

Remarkable Progress, Stability for Alliance Statistics and Data Management Program in 2021

Message From the Group Statistician



"The year 2021 brought about remarkable progress and stability within the Alliance SDMC. It reflected a year of resilience, patience, perseverance, and commitment. The SDMC continued to make significant progress in scientific, operational and infrastructure assets for both NCTN/NCORP and AFT."

Sumithra J. Mandrekar, PhD

Navigating Ethical Dilemmas, Guiding Investigators During the Conduct of Oncology Clinical Trials

Alliance Ethics Committee



"The [Ethics Committee] aims to promote fair policies and procedures to maximize the likelihood of achieving optimal patient-centered outcomes. Importantly, the EC also serves as an ethical "backstop" so that anyone working within the Alliance can bring forward concerns related to the ethical conduct of research and have a place where their issue can be confidentially addressed, in the interest of protecting our patients and the foundation of all we do in the Alliance."

Fay J. Hlubocky, PhD, MA, and Jeffrey M. Peppercorn, MD, MPH
Co-Chairs, Alliance Ethics Committee

Complexities of New Clinical Trials Require Increased Skill Level, Training of Clinical Research Professionals

Alliance Clinical Research Professionals Committee

"The role of the Clinical Research Professional (CRP) in oncology NCI sponsored trials has changed over the past several years due to an increase in study complexity, the addition of many new oncologic therapeutic agents, an increase in mutation directed therapy trials, and increased use of technology and programmatic changes ... As we're seeing more complex studies activated, an increased level of skill and training is now required for institutional staff to successfully manage an NCI clinical trial in oncology."



Jennifer Dill, CCRP
Chair, Alliance Clinical Research Professionals Committee

Spotlight on Alliance Trials

Recently Activated Trial

A211801 (BRCA-P Breast Cancer Prevention Study)

March is . . .



National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Learn more about these Alliance colorectal cancer trials:

A021502: ATOMIC (DNA Mismatch Repair)
A021703: SOLARIS (Vitamin D Supplementation)
A221805 (Peripheral Neuropathy)

National Kidney Cancer Awareness Month

Learn more about these Alliance kidney cancer trials:

A301704: PDIGREE (Metastatic Untreated RCC)
A031801: RadiCal (Advanced RCC/Bone Metastasis)
... and Joint GU Webinar - March 9, 2022

Funding Opportunity for Alliance Members

The Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology Foundation announces a request for proposals to support research focused on addressing high-priority research areas defined during the Alliance 2020 Scientific Strategic Retreat.

[Learn more.](#)

Alliance in the News / Cancer Research Briefs

Alliance A011502
[Aspirin Doesn't Improve iDFS in Breast Cancer](#)

Alliance A021804
[NCI Clinical Trial Spotlight: Testing the Addition of an Anticancer Drug, Olaparib, to the Usual Chemotherapy \(Temozolomide\) for Advanced Neuroendocrine Cancer](#)

AFT-05 (PALLAS)
[Safety of Adjuvant CDK4/6 Inhibitors During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

CALGB 90601
[Results of Bevacizumab-Chemotherapy Combinations for Patients with Advanced Urothelial Cancer - Expert Commentary](#)

Alliance A041202
[Anti-CD20 Monoclonal Antibodies for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia](#)

New Cancer Research
[NCI Seeks to Develop Clinical Trial of MCED Tests](#)

Cancer Research Opinion
[Congressional Inaction Harms Federally Funded Oncology Research and Our Patients: The Time for the Cancer Community to Act is Now](#)

Alliance Group Chair
[Monica Bertagnolli, M.D., FACS joins Prevent Cancer Board of Directors](#)

Alliance Ethics Committee Chair
[Jeffrey Peppercorn, MD, MPH, Named Editor-in-Chief of JCO Oncology Practice](#)

Alliance Committee Co-Vice Chair
[Ian E. Krop, MD, PhD, Named Chief Clinical Research Officer, Associate Cancer Center Director for Clinical Research at Yale Cancer Center](#)

