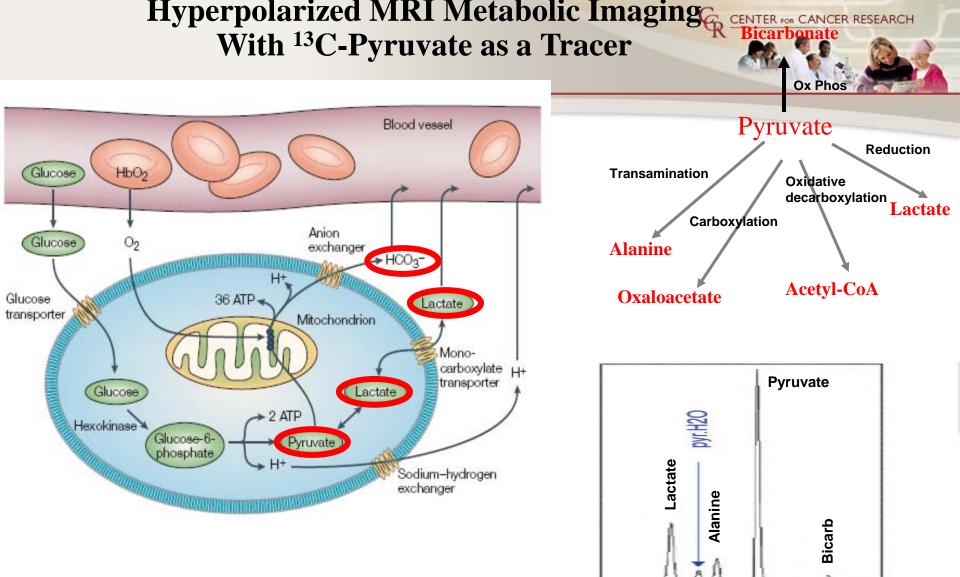


TET2 converts methylcytosine to hydroxmethylcytosine, which is thought to target it for complete demethylation. This is important for differentiating cells that are altering gene expression, but also in the removal of aberrant methylation from the promoters of important genes. Inactivation would inhibit the removal of aberrant methylation occurring within a tumor cell and thus would lead to a susceptibility to gene inactivation via promoter methylation

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#### Conclusion

- Discovery of metabolic pathway mutations (SDH and FH) in two rare tumors studied taking advantage of unique resources of the Hatfield CRC
- Identification of novel mechanism (global hypermethylation) and potential treatment (metformin or other AMPK activators, antiangiogenic etc)
- Use of both genomics and imaging to develop new approaches to Dx and to monitor therapy in real time
- Likely to inform subsets of common diseases



The metabolic pathways of cells of endogenous/injected pyruvate. The metabolic products that can be imaged are shown in red

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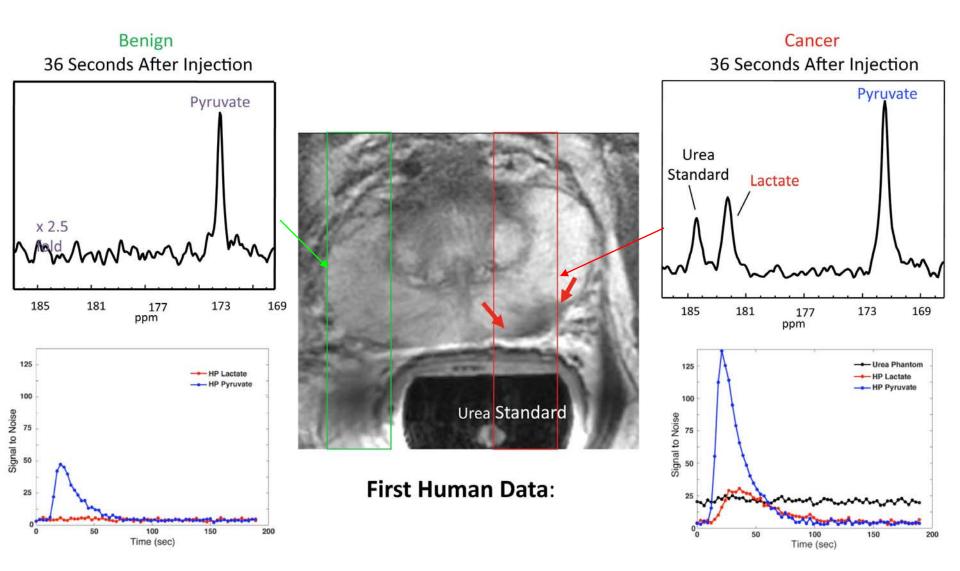
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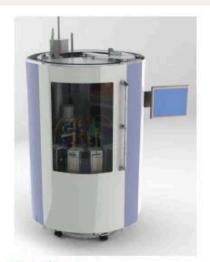
#### Pyruvate conversion in human prostate/ normal and malignant prostate tissue



Pyruvate is converted to lactate in malignant tissue.

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   13C Radiofrequency channel for MRI

## A few endogenous molecules which can be polarized for use as tracers in <sup>13</sup>C MRI based metabolic imaging:

<sup>13</sup> C labeled Tracer	Metabolic product
Pyruvate	lactate (aerobic glycolysis) bicarbonate (ox phos) alanine (transamination) oxaloacetate (carboxylation)
Fumarate	Malate
Succinate	Fumarate
Glutamine	Glutamate
Glutamate	α-Glutarate
Acetate	Acetyl-CoA Acetyl carnitine
Choline (15N)	Phosphocholine



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