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MESSAGE FROM THE GROUP CHAIR 'Productive, Challenging Year'



Monica Bertagnoli

On September 29, the Alliance Executive Committee convened a two-day strategic planning retreat to review our progress and make plans to accomplish both immediate and long-term goals. Sadly, there was one empty seat at the table. Dan Sargent, our talented and much admired Group Statistician, had passed away just one week earlier. The meeting went forward nevertheless, and generated many ideas and great enthusiasm among the participants. As

a result of the retreat, we are developing a number of new projects, including exciting cross-disease initiatives in immunotherapy and biomarker development. We made plans for even greater integration of research across the other NCTN Network Operations Groups and the NCI Community Oncology Research Program. [Read more](#)

[MEMORIAL VIDEO TRIBUTE](#) [Daniel J. Sargent, PhD, Principal Investigator, Statistics & Data Management Program; Group Statistician for Alliance](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS **Alliance Names Four Most Notable, Original Manuscripts**

MEETINGS

2017 - Spring & Fall
- May 11-13 | Chicago
- November 2-4 | Chicago

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Alliance Leaders Elected to ASCO Posts](#)

[Recent Alliance Protocol Activations - Open Studies](#)

[Recap: Alliance @ASH Meeting](#)

[Alliance Selects New Administrative, Committee Leaders](#)

[New Staff at the Alliance](#)

[New NCI Liaisons to Alliance Cancer Control Program](#)

[Take a Look at NCI Trials in Precision Medicine](#)

DID YOU KNOW...

[A Searchable Listing of Published Manuscripts + Abstracts is on Alliance Public Website](#)

[There's a the Handy Alliance Glossary of Abbreviations, Acronyms and Terminology easily accessible on both Alliance Public and Member Websites](#)

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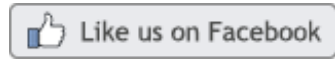
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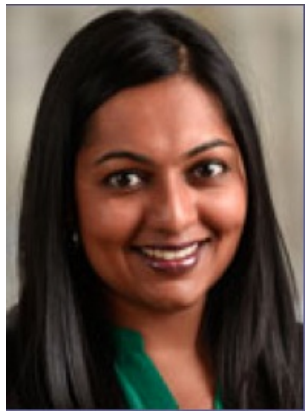
Lisa Carey



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The **Alliance Publications Committee**, in collaboration with the Group Chair's Office, continues a tradition that began in 2012 to highlight and share our Group's notable publications. Each year, abstracts from the most significant Alliance original manuscripts published in print in the preceding 12 months are featured in meeting publications and highlighted at the Fall Group Meeting. The four manuscripts selected for this year were chosen from 63 original Alliance manuscripts published between September 1, 2015 and August 31, 2016. [Read more](#)

Three Investigators Receive Alliance Foundation Awards



Deborah Schrag



Katherine Reeder-Hayes



Alice Mims

Three Alliance investigators have been selected to receive awards through the **Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology Foundation**. The Alliance Foundation offers annual research grants to support innovative Alliance researchers in two ways: through the Richard L. Schilksy CALGB Achievement Award, which identifies and honors "unsung heroes" of the Alliance, and the Alliance Scholar Awards, which support oncology junior faculty working at Alliance institutions. Award recipients include **Deborah Schrag, MD, MPH**; **Katherine Reeder-Hayes, MD, MBA, MSc**; and **Alice Mims, MD, MSCR**. [Read more](#)

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