



## Mechanisms for CCR Program Change at NCI-Frederick

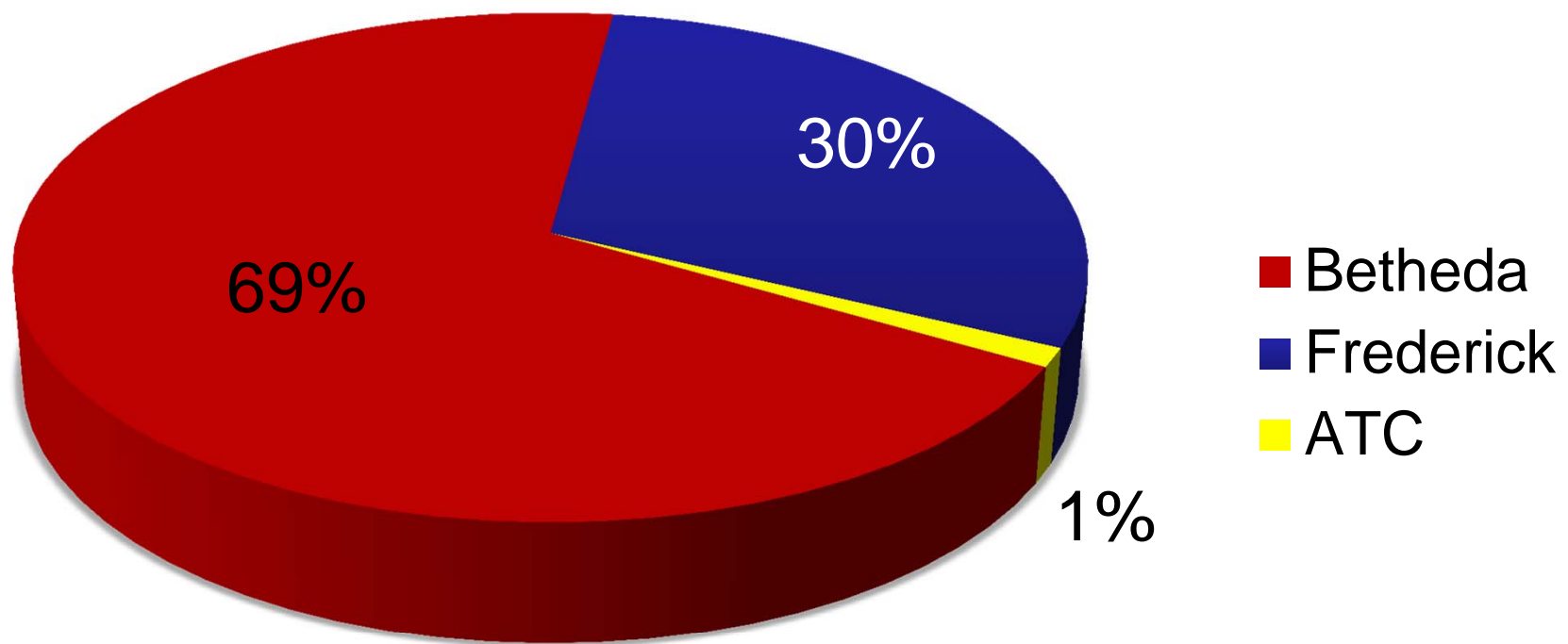
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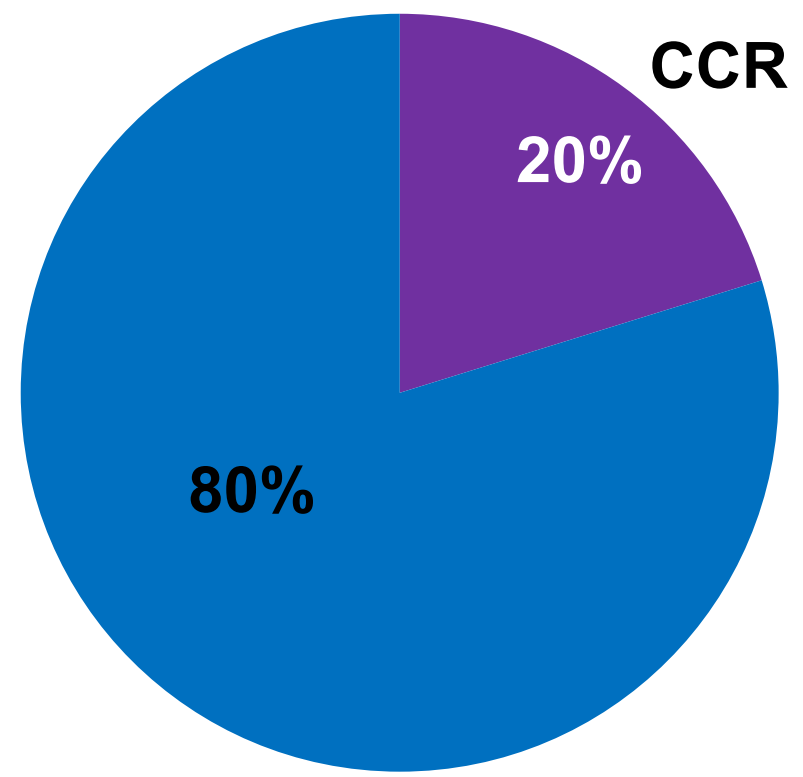
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## Current PI Distribution by Campus



# CCR Portion of the NCI's Frederick Budget





## Recommendations for Program Change Derive from Multiple Review Mechanisms

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- **Ad hoc External Review**
  - NCAB ad hoc review the IRP (Bishop-Calabresi)
  - NCI Divisions can convene special ad hoc review
- **Quadrennial BSC Review of IRP Research**
  - Fully extramural site visit teams and NCI's Board of Scientific Counselors review Labs/Branches and CCR core services
  - BSC subcommittees can be used for specific tasks
- **NCI-Frederick Core Services Reviews**
  - Intramural users and extramural experts review the core services to assure they are cutting-edge, cost-efficient, and aligned with NCI's research priorities



## NCI-Frederick Programmatic Changes Resulting From Bishop-Calabresi

- **Programs Realigned into Intramural and Extramural Divisions**

- Frederick components of DBS and DCTD created  
DTP split between DBS and DCTD

- **Biological Response Modifiers Program Split**

- Clinical component aligned with DCS, moved to the Clinical Center

- Basic Research Laboratories aligned with DBS

- Biopharmaceutical Production Facility developed as contractor service,  
opened to extramural

- **Contract PIs**

- SAIC PIs working in NCI Labs were recognized; retain SAIC affiliation, but  
reviewed directly by the BSC

- ABL contract Labs were Federalized

- **Research Support Services**

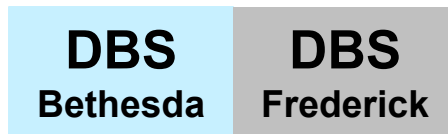
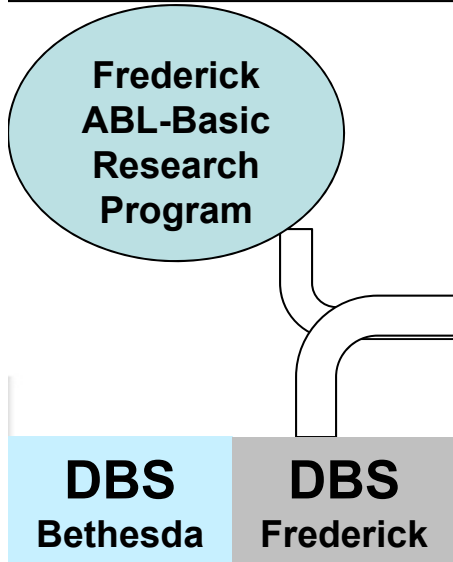
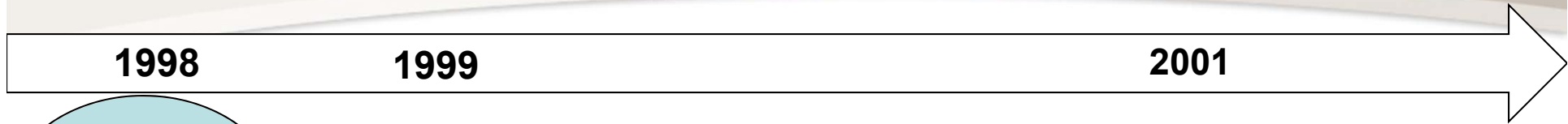
- Triennial reviewed process established

- Services offered reconfigured to reflect NCI needs and research priorities

- Opened to Extramural and Intramural



# History of CCR in Frederick



# A Rigorous BSC Process Drives Quality of Basic and Clinical Research

- **Four-year cycle**
- **Retrospective/prospective review**
  - Accomplishments
  - Future directions
  - Team science
  - Innovation
  - Mentoring and training
- **Site visit teams and Board of Scientific Counselors**
  - 100% Extramural participants
  - Evaluates the science being performed in light of its cost
  - Encourages high-risk approaches
- **Recommendation**
  - The site visit teams report their findings and provide recommendations to the BSC, which then advises the CCR Director whether research programs should continue to be supported, and at what level





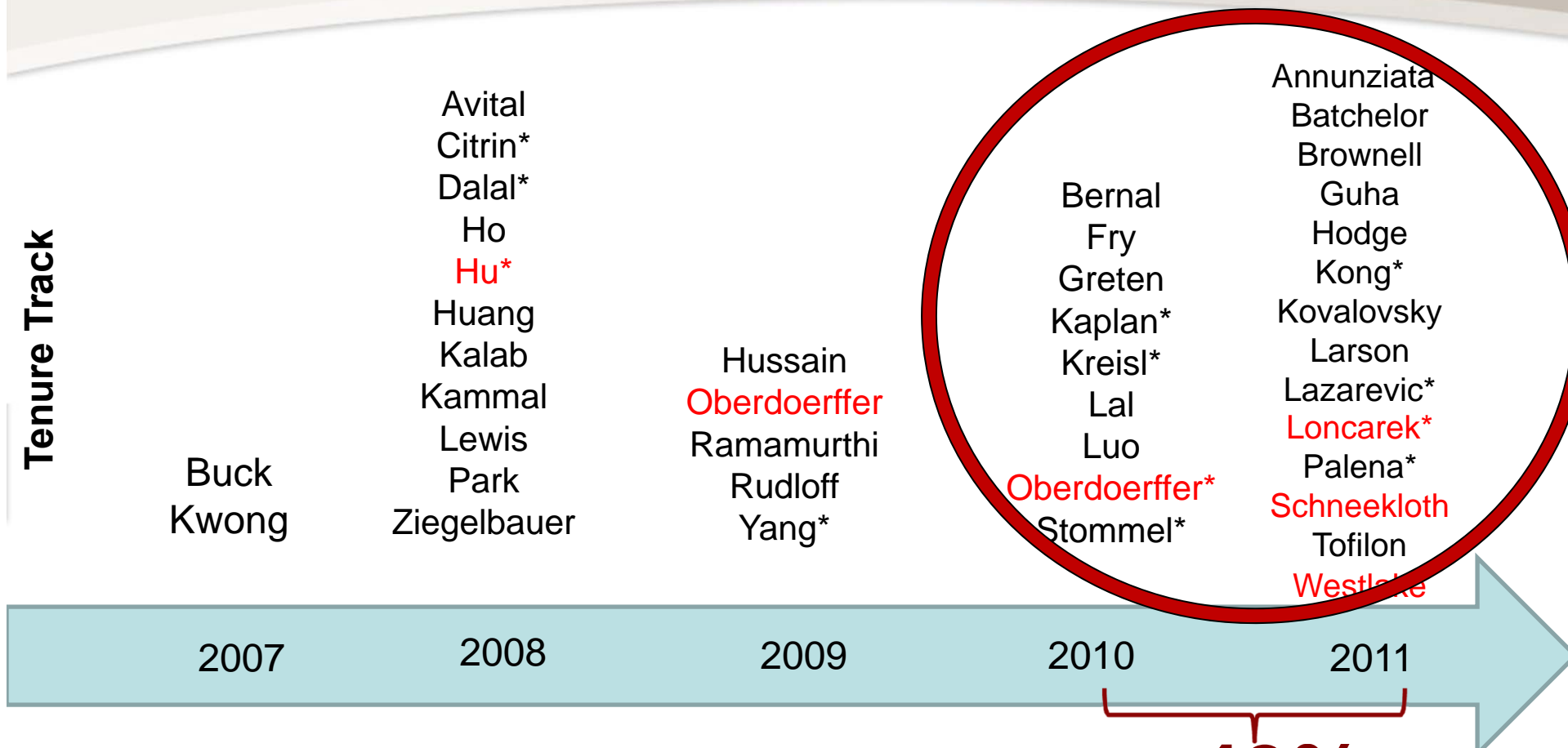
## CCR Staffing in Frederick: Facts and Figures

- **In 2006 CCR Frederick had 95 PIs**
- **In 2012 CCR Frederick has 80 PIs**
- **Since 2006, 26 (31%) have departed**
  - 13 (50%) were directly or indirectly due to BSC
  - 5 (21%) departed for career advancement
  - 11 new hires-6 TT and 5 tenured (36% female)
  - \*\* 10 (13%) received substantial reductions/re-review
- **Anticipated closures/departures**
  - FY2012= 1
  - FY2013= 1
  - FY2014= 1





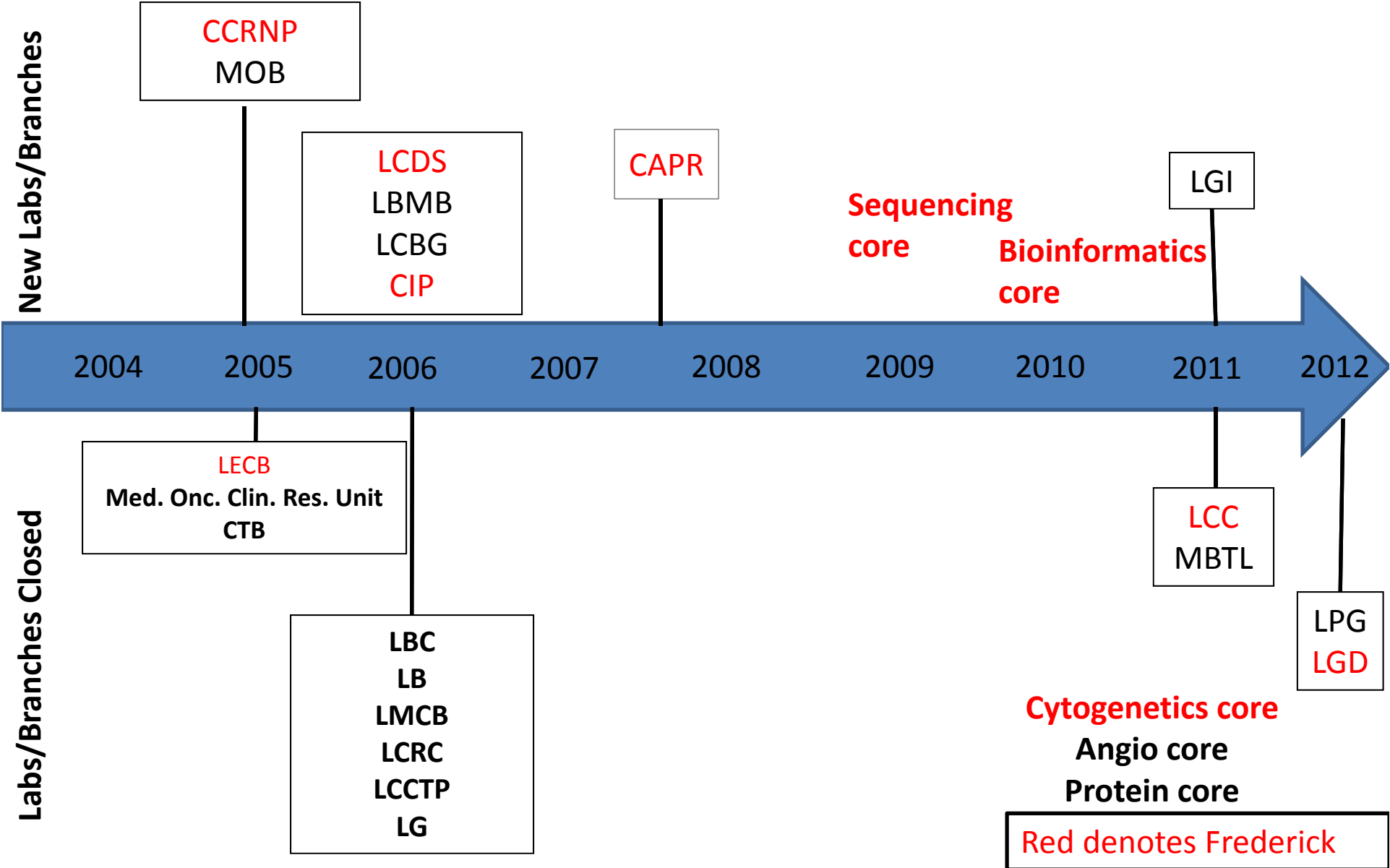
# CCR TT Hires 2007-2011



**43%**  
**Female**

Red denotes Frederick  
\* Denotes Female

# Labs/Branches Created and Closed





## Program Change: Capitalizing on Complementary Research Strengths

- **Cancer and Inflammation Program (CIP)-formed in 2005**
  - Recruited strong senior leader-**Giorgio Trinchieri**
  - Combined the Laboratory of Experimental Immunology with the Laboratory of Molecular Immunoregulation + additional cancer biology PIs
  - Provides leadership of CCR's inflammation and cancer initiative which melds NCI's expertise in inflammation and immunology with its broad-based cancer biology and carcinogenesis programs
- **Fostered closer collaborations among the 15 PIs in the Program and joint retreats and many collaborative studies on cancer and inflammation or cancer-related infections-very strong BSC review in 2010**
- **Stimulated Trans-CCR organization to propose and support a new Major Opportunity for Inflammation and Cancer associated with the re-engineering of CCR's clinical program**
- **Benefits by close proximity to NCI-F's animal models expertise**



## Program Change: New Initiatives

- **The Center for Advanced Preclinical Research (CAPR) -**
  - formed in 2008 as a new initiative with the goals of:
    - using genetically engineered mouse models and gene expression profiling to accelerate cancer drug and biomarker development
    - more accurately assessing the potential of candidate drugs to succeed in clinical trials.
- **Built out in less than a year using SAIC staffing**
- **Envisioned as a national resource for the comprehensive preclinical testing of early stage candidate drugs. Candidate compounds will be primarily assessed for anti-tumor efficacy and selectivity in genetically engineered animal models.**
- **Program review mechanism: NFAC or BSC?**

# Summary of Current CAPR Out-Reach Activities/Partnership Leads

<u>Partnership Lead</u>	<u>Project Concept</u>	<u>Contract Vehicle</u>	<u>% Complete</u>	<u>Projected Timeline</u>	<u>Expected Funds</u>
Foundation A/University Partner B/ Non-Profit Partner C	Fund raising: support an integrated preclinical/clinical drug development platform in NSCLC	MOU/Consortium	80%	Foundation Board approval (exp. February)	\$15M in total funds for three years
Pharma Partner D (recent IPO)	Testing novel RTKi's in EGFR-driven GEM models	Full CRADA	70%	NCI CRADA Subcommittee (exp. February)	\$100K-\$200K (first milestone)
Pharma Partner E	Testing two classes of compounds in ovarian cancer GEMs	Full CRADA	60%	Filing with NCI CRADA Subcommittee (exp. March-April)	\$150K-\$200K
Foundation F	Goal: Establish a cancer preclinical trial consortium based on GEM models	TBD/Consortium concept discussed	50%	White Papers/concept documents exchanged	Option 1: \$150K-\$200K Option 2: up to \$3.1M
Pharma Partner G	Multiple candidate drugs to be tested in GEM models for NSCLC, ovarian cancer and melanoma	Full CRADA	30%	Opportunities for joint projects identified	up to \$200K per compound tested



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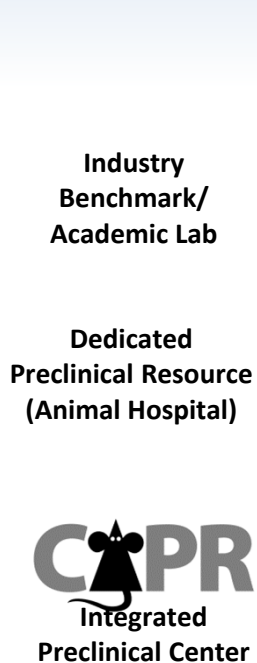
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# Resource

## Value Added

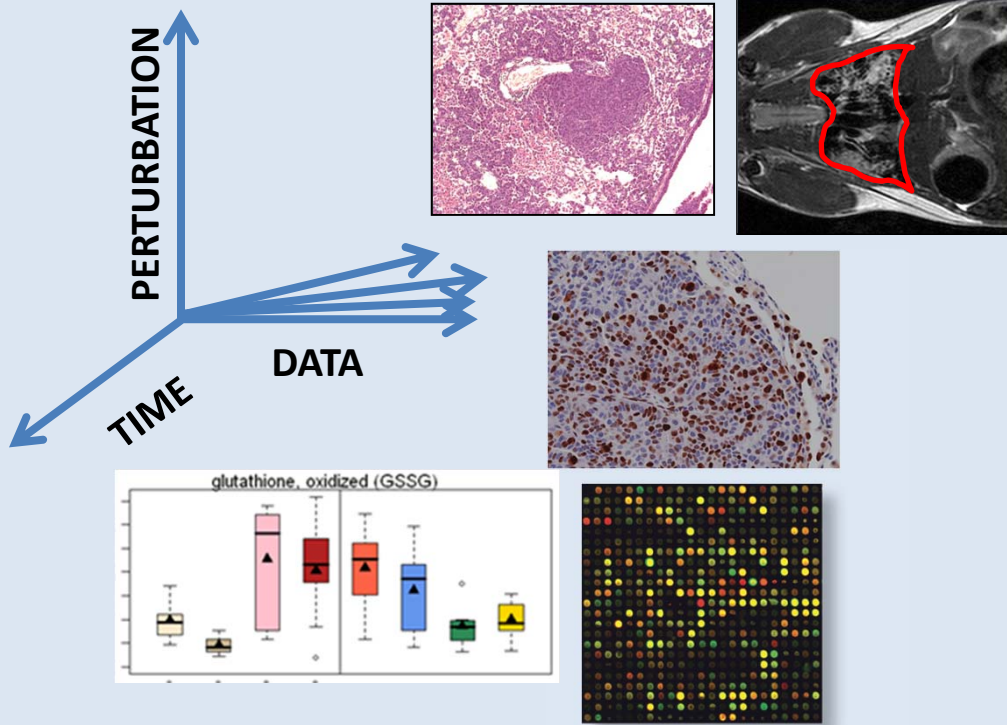


- Dedicated stable infrastructure and technology expertise
- Expert external scientific oversight maintained
- Statistically powered unbiased temporal evaluation (8-parameter systems biology) feedback/resistance → combination and relapse therapies hypothesis generation for human research therapeutic and disease biomarker prediction
- Integrated studies for imaging endpoints molecular pathology/heterogeneity
- Optimized model/cohort generation
- Standard of care comparisons
- Establishment and export of:
  - SOPs
  - retooled models
  - cross model predictive value
- Visiting scientists/training
- Frees resources for strong basic science/translational iteration



# Systems Analysis of Disease and Treatment Response

## Preclinical Research



Computational Models  
(including human data)

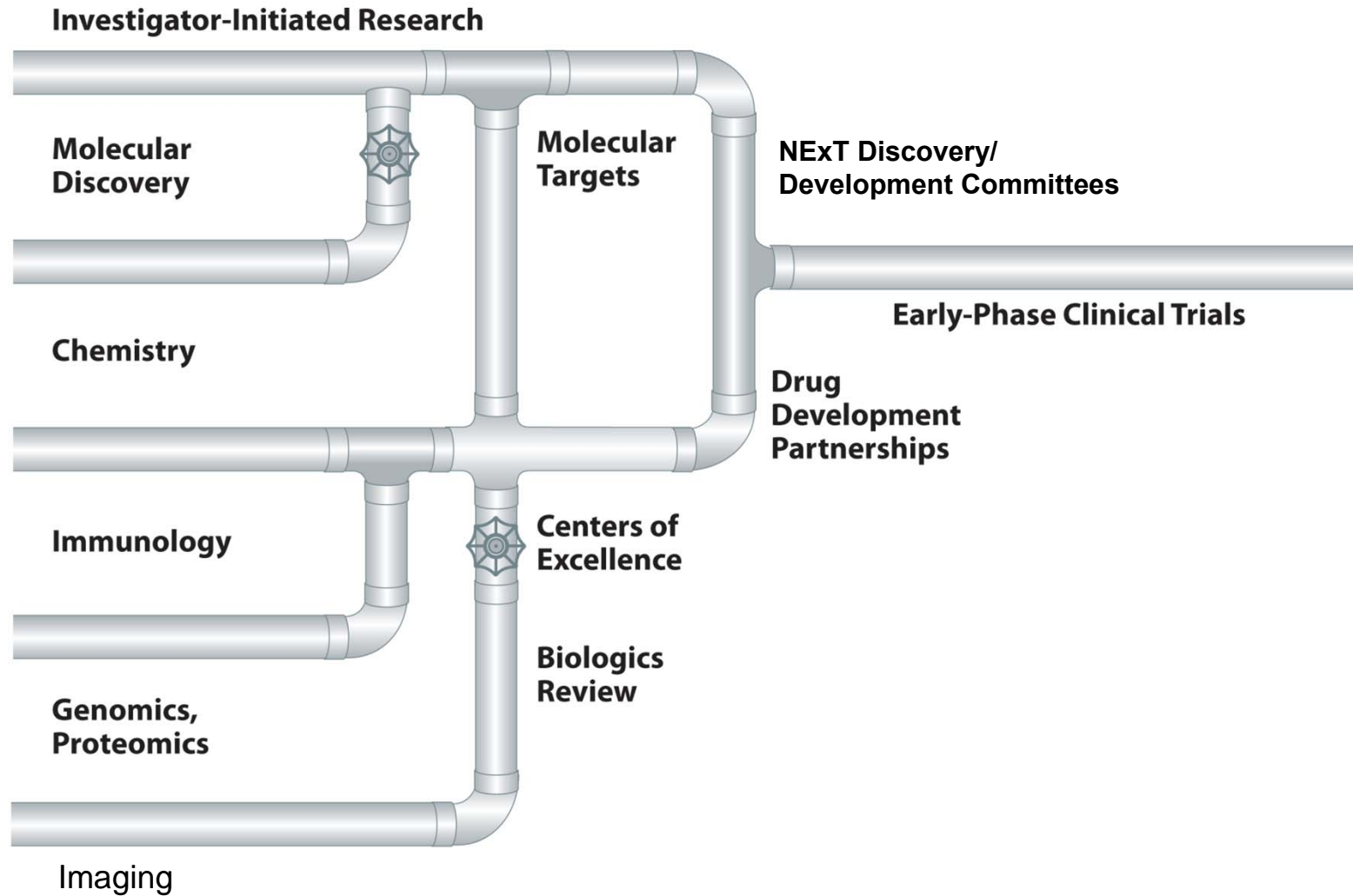
Hypotheses

Clinical Research

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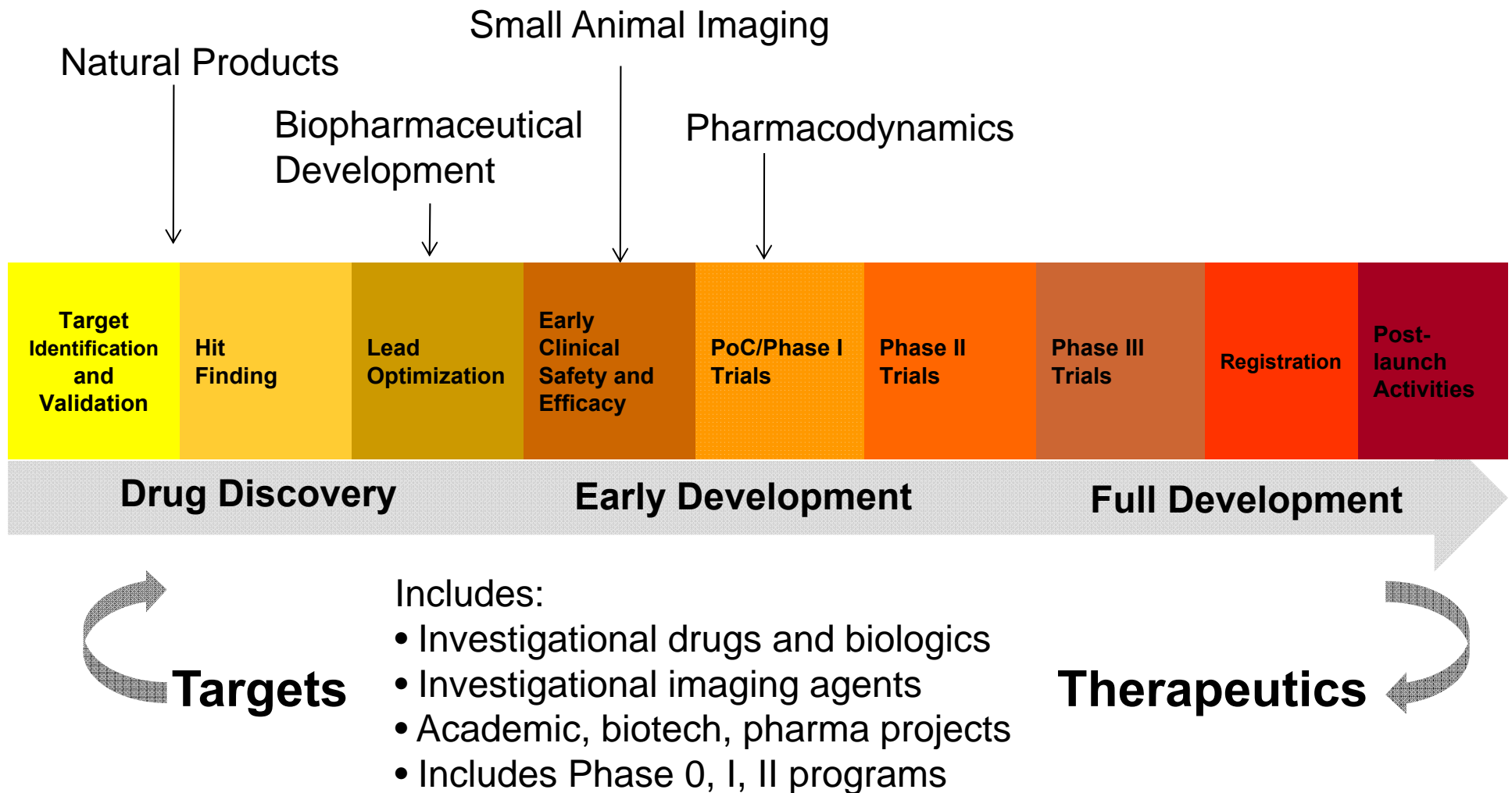
# Translational Development Pipeline



# Role of NCI-Frederick in NCI Therapeutics Development Program



**Rapid translation of discoveries into public health benefits**





# Commercial Successes in Fighting Cancer and HIV

## ***Vaccines and Therapeutics***

2-F-Ara-Fludara (1991) Berlex  
Videx® (1991) Berlex  
Hivid® (1992) BMS  
Paclitaxel® (1992) BMS  
Trimetrexate- Neu Trexin (1993) US Bioscience  
Zenapax® (1997) Hoffman La Roche  
Vitravene® (1998) Isis Pharma  
Zevalin® (2002) IDEC Pharma  
Kepivance® (2004) Amgen  
Gardasil® (2006) Merck  
Prezista® (2006) Tibotec Pharma  
Cervarix® (2009) GSK

## ***Diagnostics***

Serological Detection of Antibodies to HIV-1 (1985)  
Serological Detection of Antibodies to HTLV-1 (1988)  
DNA Probe for Breast Cancer Diagnosis (1998)  
Multi-Replica Blotting Kit for Proteins

## ***Instrumentation/Devices***

Laser Capture Microdissection



# Knowledge Generation by CCR-Frederick PIs: FYs 10/11

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# Knowledge Generation by CCR-Frederick PIs: FYs 10/11



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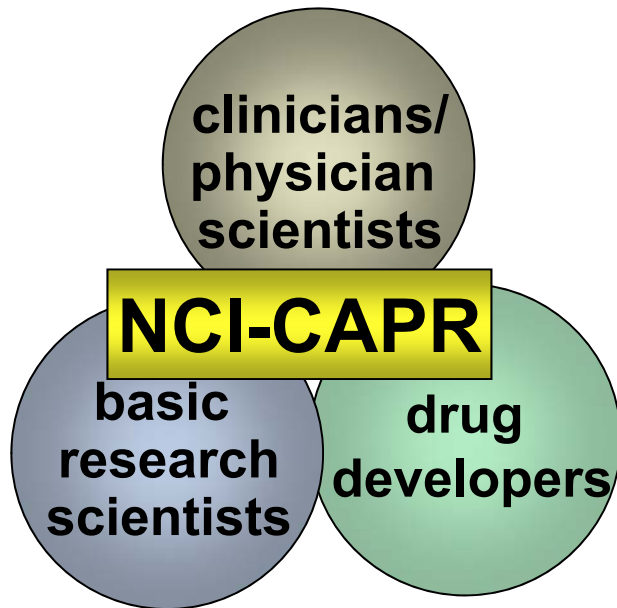
## Chromosomal Biology

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# Program Changes: Center for Advanced Preclinical Research(CAPR)



**To facilitate the improvement of preclinical assessment and clinical trial design for effective cancer diagnosis and treatment**



**Projected Interactome**

*a new paradigm for  
translational science*

- To accelerate the development of therapeutics and diagnostics for human diseases by providing state-of-the-art animal models genetically programmed to develop diseases in the same way they arise in humans for preclinical studies
- Genetically engineered mouse models will significantly reduce the time to identify promising candidate drugs and will provide improved systems for target discovery and validation, and biomarker discovery for early detection and treatment assessment

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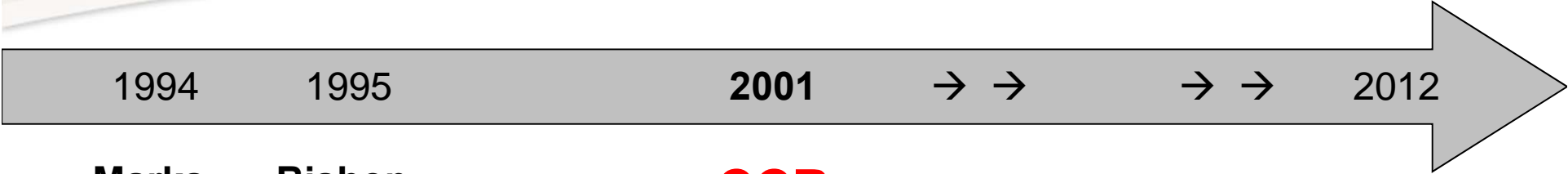


- **In 2003 CCR had 307 PIs**
- **In 2011 CCR has 252 PIs**
- **Since 2003, 110 (34%) have departed**
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  - 22 (20%) departed for career advancement
  - 55 new hires (25% female)
- **Anticipated closures/departures**
  - FY2012 =12
  - FY2013= 4
  - FY2014=3





# History and Evolving Culture Shift Continuum for CCR



Marks-Castle Report

Bishop-Calabresi Report

**CCR formed**

Emphasize multidisciplinary research to solve complex problems: Faculties, Working Groups, Centers of Excellence

## *Shifting the culture in CCR*

- Reengineering the IRP has been a dynamic process
- Preserving and expanding outstanding PI-based research
- Encourage team science and collaboration
- Strategies for rewarding team science have been implemented
- Formation of Faculty and Working Groups and creation of Centers of Excellence around areas of strength
- Closer ties between clinical and basic research have led directly to translational research advances and new opportunities