# National Cancer Institute



## NCI's Evolving Clinical Trials System

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#### Extramural Reviews of NCI's Clinical Trials Programs

Report of the Clinical Trials Working Group of the National Cancer Advisory Board

Restructuring the National Cancer Clinical Trials Enterprise

June 2005

Report of the Operational Efficiency Working Group of the Clinical Trials and Translational Research Advisory Committee

Compressing the Timeline for Cancer Clinical Trial Activation

March 2010







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# Emphasized critical need for a public clinical trials system

NCI has taken a comprehensive approach to transforming its clinical trials system to create a highly integrated network that can address rapid advances in cancer biology based on:

- Reports from Clinical Trials & Operational Efficiency Working Groups
- Recommendations from the IOM Report

•Advances in cancer biology offer enormous potential to improve clinical oncologic practice

 Opportunity to move beyond cytotoxic treatments to more effective therapies targeting the specific characteristics of a patient's tumor

 Challenge of evaluating an ever-increasing number of new, highly specific agents in molecularlydefined subsets of patients

# Goals for Restructuring: 2005

#### Coordination

-Coordinate clinical trials research through data sharing database and providing incentives for collaboration as a network

#### •Prioritization/Scientific Quality

-Stakeholders design and prioritize clinical trials that address the most important questions, using the tools of modern cancer biology

#### Standardization

-Standardize IT infrastructure and clinical research tools

#### Operational Efficiency

-Use resources most efficiently through improved cost-effectiveness, accrual rates, and more rapid trial initiation

#### Integrated Management

-Restructure extramural and intramural oversight of NCI clinical trials

### Program for Today

#### NCI's Evolving Clinical Trials System

Overview: Drs. Mack Roach & James Doroshow Clinical Trials Network: Dr. Margaret Mooney Community Oncology Research Program: Dr. Worta McCaskill-Stevens Experimental Therapeutics Clinical Trials Network: Dr. Percy Ivy Clinical Trials Tissue Banks: Dr. Irena Lubensky Questions: Dr. Jeff Abrams

#### Impact of the New System

Clinical Trials Network Chair: Dr. Wally Curran Lead Academic Site/Cancer Center Perspective: Dr. Nancy Davidson Disease Steering Committee Chair Perspective: Dr. Drew Ridge Community Oncology Research Program PI: Dr. Augusto Ochoa Early Phase Therapy/Translational Scientist: Dr. Geoffrey Shapiro Patient Advocate: Nancy Roach Discussion: Drs. Mack Roach and James Doroshow