

Messages From Alliance Leadership



During the past 18 months, when our world was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, each of us met challenges that forced us to re-evaluate our personal and professional priorities. The priorities of our clinical trials cooperative group are to design studies that bring the greatest possible benefit to patients with cancer, and to make these trials available to everyone who needs them.

Monica M. Bertagnoli, MD
Alliance Group Chair

2020 was a year of resilience, patience, perseverance, and commitment. Despite the bumps and challenges created by the pandemic that disrupted both personal and professional lives, we at the SDMC continued to push forward to make 2020 yet another outstanding year of progress and accomplishments.

Sumithra J. Mandrekar, PhD
Alliance Group Statistician



Alliance Activates 11 New Trials Over Past Year



Arpit Rao, MD
Study Chair
Alliance A031902
(Prostate Cancer)



**Ciara C. O'Sullivan, MB,
BCh, BAO**
Study Chair
Alliance A011801
(Colon Cancer)



Xiao X. Wei, MD, MAS
Alliance A031901
(Bladder Cancer)



**Katherine Reeder-Hayes,
MD, MBA, MSc**
Study Chair
Alliance A191901
(Endocrine Therapy
Adherence)



Jaydira Del Rivero, MD
Study Co-Chair
Alliance A021804
(Neuroendocrine Cancer)



Kimberly J. Perez, MD
Study Co-Chair
Alliance A021804
(Neuroendocrine Cancer)



Gavin P. Dunn, MD
Study Chair
Alliance A071702
(Recurrent Glioblastoma)



Eva Galanis, MD
Study Co-Chair
Alliance A071702
(Recurrent Glioblastoma)



Aminah Jatoi, MD
Study Co-Chair
Alliance A171901
(Non-small Lung Cancer)



**Melisa L. Wong, MD,
MAS**
Study Co-Chair
Alliance A171901
(Non-small Lung Cancer)



**Juneko Grilley-Olson,
MD**
Study Chair
Alliance A091902
(Angiosarcoma)



Cristina R. Ferrone, MD
Study Chair
Alliance A021806
(Resectable Pancreatic
Cancer)



Jacob M. Sands, MD
Study Chair
Alliance A081801
(Non-small Cell Lung Cancer)



Ellen M. Lavoie Smith, PhD, RN, FAAN
Study Chair
Alliance A221805
(Peripheral Neuropathy Prevention
Colorectal Cancer)

Alliance/AFT at 2021 ASCO [Abstracts]

The 57th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) will convene online June 4-8, bringing together thousands of oncology professionals from around the world. This year's meeting theme is "Equity: Every Patient. Every Day. Everywhere." Alliance investigators will present more than 15 abstracts, sharing the latest findings on breast cancer, head and neck cancer, lung cancer, GI and GU cancers, along with cancer control research.

Alliance Spring Virtual Group Meeting Recap [Awards + Appointments]

2020 Richard L. Schilsky CALGB Achievement Award and 2021 Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology Foundation Special Project Allocation Awards

Alliance Cancer Control Program's Health Disparities Committee New Leadership Team and Vice-Chairs of the Alliance/American College of Surgeons Clinical Research Program's Cancer Care Standards Development Committee and Education Committee

Alliance Funding Opportunities

Alliance Scholar Awards
Applications Due June 30, 2021

Daniel J. Sargent, PhD Memorial Fellowship in Innovative Clinical Trial Design and Methods
Applications Due August 23, 2021

Alliance in the News

New Operating Standard: mCODE Collaboration Is Bringing Uniformity to EHR Data

Neoadjuvant Endocrine Therapy Use in Early Stage Breast Cancer During the COVID-19 Pandemic

A noticeable absence by Rebecca A. Snyder, MD, MPH

Effect of Celecoxib vs Placebo Added to Standard Adjuvant Therapy on Disease-Free Survival Among Patients with Stage III Colon Cancer
The CALGB/SWOG 80702 (Alliance) Randomized Clinical Trial

Electronic Geriatric Assessment: Is It Feasible in a Multi-Institutional Study That Included a Notable Proportion of Older African American Patients?
(Alliance A171603)

Trials Explore Whether Endocrine Therapy Can Delay or Avert Surgery in Low-Risk DCIS

The Alliance Trial A031801 - RadiCal a Trial of Radium-223 in Patients with Renal Cell Carcinoma, - Rana McKay

CASPAR (Alliance A031902): A Randomized, Phase III Trial of Enzalutamide (ENZ) with Rucaparib (RUCA)/Placebo (PBO) as a Novel Therapy in First-Line Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer (MCRPC)

New Data Support Preoperative Chemoradiation Regimen for Borderline Resectable Pancreatic Cancer

How Did a Multi-institutional Trial Show Feasibility of Electronic Data Capture in Older Patients with Cancer? Results From a Multi-Institutional Qualitative Study
(Alliance A171902)

