NCTN—View from a Lead Academic Site/Cancer Center

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University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute (UPCI)

- 320 faculty members from 42 academic departments at University of Pittsburgh
- Clinical research and care through UPMC hospitals and cancer centers
Thriving UPMC Cancer Center Network

Stanley Marks, MD

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American College of Radiation Oncology
Integrating Science and Technology into Patient Care

QOPI® The Quality Oncology Practice Initiative

Ireland
Italy
Singapore
Accrual to Interventional Clinical Trials at UPCI UPMC CancerCenter (2004 – 2013)
National Clinical Trials Network (NCTN)

- Group Statistician, NRG
- NRG Biostatistical Office headquartered at University of Pittsburgh

Costantino

Lead Academic Participating Site (LAPS) (CA180844)

Brufsky

Early Therapeutics Clinical Trials Network Site (UM1CA099168)

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Cooperative Groups Consolidation

- GOG: Gynecologic Oncology Group
- NSABP: National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project
- RTOG: Radiation Therapy Oncology Group
- ACRIN: American College of Radiology Imaging Network
- ACOSOG: American College of Surgeons Oncology Group
- CALGB: Cancer and Leukemia Group B
- SWOG: Southwest Oncology Group
- NCCTG: North Central Cancer Treatment Group
- CureSearch: Children's Oncology Group
Cooperative Groups Consolidation

UPCI Participated in 8 Cooperative Groups
Cooperative Groups Consolidation

ECOG-ACRIN
Cancer Research Group
Reshaping the future of patient care

NRG Oncology

Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology

CureSearch
Children’s Oncology Group

UPCI Participating in 4 Cooperative Groups
Potential Advantages for LAPS

- Single grant—streamlined finances and administration
- Use of NCI CIRB
- Enhanced case reimbursement
- Provided internal mandate to assemble a steering committee led by UPCI AD for Clinical Investigation to oversee NCTN accruals and allocate resources—better integration
Potential Disadvantages for LAPS

• Shifting focus and loyalty from legacy to new cooperative groups
• Maintaining engagement of LAPS leaders with scientific leadership of new cooperative groups
• Encouraging NCTN involvement for young investigators given lack of opportunity to “lead”
• Financial penalty for “overaccrual”
What We Must Consider…..

• Impact of a more centrally directed NCTN in the field
• How a goal of smaller biologically based trials will be implemented in the community
• Interactions between and roles of the component parts to advance the clinical trials agenda—cooperative groups, LAPS, NCORPs, ET-CTN, SPOREs, CCSGs, etc