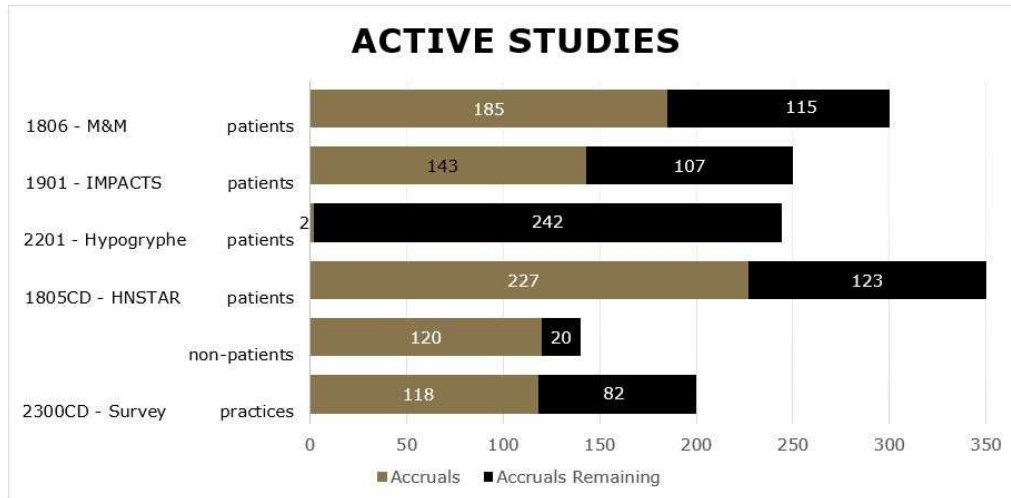




COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Study Highlight: TASTE WF-2302 - COMING SOON!



WF-2302 A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Pilot Study of Lactoferrin for Taste and Smell Disturbances in Cancer Patients Receiving Therapy

The primary objective of this study is to compare the impact of 30 days of lactoferrin supplementation to placebo on self-reported chemotherapy-induced taste disturbances. We are looking for adult patients who have a pathologically confirmed diagnosis of malignancy and who are receiving platinum- or taxane-based chemotherapy.

Reasons your patients should get involved:

- Taste and Smell abnormalities are common among individuals receiving cytotoxic therapy (i.e. platinum- and taxane-based chemotherapy)
- Taste and Smell abnormalities may cause disruptions in quality of life, social relationships, psychological and emotional function, and nutrition.
- Taste and Smell abnormalities are linked with **treatment delay** and **withdrawal, food avoidance, altered nutritional intake, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, and weight loss**.
- **Currently, there are no established effective therapies for Taste and Smell abnormalities.**

Study Highlights:

- **Home delivery of study supplement** (Lactoferrin / placebo).
- **Prepaid envelopes** to mail back assessments and supplement bottle/diary.
 - **B-SIT®**- Brief Smell Identification Test
 - **B-WETT®-SA-27** -Brief Self-Administered Waterless Empirical Taste Test™
 - **Pill counts** will be done by the WF NCORP Research Base.
- Study timeframe = **60 days**
- T3 - 60-Day – *Assessments Optional* except for Adverse Event Assessment
- Participant **gift cards** at Baseline (T1) and 30-day (T2).

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

Top Accruing CC Affiliates*

Rank	Affiliates	Accruals
1	SC053 - Prisma Health Cancer Institute - Butternut (Prisma Health)	3
	IL036 - Northwestern University	
2	WI067 - Saint Vincent Hospital Cancer Ctr at Saint Mary's (WINCORP)	2
	NC002 - Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center	
	MN054 - North Memorial Medical Health Center (MMCORC)	
	MI017 - Trinity Health Saint Mary Mercy Livonia Hospital (MCRC)	
	DE040 - Beebe Health Campus (Delaware/Christiana Care)	

* Data from 10/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

Top Accruing CC DR Affiliates*

Rank	Affiliates	Accruals
1	WI028 - Aspirus Regional Cancer Center (CROWN)	5
2	HI005 - Queen's Medical Center (Hawaii MU)	4
3	SC108 - Saint Francis Cancer Center (Upstate)	3
4	SC024 - Spartanburg Medical Center (Upstate)	2
	OH122 - Licking Memorial Hospital (Columbus)	
	MN001 - Regions Hospital (MMCORC)	
	IL168 - Carle Cancer Center (Carle)	

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Site Highlight: MaineHealth NCORP



MaineHealth is a not-for-profit integrated health system consisting of nine local health systems that span throughout Maine and New Hampshire. With approximately 22,000 employees, MaineHealth provides preventive care, diagnosis and treatment to 1.1 million residents in Maine and New Hampshire.

As of 2019, cancer patients across Maine and the Mount Washington Valley of New Hampshire have access to more advanced clinical trials in their home communities, thanks National Cancer Institute (NCI). MaineHealth NCORP came to fruition, and became a member of the NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP). The goal has been to implement a new cancer research program that aims to reach more Mainers in their own cities and towns, ensuring they have access to the best possible patient care. Through this funding, MaineHealth Cancer Care Network Lifespan Program was established and designed to bring the latest research in cancer prevention, cancer treatment and cancer care delivery to Mainers. Regardless of their location, team members collaborate (both in person and via telecommunications) to discuss individual patient cases, utilize evidence-based guidelines that show the best outcomes, and develop a recommended treatment plan and offer clinical trials that may include care at more than one MaineHealth system hospital.

MaineHealth NCORP consists of 23 CTEP sites, including hospitals: Franklin Memorial Hospital, LincolnHealth, Maine General Health, Maine Medical Center, Memorial Hospital, Mid Coast Hospital, Pen Bay Medical Center, Waldo County General Hospital, Southern Maine Health Care, and Stephens Memorial Hospital and St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. In addition, MaineHealth NCORP has 90 investigators and 72 clinical research coordinators and pharmacists enrolling patients in clinical trials at every stage of the cancer continuum, from prevention to survival.

Some fun research-related facts about MaineHealth NCORP include:

- We maintain a balanced portfolio of trials in prevention, early detection, quality of life, therapeutic, and bio-repository
- We currently have more than 55 actively enrolling studies and many others that are still actively following participants
- We currently are the 2nd highest enroller in the country to the Cancer Moonshot Biobank Study
- We are currently 1st in the country in enrollment to the A221803 Study for Reducing Radiation Dermatitis in Breast Cancer Patients
- We are currently 6th in the country in our enrollment to the HN009 therapeutic study for advanced Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Head and Neck
- 55% of our accruals have come from patients living in a rural area bringing key study opportunities to a historically underserved population

- We have established as a national leader with 4 physicians currently serving on NCI Committees
- We have 4 members serving on Wake Forest committees informing national protocols in Cancer Control, Cancer Care Delivery and Health Equity
- We have developed and implemented an NCORP Quality Monitoring plan to improve the quality of research conduct and mitigate audit risk
- We recently received certification by the QOPI® Certification Program, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Association for Clinical Oncology (the Association) and an affiliate of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (the Society). The QOPI® Certification Program builds on the Society's Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®), providing a three-year certification for outpatient hematology-oncology practices that meet nationally recognized standards for quality cancer care.

NCORP Contact PI: Dr. Scot Remick
NCORP Administrator: Jill Prescott

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 10/01/2023 - 12/31/2023)

WF-1801

1. **Roy Strowd, MD (1) – NC002**
Glenn Lesser, MD (1) – NC002
Sinisa Stanic, MD (1) – IL168, Carle
Christopher Spencer, MD (1) – MO052, Ozarks

WF-1805CD

1. **Heather Sloan, APRN-RX (4) - HI005, Hawaii MU**
2. **Christopher Platta, MD (3) - WI028, WI146, CROWN**

WF-1806

1. **Christopher Thomas, MD (3) - SC053, Prisma Health**
2. **Nisarg Rajendra Desai, MD (2) - DE040, Christiana**

WF-1901

1. **Christine Rini, PhD (3) - IL036**
2. *10 others had 1 accrual*

WF-2201

1. **Jeremy Kilburn, MD (1) - SC024, Upstate**

Top CC Accruing Investigators

(from 10/01/2023 - 12/31/2023)



Christopher Thomas, MD
SC053, Prisma Health (3)



Christine Rini, PhD
IL036 (3)

Top CCDR Accruing Investigators

(from 10/01/2023 - 12/31/2023)



Heather Sloan, APRN-RX
HI005, Hawaii MU (4)



Christopher Platta, MD
WI028, WI146, CROWN (3)

Meet Wake Forest NCORP Research Base Staff: Diana Gunter



Mrs. Diana Gunter is the newest addition to our Wake Forest NCORP Research Base Team and will work primarily with our regulatory division. Diana comes to us with a BS in Clinical Laboratory Science from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has experience in the hospital lab setting as a Medical Technologist and in the clinical research industry as a CRA. She, her husband, and 3 boys live in a rural area north of Greensboro, North Carolina on the land her husband grew up on. They stay busy with Scouts, band, sports, church, and farm responsibilities. She loves to be outside, whether it's water or land activities, except when it's really cold!

New Publications & Presentations

Manuscripts:

- Weaver KE, Dressler EV, Smith S, et al. Cardiovascular health assessment in routine cancer follow-up in community settings: survivor risk awareness and perspectives. BMC Cancer. 2024; 24(158), <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12885-024-11912-8>
- Braun-Inglis CM, Dressler EV, Myers JS, et al. Defining the Role of the Advanced Practice Provider Within the National Cancer Institute Community Oncology Research Program. JCO Oncology Practice. 2023:OP. 23.00501.

Abstracts:

- **NIH HEAL (February 7-8)**
 - Rodriguez-Pardy M, Ramos K, Irby MB, et al. Developing a Culturally Appropriate Non-Opioid Pain Coping Skills Training Intervention for Spanish-Speaking Patients with Cancer Pain Using a Community Engaged Approach
 - Spanish Pain-Trainer
 - Henighan TF, Irby MB, Pardy MR, et al. Internet-delivered Management of Pain Among Cancer Treatment Survivors (IMPACTS WF-1901)
 - IMPACTS

- **2024 International Society for the Study of Women's Sexual Health (ISSWSH) annual meeting (February 22-25)**
 - Shaffer KM, Reese J, Dressler EV, et al. Optimizing internet-based psychosocial intervention for breast cancer-related sexual morbidity: Protocol for a factorial trial
 - SHINE - Poster Presentation
 - **American College of Cardiology Conference (April 6-8)**
 - Daniel L, Bellissimo-Myers M, D'Agostino R, et al. Association of Intermuscular Fat and Physical Activity Levels on Exercise Capacity in Breast Cancer Survivors (WF-97415)
 - UPBEAT - Moderated Poster Presentation
 - Trakhtman E, Mabudian L, D'Agostino R, et al. Lower HDL is associated with reduced LVEF three months following initiation of breast cancer treatment (UPBEAT WF-97415)
 - UPBEAT - Poster Presentation
 - Rodriguez JL, O'Connell NS, Ruddy KJ, et al. Changes in skeletal muscle quality during receipt of anthracycline-based chemotherapy
 - PREVENT - Poster Presentation
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Health Equity Core Updates

Dr. Karen Winkfield is the Co-Chair for the Wake Forest NCORP RB Health Equity Core. The flyer below is for an upcoming presentation (live stream details at the bottom)

THE SIDNEY KIMMEL
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is pleased to announce

The 42nd
DAVID BARAP BRIN
Lecture
IN MEDICAL ETHICS

Justice and Equity in Cancer Care



Karen Winkfield, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Director, Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance

Thursday, February 29, 2024
4:30 pm
Hurd Hall and livestream

For livestream link and additional information, email Christina Dill at dillch@jhmi.edu

Upstate Carolina NCORP Community Advisory Council - Moonshot Biobank Protocol

Upstate Carolina NCORP affiliates Spartanburg Medical Center and Gibbs Cancer Center at Pelham under the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System (SRHS) applied to participate in the Moonshot Biobank protocol. The Biobank is a project to enroll participants with certain cancer who will be receiving targeted therapy and who agree to provide biospecimens at various times. The goal is to obtain samples longitudinally, at baseline, while on treatment, and at progression. During their first year of participation, Moonshot announced yearly supplemental Engagement funding. Spartanburg Medical Center and Gibbs Cancer Center-Pelham had a goal to increase enrollment of African American/Black patients to the Moonshot Biobank protocol and established a Community Advisory Council to help them achieve this.

Read the full write up on the Wake NCORP Website:

<https://wakencorp.phs.wakehealth.edu/health-equity-resources/>



Ms. Julia Lyons, Community Ambassador



Some of the CAC members and support staff

The Wake Forest NCORP Research Base Health Equity Core focuses on recruitment & retention of minority/underserved populations. This group meets quarterly to share best practices, influence study design, discuss community engagement strategies and share resources and tools. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact us at NCORP@wakehealth.edu

Wake Forest NCORP Research Base Annual Meeting

We hope to see you this year October 21-23, 2024 at the Marriott Grande Dunes Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC!



WF NCORP RB Quarterly Calls

The next Quarterly call is scheduled for April 24, 2024. To view the recording from the last quarterly call (January 31, 2024) please click here: <https://vimeo.com/908663991>

Recipe: Loaded Black Bean Nacho Soup



Ingredients:

- 1 (18 ounce) carton low-sodium black bean soup (look for soup with less than 450 mg sodium)
- ¼ teaspoon smoked paprika
- ½ teaspoon lime juice
- ½ cup halved grape tomatoes
- ½ cup shredded cabbage or slaw mix
- 2 tablespoons crumbled cotija cheese or other Mexican-style shredded cheese
- ½ medium avocado, diced
- 2 ounces baked tortilla chips

Directions:

1. Pour soup into a small saucepan and stir in paprika. Heat according to package directions. Stir in lime juice.
2. Divide the soup between 2 bowls and top with tomatoes, cabbage (or slaw), cheese and avocado. Serve with tortilla chips.

Recipe from: <https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/269841/loaded-black-bean-nacho-soup/>



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