

Alliance Awards Support Innovative Researchers

The Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology Foundation invites applications for grants to support research activities of oncology junior faculty at Alliance institutions.

2012 Alliance Clinical Scholar Award **2012 Alliance Investigator Award**

The Clinical Scholar Award and Investigator Award support research that assesses interventions in cancer patients and/or examines biological specimens obtained from cancer patients. These awards are exclusively for oncology junior faculty (ranked below Associate Professor) at Alliance institutions, who have completed training in an oncology clinical specialty (e.g., medical, surgical, radiation, gynecologic, etc.). Award submissions are limited to research related to the research agenda of the Alliance scientific committees.

Clinical Scholar award recipients must be within four to six years of a faculty appointment at the time of the award and will receive up to \$40,000 plus 10 percent overhead each year for two years. Investigator award recipients must be within one to three years of a faculty appointment at the time of the award and will receive up to \$30,000 plus 10 percent overhead for one year. Each award is non-renewable. Projects supported by other non-institutional funds are not eligible.

A Scientific Review Committee, which will be named at the Alliance Group Meeting in June 2012, will review applications and select award recipients.

For more information and instructions on how to submit an application, visit the Alliance web site at www.alliance-website.org or contact Denise Collins-Brennan at dcollinsbrennan@partners.org. The deadline for submission is January 2012.



Alliance Group Meeting Plenary Session: The Genetic Basis for Cancer Therapeutics

William R. Sellers, MD

Vice President and Global Head of Oncology
Novartis Institute of Biomedical Research, Inc.

Keynote Speaker

Saturday, November 19
10 am
InterContinental
Chicago O'Hare

The Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology proudly presents noted researcher, Dr. William Sellers, as keynote speaker at the 2011 Alliance Group Meeting Plenary Session. Dr. Sellers' research endeavors have focused on understanding genetic alterations in prostate cancer and elucidating the role of mutations in PTEN in deregulation of PI3K signaling.

At Novartis, Dr. Sellers oversees the small molecule and antibody-based drug discovery efforts conducted by research groups based in Cambridge, MA, Basel, Switzerland and Emeryville, CA.

To register for the meeting, please go to www.alliance-website.org

Alliance Member Web Site Now Available

All Alliance members now have access to the new secure Alliance Member area on the web site. The site was created to meet immediate member information needs, and contains information not available to the general public. It does not contain information specific to each legacy Group such as protocols and data forms, which are available on individual legacy web sites.

To access to the new web site, follow these simple steps:

- Log in to a browser and type the following URL: <http://www.alliance-website.org> to open the public Alliance web site.
- Click Alliance Member Login under the Navigation heading on the left side of the page.
- On the Member Login page, click the tab for your legacy Group.
- Enter the Username and Password you use to access your legacy web site.
- When your login is successful, you will see your Alliance account page.
- Click Member Information under the Navigation heading to view the Alliance Member site.

TIP: Before logging in to the Alliance Member web site, try logging in to your legacy member web site and resolve any current Username and/or Password problems.

If you need help accessing the new web site, contact your legacy Group by e-mail:

- ACOSOG – acosogweb@mc.duke.edu
- CALGB – calgb-support@calgb.duhs.duke.edu
- NCCTG – cancerroster@mayo.edu

Alliance Committee Chairs

Office of the Group Chair

Disease: Breast

Gastrointestinal
Genitourinary
Leukemia
Lymphoma
Myeloma
Neuro-Oncology
Respiratory

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Modality: Clinical Research Professionals

Oncology Nursing

Patient Advocate

Radiation Oncology

Transplant

Administrative: Audit

Conflict of Interest

Constitution and Bylaws

Data and Safety Monitoring Board

Ethics

Experimental Therapeutics

Institutional Performance Evaluation

Membership

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Darryl Grendahl, RPh, *Mayo Clinic*

Central Protocol Operations

Publications

Study Concept Review

Edith Perez, MD, *Mayo Clinic*
Monica Bertagnolli, MD, *Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center*

Cancer Control Program

Cancer in the Elderly

Community Oncology

Comparative Effectiveness Research

Health Disparities

Health Outcomes

Prevention

Symptom Intervention

Hyman Muss, MD, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
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Robert Behrens, MD, *Iowa Oncology Research Association*
Jeffrey Kirshner, MD, *Hematology Oncology Associates of Central New York*
Walter Peters, MD, *Columbia Surgical Associates*
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Ethan Basch, MD, *Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center*
Jeffrey Sloan, MD, *Mayo Clinic*
James Marshall, MD, *Roswell Park Cancer Institute*
Charles Loprinzi, MD, *Mayo Clinic*

Translational Research Program

Imaging

Leukemia Correlative Sciences

Pathology

Pharmacogenomics and

Population Pharmacology

Lawrence Schwartz, MD, *Columbia University*
Guido Marcucci, MD, *The Ohio State University Medical Center*
Eric Hsi, MD, *Cleveland Clinic*
Mark Ratain, MD, *University of Chicago*

American College of Surgeons Clinical Research Program

Member Services

Education

Cancer Care Standards Development

Research and Development

Mitchell Posner, MD, *University of Chicago*
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James Fleshman, MD, *Washington University School of Medicine*
Stephen Edge, MD, *Roswell Park Cancer Institute*

About Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology

The Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology is a newly formed cancer cooperative group funded by the National Cancer Institute. Created in 2011 by the merger of three legacy Groups (American College of Surgeons Oncology Group/ACOSOG, Cancer and Leukemia Group B/CALGB, and North Central Cancer Treatment Group/NCCTG), the Alliance is a single, integrated cooperative group that will develop and conduct more efficient clinical research studies, helping to bring clinical trial results to patients more quickly.

Our vision is to reduce the impact of cancer by uniting a broad community of scientists and clinicians from many disciplines that are committed to discovering, validating and disseminating effective strategies for the prevention and treatment of cancer.

Key Alliance research areas include, but are not limited to, breast, gastrointestinal, genitourinary, leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, neuro-oncology, respiratory, transplant, experimental therapeutics, cancer control, and translational research. The preferred short name of the Group is "Alliance."

Alliance Structure

The Alliance is comprised of the Office of the Group Chair and five programs (*shown below*), Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Office of the Group Chair							
Leukemia	Lymphoma	Breast	Gastro-intestinal	Genito-urinary	Respiratory	Myeloma	Neuro-Oncology
Advocates	Clinical Research Associates	Oncology Nursing	Radiation Oncology	Transplant	Experimental Therapeutics		
STATISTICS AND DATA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	CENTRAL PROTOCOL OPERATIONS PROGRAM	TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM	CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM	AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS CLINICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM			
Statistics and Data Center	Protocol Office	Integrated Biorepositories	CCOP Research Base	Commission on Cancer			
Biostatistics	Study Concept Review Committee	Leukemia Correlative Sci	Symptom Intervention	Member Services			
		Solid Tumor Correlative Sci	Health Outcomes	Mentorship			
Bioinformatics	Publications Committee	Imaging	Cancer in the Elderly	National Cancer Database			
		Pharmacogenomics & Population Pharmacology	Community Oncology	Surgical QA/QC			
		Pathology	Prevention				
		Karyotype Review	Health Disparities				
			Comparative Effectiveness				

ALLIANCE MISSION

To reduce the impact of cancer by conducting high quality multidisciplinary cancer control, prevention, and treatment trials that engage a comprehensive research network; furthering our understanding of the biological basis of the cancer process and its treatment from discovery, to validation, to clinical practice; and providing a scientific and operational infrastructure for innovative clinical and translational research in the academic and community settings.

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