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Registration Now Open for Alliance Fall Group Meeting



The **Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology** will convene its 2016 Fall Group Meeting in Chicago November 2-5. Scientists, clinical research professionals, patient advocates and others interested in the latest developments in cancer research are expected to attend the four-day meeting at the Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel. Meeting attendees will select from nearly 100 disease, modality, administrative and special sessions to attend led by distinguished oncology researchers and clinical trial specialists from across the country. This meeting will showcase novel and innovative cancer control, prevention, and treatment trials that are conducted by investigators through a multidisciplinary academic and community research network, which is part of the NCI National Clinical Trials Network (NCTN) and Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP).

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MEETINGS

2016 - Fall

- November 2-5 | Chicago

2017 - Spring & Fall

- May 11-13 | Chicago

- November 2-4 | Chicago

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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[Recent Alliance Protocol Activations Through October 1](#)

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[Information about Alliance Foundation Trials is available at \[www.AllianceFoundationTrials.org\]\(http://www.AllianceFoundationTrials.org\)](#)

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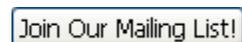
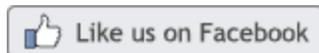
The cancer clinical research community suffered a tremendous loss on September 22, 2016 with the passing of **Daniel J. Sargent, PhD**, due to a sudden unexpected illness. Dan was a lifelong resident of Minnesota. He earned a BS in Mathematics and PhD in Biostatistics from the University of Minnesota, and then joined the faculty of the Mayo Clinic Rochester in 1996. At the time of his passing, he was the Ralph S. and Beverley E. Caulkins Professor of Cancer Research, and the Chair of the Division of Biomedical Statistics and

Informatics in the Department of Health Sciences Research at the Mayo Clinic. Dan was a world expert in the area of oncology clinical trials.

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FUNDING SUPPORT

Four Investigators Receive Funding Awards Through the Alliance Cancer Control Program



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Four Alliance investigators have been selected to receive funding awards through the **Alliance Cancer Control Program (CCP)**. The Alliance NCORP Research Base, which is supported by the NCI Division of Cancer Prevention (DCP), supports Alliance researchers and junior investigators and their work through annual funding awards: **Alliance CCP Pilot Project Award** and **Alliance CCP Junior Faculty Award**. This year, three projects have been selected to receive the pilot project award; however, none were selected for the junior faculty award. [Read more](#)

Alliance Researcher Approved for \$5.45M Funding Award for Patient-Centered Research



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An Alliance researcher has been approved for a multi-year funding award from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) to fund comparative effectiveness research that will study electronic patient reporting of symptoms during outpatient cancer treatment. **Ethan M. Basch, MD, MSc**, is Director of Cancer Outcomes Research Program at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Professor in Department of Medicine in the Division of Hematology and Oncology at the UNC-Chapel Hill. He is a Co-Chair

of the Alliance Health Outcomes Committee and a member of the Alliance American College of Surgeons Clinical Research Program's Cancer Care Delivery Research Committee. [Read more](#)

NCI Selects Alliance Researcher to Co-Chair Cancer Care Delivery Research Coordinating Committee

George J. Chang, MD, MS, FACS, FASCRS, an Alliance researcher, has been nominated and selected to serve as Co-Chair for the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Care Delivery Research (CCDR) Coordinating Committee. He will join two others (Ruth Carlos, MD, and Matthew Hudson, MD) in the co-chair positions. Dr. Chang is a Professor in the Department of Surgical Oncology-Division of Surgery; Chief in the Section of Colon and Rectal Surgery; Director of Clinical Operations for Minimally Invasive and New Technologies in the Oncologic Surgery Program; and Associate Medical Director of the Colorectal Center at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. He is also Chair of the Alliance Cancer Care Delivery Research Committee, which is part of the Alliance Cancer Control Program.



Chang

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SPOTLIGHT ON ALLIANCE TRIALS

Stereotactic Radiosurgery May Be Best for Patients with Metastatic Brain Tumors

Patients with three or fewer metastatic brain tumors who received treatment with stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) had less cognitive deterioration three months after treatment than patients who received SRS combined with whole brain radiation therapy (WBRT). These findings are according to the results of an **Alliance trial - NCCTG N107C A phase III trial of post-surgical stereotactic radiosurgery compared with whole brain radiotherapy (WBRT) for resected metastatic brain disease** - published recently in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

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