



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Quarterly Newsletter

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Message from Leadership

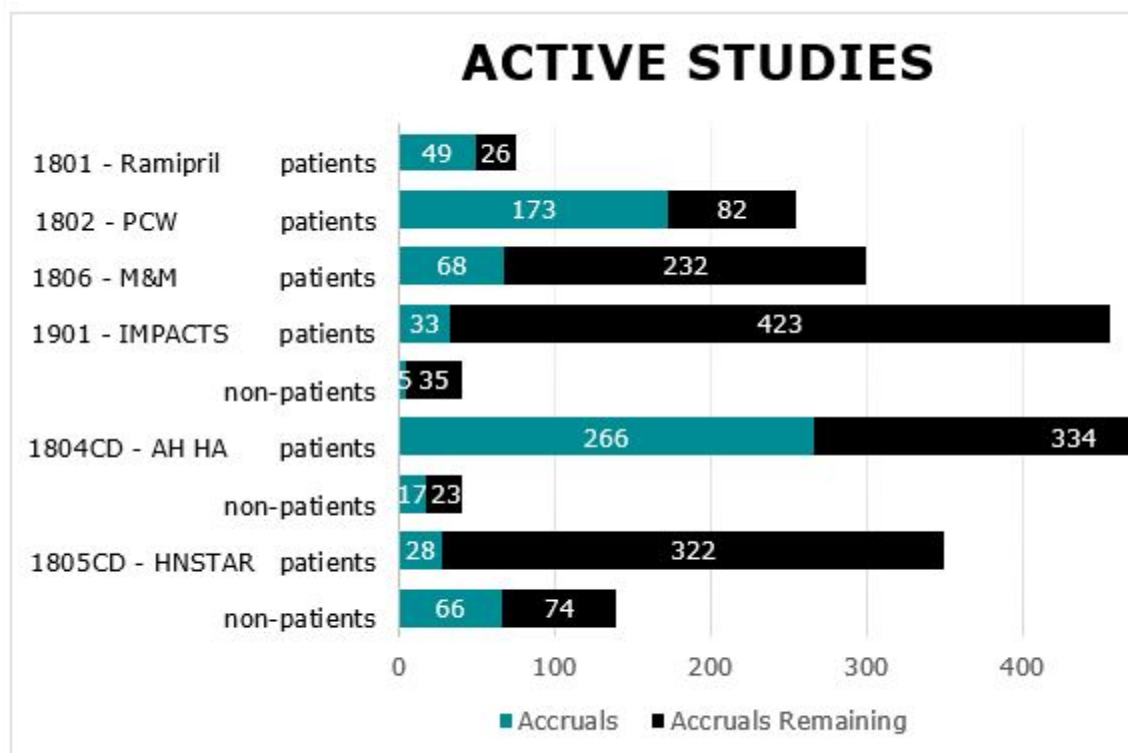
Dear NCORP Community Colleagues-

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Community Connections! On behalf of the entire Wake Forest NCORP team, we send wishes for health and happiness in 2022. As we enter into the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, we recognize that it is certainly not “oncology research as usual”. Oncology clinical trials in the pandemic era take an extraordinary amount of persistence, flexibility, and dedication, and we are grateful for the efforts of all members of the NCORP team. Within the Wake Forest Research Base, we have taken efforts to streamline protocols when possible and to minimize required in-person contact to protect patients and research staff. By making trials more accessible to patients, we hope these changes will result in increased and more diverse accrual to our NCORP trials.

This spring the Wake Forest NCORP Research Base will once again lead efforts to collect data for the NCORP-wide Landscape Assessment of affiliates and sub-affiliates. Similar data were collected in 2015 and 2017 and have informed numerous study proposals, grants, and manuscripts. Highlights of our Landscape papers are included as featured research publications in this issue. Please encourage all of your affiliates to participate in this study. Data from diverse NCORP practices helps us to develop more appropriate and feasible studies.

We appreciate your partnership and value your feedback. Please reach out at NCORP@wakehealth.edu to let us know what you think about this new quarterly newsletter.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Weaver & Glenn Lesser, NCORP PIs



* Data through 01/11/2022

Study Highlight



WF-1901 IMPACTS - Internet-Delivered Management of Pain Among Cancer Treatment Survivors

For patients who have pain related to their cancer or cancer treatment. This is a parallel group randomized controlled, prospective study that examines the effect of an Internet-based pain coping skills program on pain severity and pain interference among adult cancer survivors

experiencing persistent cancer-related pain.

Brief Eligibility Criteria

- Must have a documented diagnosis of invasive cancer that has been treated with either single modality therapy or any combination of surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy/drug therapy.
- May be either off all treatment OR actively receiving anticancer therapy in an adjuvant setting, maintenance setting, or for active cancer that is felt to be stable and/or controlled and not rapidly progressive as per treating clinician judgement at the time of screening.
- Patients who are no longer receiving anticancer therapy must be ≤ 5 years since the completion of their anticancer therapy (e.g., time since the last day of chemotherapy administration, time since last day of radiotherapy, etc.).
- Patients do not have to be on medications of any kind in order to participate. If they are taking analgesics, they must be on a stable analgesic regimen over a period of at least 14 days prior to enrollment.

If you would like to be involved in this exciting study; please contact us at NCORP@wakehealth.edu for more information.

Top 4 Accruing CC Affiliates*

Rank	Affiliates	Accruals
1	NC002 - Wake Forest University Health Sciences	14
2	SC024 - Spartanburg Medical Center (UPSTATE)	10
3	IL101 - Illinois CancerCare-Peoria (Heartland)	6
	IL036 -Northwestern University	
4	VA010 - VCU/Massey Cancer Center (VCU MU)	3
	SC060 - Prisma Health Cancer Institute (Greenville)	
	IL042 - John H Stroger Jr Hospital of Cook County (Stroger MU)	
	HI012 - Kapiolani Medical Ctr for Women & Children (Hawaii MU)	

* Data from 8/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

Site Highlight

Cancer Research for the Ozarks

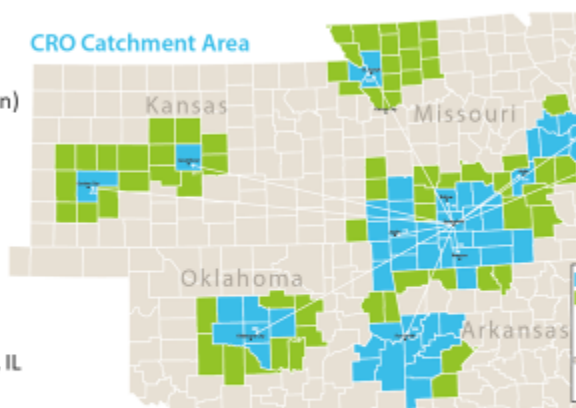
For the past 36 years, since 1985, Cancer Research for the Ozarks (CRO) has been a collaborative effort (50/50 equal partnership) between Mercy Springfield and CoxHealth, located in Springfield, Missouri. CRO has a mission rooted in the spirit of collaboration. We are inspired by our faith-based call to serve others; we seek to promote the quality of life within the communities we serve by providing innovative cancer research, education, and personal, compassionate presence with our patients, family members and staff. We offer NCI sponsored trials to our patients and providers in their

home communities by participating in treatment, cancer control and prevention, and cancer care delivery research.

Ozark Health Ventures, LLC (OHV) is the recipient of the NCORP grant. OHV is governed by a six-member board comprised of three leaders from each core institution (CoxHealth and Mercy Springfield). Dr. Jay Carlson is the PI of CRO, Kristina Gardner is the Director and Judy Hancock is the CCDR Program Manager. CRO currently has 20 Component sites, located across five states, with a waiting list of eight additional locations under review.

Cancer Research for the Ozarks

- CRO currently has 20 Component sites located across 5 states
- 10 Component sites are Mercy locations
- 2 are CoxHealth locations (Springfield and Branson)
- 3 at Central Care Cancer Centers (Bolivar, MO; Garden City, KS; Great Bend, KS)
- 1 at Heartland/Mosaic in St. Joseph, MO
- 1 at Freeman Health in Joplin, MO
- 1 at Phelps County Regional Medical Center in Rolla, MO
- 1 at SSM Health – Good Samaritan in Mt. Vernon, IL
- 1 at OSF Saint Anthony's in Alton, IL
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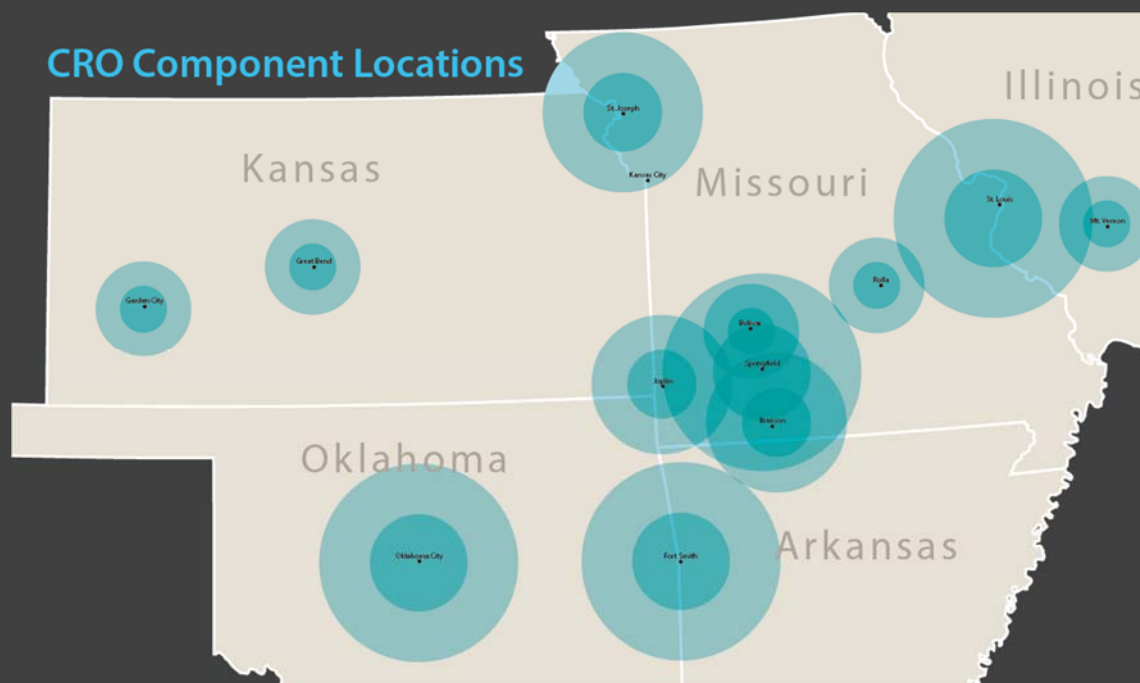


CRO is fortunate to be a member of all seven Research Bases. Membership gives us many benefits as well as opportunities to make available, studies to our core and component sites; who in turn can offer those studies to their patients in their own communities.

We are especially excited to have collaborated with Wake Forest Research base on a number of studies, both present and past. We have successfully participated in the CCDR studies – Caregivers, OaSIS, Telehealth, and AH-HA. CRO has also worked with patients on WF1801, WF1802, WF1806 and

WF10217. We look forward to many more collaborations.

Despite the pressures of Covid on healthcare and research, during 2020/2021, CRO exceeded our established NCI goals with Accruals at 61% above goal and Bio-Specimen and Special Entry Submissions at 39% above goal. We are honored to be one of 46 NCI NCORPs.



Do you have site or staff that should be recognized? Please submit recommendations to NCORP@wakehealth.edu with "Quarterly Newsletter Site/Staff Highlight" in the subject line.

Top Accruing Investigators by Study

(from 8/1/2021 - 12/31/2021)

WF-1801

1. Gary Von Burton, MD (1) – LA017, Gulf South MU
2. Glenn Lesser, MD (1) – NC002, WFSM

WF-1802

1. Ashok Hemal, MD (12) – NC002, WFSM
2. Drew Monitto, MD (6) – SC024, Upstate

WF-1804CD

1. Marcia L. Hernandez, DO (24) – MO043, Ozarks
2. Jenny Marie Hanna, NP (20) – AR012, Ozarks

WF-1805CD

1. Sharad Ghamande, MD (4) – GA020, GACARES MU
2. Evan Graboyes, MD (4) – SC008, MUSC MU

WF-1806

1. Thomas E. Lad, MD (3) - IL042, Stroger MU
2. 12 other investigators have 1 accrual

WF-1901

1. Christine Rini, PhD (6) – Northwestern University
2. 4 other investigators have 2 accruals

Top CC Accruing Investigators

(from 8/1/2021 - 12/31/2021)



Ashok Hemal, MD -
WFSM (12)



Drew Monitto, MD -
Upstate NCORP (6)



Christine Rini, PhD -
Northwestern University (6)

Top CCDR Accruing Investigators

(from 8/1/2021 - 12/31/2021)



Marcia Hernandez, DO -
Ozarks NCORP (22)



Jenny Marie Hanna, NP -
Ozarks NCORP (20)



Meet Dr. Emily Dressler

Emily Dressler is an Associate Professor and Vice Chair in the Department of Biostatistics and Data Science at Wake Forest (WF) School of Medicine and the lead biostatistician with the WF NCORP RB. She earned her PhD in the Division of Biostatistics at the Medical University of South Carolina and was previously at the University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center prior to

coming to WF. Her primary methodological research interest is in clinical trials, specifically adaptive designs. Dr. Dressler oversees and assists with study design, randomization, monitoring, data intake/management and interim/final analyses where applicable for our portfolio of studies. She is an active member of the Society for Clinical Trials, AACR, ASCO, and ASA and was faculty for the ASCO/AACR Methods in Clinical Cancer Research Workshop. She also has two little boys, Emerson (4) and Hunter (2), who make everything entertaining and often make an appearance on NCORP meetings!

Featured Publications from Landscape Assessments

Wake Forest NCORP investigators have led and contributed to several papers that make use of data from the 2015 and 2017 NCORP CCDR Landscape Assessments.

McLouth LE, Nightingale CL, Dressler EV, Snaveley AC, Hudson MF, Unger JM, Kazak AE, Lee SJC, Edward J, Carlos R, Kamen CS, Neuman HB, Weaver KE. Current Practices for Screening and Addressing Financial Hardship within the NCI Community Oncology Research Program. *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev.* 2021 Apr;30(4):669-675. doi: 10.1158/1055-9965.EPI-20-1157. Epub 2020 Dec 21. PMID: 33355237; PMCID: PMC8026561.

Nightingale CL, Sterba KR, McLouth LE, Kent EE, Dressler EV, Dest A, Snaveley AC, Adonizio CS, Wojtowicz M, Neuman HB, Kazak AE, Carlos RC, Hudson MF, Unger JM, Kamen CS, **Weaver KE**. Caregiver Engagement Practices in the National Cancer Institute Clinical Oncology Research Program (NCORP) Settings: Implications for Research to Advance the Field. *Cancer.* 2020; 127, 639-647. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cncr.33296>.

Williams GR, Weaver KE, Lesser GJ, et al. Capacity to Provide Geriatric Specialty Care for Older Adults in Community Oncology Practices. *The Oncologist.* 2020;25(12):1032-1038.

Carlos RC, Sicks JD, Chiles C, et al. Lung cancer screening in the National Cancer Institute Community Oncology Research Program: availability and service organization. Journal of the American College of Radiology. 2019;16(4):427-434.

Cathcart-Rake EJ, Zemla T, Jatoi A, et al. Acquisition of sexual orientation and gender identity data among NCI Community Oncology Research Program practice groups. Cancer. 2019;125(8):1313-1318.

Upcoming Meetings

NCORP Webinar Series

Registration is Now Open:

[click on link below]

<https://events.cancer.gov/hdrp/ncorpccdrwebinars/registration>

Our team of Research Base, Community Site, Minority/Underserved Community Site, and NCI representatives is pleased to invite you to a three-part webinar series titled "Collaborating to Develop New Practice Randomization Trials for NCORP Cancer Care Delivery Research (CCDR)." The series will provide an opportunity to share experiences with these types of trials and strategize about how best to conduct similar trials in the future. It is designed to be broadly applicable to NCORP members involved in CCDR, regardless of their level of engagement with practice randomized trials.

January 26th, 2022: "Making the Numbers Work: Design Considerations in NCORP CCDR Trials" 4 - 5:30pm EST

Goal: discuss approaches to balance the design features and analysis plans of future NCORP CCDR practice-randomized trials and the reality of their conduct in NCORP CCDR. The emphasis will be on pre-protocol approval activities.

Each webinar will include opportunities for attendees to interact with panelists. Attendance is limited to those affiliated with an NCORP Site or Research Base to allow for open discussion.

Health Equity Core

Please join the Health Equity Core (HEC) membership for their February 11 meeting, at 2:00pm EST if you would like to help plan HEC activities for 2022!



Save the Date

**Wake Forest NCORP Research Base
9th Annual Meeting**

October 10 – 12, 2022



Healthy Recipe



Taco Soup

Prep Time 10 mins

Cook Time 20 mins

Makes 11 (1 cup) servings

160 calories per serving

Ingredients

1/2 yellow onion or one small yellow onion, finely chopped

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 pound lean ground turkey or preferred ground meat

1 (15 oz) can black beans, drained and rinsed (kidney beans would work too)

1 (11-15 oz) can (Mexican-style or fiesta or regular style corn), drained and rinsed

1 (4.5 oz) can green chiles (optional)

2 (14.5 oz) cans fire roasted (or regular) crushed tomato

2 cups low sodium chicken broth (veggie or beef broth work fine too)

1 packet store bought taco seasoning

Instructions

Heat about 1 teaspoon oil (or use cooking spray) in a pot over medium high heat. Add onion and cook for about 3 mins and then add garlic and cook for another 1-2 mins.

Add ground turkey and cook, breaking it up as you go, until it is browned.

Add remaining soup ingredients and turn heat down to a simmer.

Simmer for 10-30 minutes to bring the flavors together. Adjust thickness with water if desired.

Serve with desired toppings. Enjoy!



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but the research findings have changed."**



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