

Clinical Trials Strategic Planning  
Subcommittee of  
CTAC

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# CTAC Clinical Trials Strategic Planning Subcommittee: Members

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## Subcommittee: Background and Rationale

- CTWG Evaluation Plan: A plan to assess the performance and impact of several CTWG initiatives on the effectiveness of the NCI clinical trials enterprise was approved by CTAC in July 2011.
- NCI Clinical Trials Network (NCTN): NCI, Group Chairs and CCOP Research Base PIs need feedback and assistance in assessing priorities across diseases and modalities for the evolving NCTN.
  - This feedback should be provided by thought leaders from within and outside the Groups, and should be part of CTAC
  - This is NOT another level of protocol-specific review
    - Strategy as opposed to tactics
    - Longer-term planning as opposed to short-term objectives

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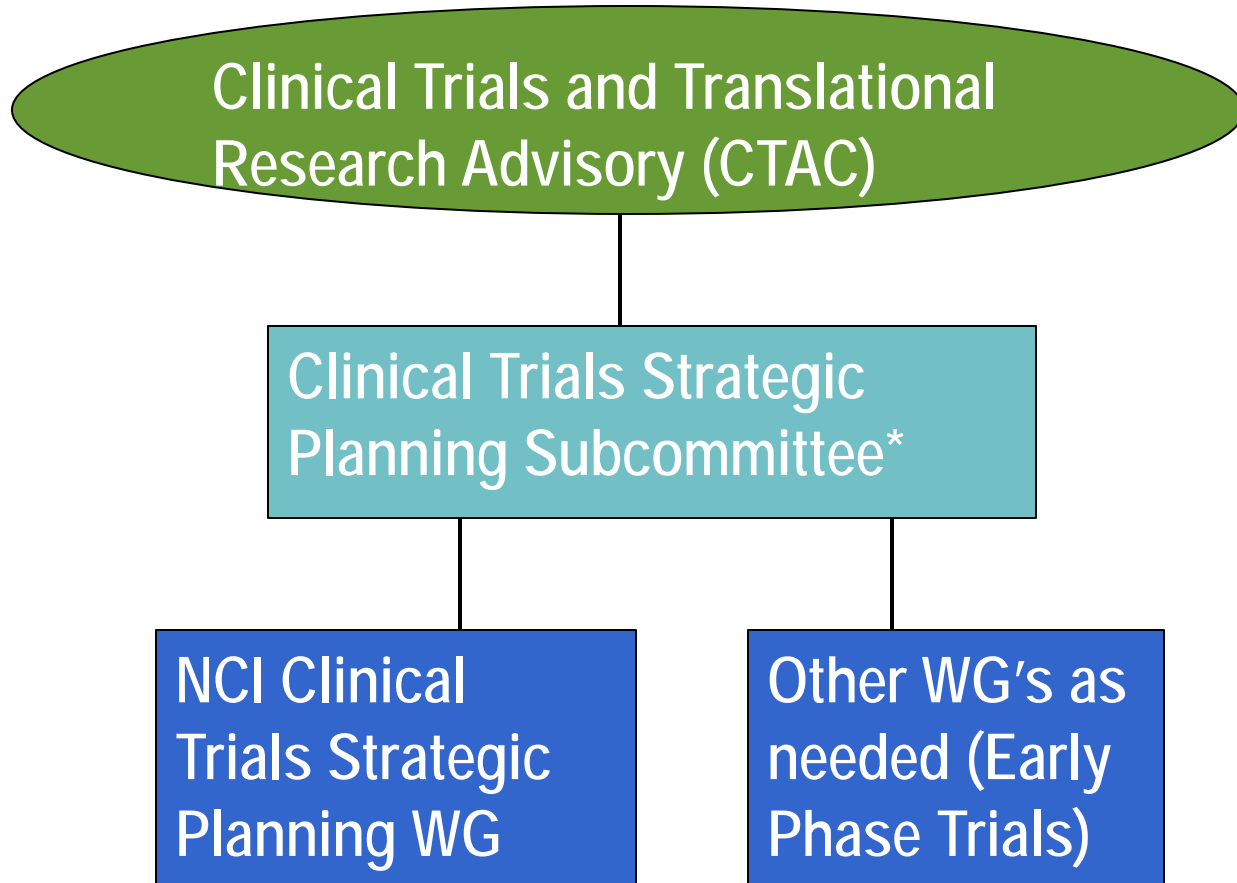
## Subcommittee: Purpose and Scope

- Purpose: Advise NCI on the development of a fully integrated clinical trials system.
- Scope: Trials funded through cooperative agreements and contracts.
  - NCI Clinical Trials Network trials reviewed by the Scientific Steering Committees (SSC) and generally conducted by the Cooperative Groups and CCOPs.
  - NCI Early Phase Trials sponsored by CTEP and the Division of Cancer Prevention early phase drug/agent development programs
- Initially focus on the NCI Clinical Trials Network trials.

# Clinical Trials Strategic Planning Subcommittee: Objectives

- Monitor and assess the balance, coherence and appropriateness of NCI's clinical trials portfolio.
- Monitor and assess the scientific effectiveness of the NCI's Scientific Steering Committees.
- Recommend new strategies, priorities and directions for clinical trials based on the NCI's current portfolio, evolving clinical needs, and emerging scientific opportunities.
- Monitor and assess other aspects of clinical trials operations across the system including collaboration and timeliness.

# CTAC Committee Structure



\*Adhoc

# NCTN Strategic Planning Working Group: Proposed Categories of Membership

## Non-NCI

Cooperative Group Chairs  
Cooperative Group Statisticians  
Cancer Center Directors  
CCOP PIs  
Patient advocates  
Translational scientists (SPORE/PO1)  
Cancer Control – Research Base PIs  
Steering Committee Chairs  
CTAC members

## NCI

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# Next Steps

- NCI to draft function statement and proposed membership for the NCI Clinical Trials Working Group.
  - Subcommittee to provide input to ensure balanced composition.
- NCI to continue implementation of the CTWG Evaluation Plan to generate data for Working Group review.
- Initial Working Group activities:
  - Review responsibilities and tasks
  - Review proposed measures to achieve tasks
  - Develop process for analyzing portfolio and assessing balance based on presentations by NCI staff about the current portfolio.