



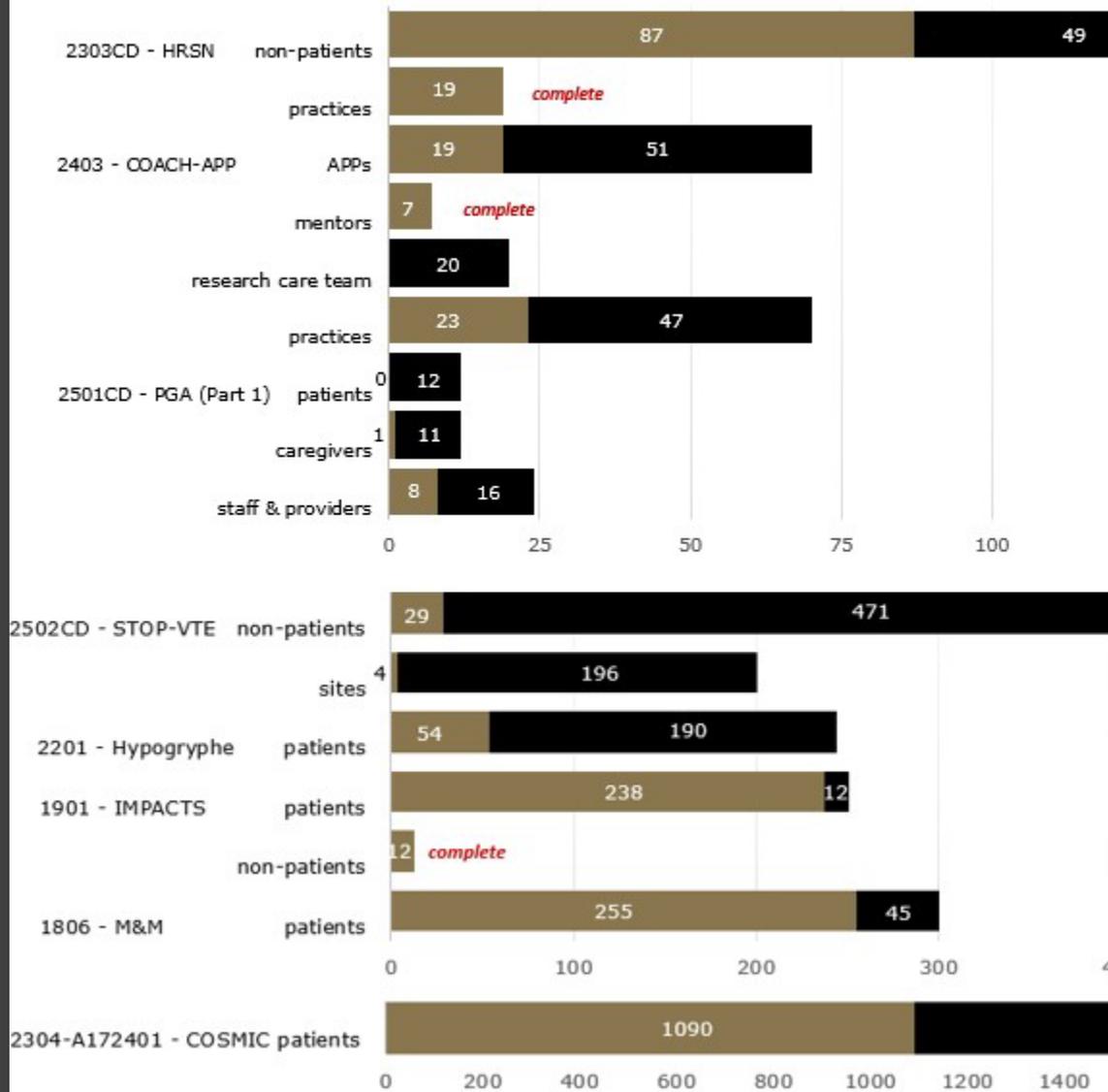
COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Quarterly Newsletter

February 2026

Study Accruals

ACTIVE STUDIES



* Data through 02/19/2026

Study Highlight: WF-2502CD STOP-VTE



Surgical Thromboprophylaxis Practices in Oncology Patients within the NCORP Network (STOP-VTE)

Study Chair: Thomas Curran, MD

Study Population: Surgeons who perform abdominopelvic cancer surgery (i.e., gastrointestinal (GI), genitourinary (GU), gynecologic (GYN)) or surgical advanced practice providers (APPs) who assist with post-operative care for these patients within the NCORP network.

Sample Size

Part 1: CURRENTLY ENROLLING! A survey will be distributed to identify surgeons performing abdominopelvic cancer surgery or surgical APPs who assist with post-operative care for these patients within NCORP sites.

Surgeons/surgical APPs: n = 100 (min)

Sites: n = 25 (min)

Part 2: A subset of surgeons and surgical APPs that participated in Part 1 will be identified using purposive sampling to ensure a cohort inclusive of key characteristics of surgeons and surgical APPs treating cancer within NCORP.

Subset of surgeons/surgical APPs from Part 1 for interviews: n = 11 to 25

Part 3: A subset of practices that were self-identified in Part 1 will be chosen using purposive sampling to assess the feasibility of extraction of extended venous thromboembolism (VTE) prophylaxis (ePPx) utilization from the electronic health record

(EHR) and to retrospectively assess adherence to ePPx after cancer surgery via EHR query. A practice is defined for this study as one or more NCORP affiliate/sub-affiliate sites, which have a shared instance of an electronic health record.

Subset for practices identified in Part 1 for EHR query: n = 6 practices

Primary Objective: To evaluate self-reported utilization of guideline concordant extended venous thromboembolism (VTE) prophylaxis (ePPx) following abdominopelvic cancer surgery within a sample of surgeons practicing within NCORP based on the Part 1 surgeon survey.

All NCORP Administrators and CCDR Leads received a Study Recruitment Email with Study Interest Link in December 2025. If you need this link resent or if you have questions about opening the study, please email ncorp@wfusm.edu.

Study Resources

- **FAQ Document** and **Helpful Guide** posted on the [Wake NCORP Website](#)
- The next **Site Call** is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 2:30 PM ET**. Use the link below to add the meeting invite to your calendar.

[Invitation for WF-2502CD STOP-VTE Site Call](#)

Study Highlight: Kaiser Permanente NCORP

Kaiser Permanente National Oncology Research Program (KP NCORP) is one of the largest community-based NCORP sites in the United States. As an inter-regional program, we are committed to providing Kaiser Permanente health care members with broad access to high-quality cancer clinical trials across diverse communities.



The KP Northern California Region functions as the administrative center for our National Cancer Institute (NCI) Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP) grant. Through this structure, KP NCORP collaborates with six additional Kaiser Permanente regions—Southern California, Colorado, Northwest, Georgia, Hawaii, and Washington—to expand clinical trial opportunities across the enterprise. Each region is supported by dedicated physicians, research nurses, pharmacists, and research staff who work collectively to ensure equitable access to clinical research for our patients.

Kaiser Permanente has participated in oncology clinical trial research for more than 35 years, during which time we have enrolled over 15,000 patients into cancer studies. KP NCORP actively contribute to innovative research, including precision medicine and other cutting-edge therapeutic trials, ensuring our members have access to emerging and potentially life-changing treatments. Our mission is to help patients with cancer live longer and better lives by providing cutting edge cancer treatments through clinical trials. Our KP NCORP has a core commitment to ending cancer and the suffering it causes by bringing cancer clinical trials directly to our communities.

KP NCORP – By the Numbers

| | | |
|--|--|---|
| 2400 | 51% | 5 |
| Number of patient accrual to NCI trials by the NCORP in the past 5 years | The Percentage of Cancer Control/CCDR patient accruals in grant year 2021-2022 | The number of research bases KP NCORP is a member of: SWOG, NRG, Alliance, Wake Forest, URCC |
| 67 | 378 / 710 | 34 |
| KP NCORP Affiliate/Sub-affiliate Sites across the nation | KP MD Investigators/Total # of Individuals rostered to our NCORP. | NCI and Research Base Committees with KP NCORP Representation |

Research Nurses and Data Coordinators are embedded across KP NCORP medical centers, work closely with our clinicians to provide high-quality, patient-centered care and seamless support throughout the clinical trial journey. Our program is focused on advancing cancer research while improving outcomes and expanding options for the communities we serve.



KP NCORP

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Top Accruing CC Affiliates*

Patient Accruals

| Rank | Affiliates | Accruals |
|------|---|----------|
| 1 | MN008 - Abbott-Northwestern Hospital (METROMIN) | 6 |
| 2 | ID005 - Kootenai Health - Coeur d'Alene (MONTANA) | 5 |
| 3 | GA031 - Northside Hospital (GEORGIA) | 4 |
| | MN001 - Regions Hospital METROMIN) | |

* Data from 10/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

Non-Patient Accruals (excluding practice)

| Rank | Affiliates | Accruals |
|------|--|----------|
| 1 | MN089 - Sanford Joe Lueken Cancer Center (SANFORD) | 1 |
| | DE028 - Helen F Graham Cancer Center (CHRISTIANA) | |
| | MI309 - Corewell Health Reed City Hospital (CRCWM) | |
| | WI067 - St. Vincent Hosp. Cancer Ctr at Saint Mary's (CROWN) | |
| | ME018 - MaineHealth Maine Med. Ctr- Scarborough (MAINE) | |
| | IL148 - SSM Health Good Samaritan (OZARKS) | |

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Top Accruing CCDR Affiliates*

Patient Accruals

| Rank | Affiliates | Accruals |
|------|--|----------|
| 1 | MO042 - CoxHealth South Hospital (OZARKS) | 4 |
| | SC024 - Spartanburg Medical Center (UPSTATE) | |
| 2 | NY313 - Montefiore Med. Ctr-Einstein Campus (MONTEFIORE) | 3 |
| | WI212 - ThedaCare Regional Cancer Center (WINCORP) | |

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| | SC024 - Spartanburg Medical Center (UPSTATE) | |
| 2 | NY024 - NYP/Columbia Univ Med Ctr/Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Ctr (COLUMBIA) | 3 |
| | NY313 - Montefiore Med. Ctr-Einstein Campus (MONTEFIORE) | |
| | WI212 - ThedaCare Regional Cancer Center (WINCORP) | |

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Meet Wake Forest NCORP Research Base Staff: Karen Craver



Karen has been the WF NCORP Administrator for 8 years. She completed her MHA

from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Public Health. She provides oversight for all areas of the WF NCORP Research Base including Regulatory, Data Management, Study Development, Study Start-Up and Site Coordination, Auditing and Budget. She has over 40 years of experience in the healthcare setting and has held leadership positions within the academic setting including clinical/research laboratory operations, clinical research trials, clinical operations and strategic planning for a Comprehensive Cancer Center Service Line. She has two beautiful grandchildren with whom she loves spending time, a lively Brittany Spaniel named "Chili" and likes cooking and enjoying wine for hobbies.

Top Accruing Investigators by Study

(from 10/01/2025 - 12/31/2025)

WF-1806 (patient)

- 1. Adedayo Onitilo, MD, PhD (1) - WI144 (WINCORP)**

WF-1901 (patient)

- 1. Jeffrey Berenberg, MD (2) - HI010 (HAWAII)
Suparna Mantha, MD (2) - IL168 (CARLE)**

WF-2201 (patient)

- 1. Christina Cramer, MD (5) - NC002**
- 2. Michael Chan, MD (4) - NC002**
- 3. 3 other investigators with 1 each at WI028
(CROWN), MO043 (OZARKS), SC024 (UPSTATE)**

WF-2301CD (Patient-Caregiver Dyads)

- 1. Michael Humeniuk, MD (5) - SC024, SC101 (UPSTATE)**
- 2. Karim Welaya, MD (4) - MO042 (OZARKS)**

WF2304-A172401 (patient)

- 1. Jessica Croley, MD (3) - KY106, KY107 (CORA)
Anastasia Young, NP (3) MN008 (METROMIN)**

WF-2403 (APPs)

- 1. 7 investigators with 1 each at SANFORD (2),
CRCWM, CROWN, CHRISTIANA, OZARKS, MAINE**

Top CC Accruing Investigators

(from 10/01/2025 - 12/31/2025) Patient & APP Accruals



Jessica Croley, MD
KY106, KY107, CORA (3)



Suparna Mantha, MD
IL168, IL104 CARLE (3)



Anastasia Young, NP
MN008, METROMIN (3)

Top CCDR Accruing Investigators

(from 10/01/2025 - 12/31/2025) Patient and Dyad Accruals



Michael Humeniuk, MD
SC101, SC024, UPSTATE (5)



Karim Welaya, MD
MO042, OZARKS (4)

Publications & Presentations

Congratulations to Dr. Talya Salz! HN-STAR

Highlight: <https://ascopubs.org/doi/patient-centered-head-and-neck-cancer-survivorship>.

Check out Dr. Salz's conversation on the JCO Oncology Practice Podcast: Patient Centered Head and Neck Cancer Survivorship: [Patient-Centered Head and Neck Cancer Survivorship | Podcast | ASCO Publications](#)

Manuscripts

- **PREVENT WF-98213:** Grizzard PH, O'Connell NS, Rapp SR, Olson KC, Bellissimo MP, Nughes AN, Ladd AC, Weaver KE, Wagner LI, Ruddy KJ, Ky B, D'Agostino RG, and Hundley WG. Preserved cognitive function after statin administration during cancer treatment with doxorubicin. *JAMA Network Open*. 2025; 8(10):e2538325.
- **HN-STAR WF-1805CD:** Salz TN, Dressler EV, Kittel C, Salner A, Mayer DK, Nightingale CL, Hughes RT, Kriplani A, Atkinson TM, Patil S, Oeffinger KC, Price SN, Asad S, Sheedy J, Jinna S. Impact of an Electronic Patient-Reported Outcome-Informed Clinical Decision Support Tool on Clinical Discussions with Head and Neck Cancer Survivors: Findings from the HN-STAR Randomized Controlled Trial (WF-1805CD). *JCO Oncology Practice*. 2025 Dec;21(12):1786-1799.
- **REMEMBER WF-97116:** Ernster AE, Dressler EV, Brown WM, Lesser GJ, Weaver KE, Gudena VK, Fusselman W, Klepin HD, Shaw EG, Wagner LI, and Rapp SR. Effect of donepezil on dimensions of patient-reported cognitive impairment in breast cancer survivors: Results of the NCORP REMEMBER trial (WF-97116) *JCO Oncology Advances*. **In press.**
- **WAYS WF-10217:** Ingram KM, Tooze JA, Castellino SM, McLean KA, Salsman JM, Ghazal LV, Miller H, Wade JL, Behrens RJ, Sandberg JC, Strom C, Arcury TA, Lesser GJ, and Danhauer SC. Work Ability in Young Adult Survivors (WAYS WF-10217): Documenting Labor Force Participation, Occupation, and Educational Attainment Following Cancer Treatment. *J Adolesc Young Adult Oncol*. 2026 Feb 3: 21565333261418478. **Online ahead of print.**

Abstracts

Conference on Science of Dissemination and Implementation (D & I) December 14-17, 2025:

- **WF-2300CD CONNECT Survey:** Engaging Stakeholders and Planning for a Caregiver Intervention Trial in National Cancer Institute Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP) Practices (CONNECT WF-2300CD). Asad S, Levine BJ, et al. Poster Presentation.
- **WF-2303CD HRSN:** Piloting context assessment methods from Context-Driven Co-Design (CD2) to plan for health-related social needs screening

implementation in a national sample of community oncology clinics (WF-2303CD)
. Haines E, Birken S, et al. Poster.

- **WF-1805CD HN-STAR:** Association between intervention fidelity to a clinical decision support tool and clinical discussions with head and neck cancer (HNC) survivors: Results from the HN-STAR (WF-1805CD) Trial. Salz T, Kittel, C, et al. Oral Poster Presentation.

WF NCORP RB Quarterly Calls

The next call is scheduled for May 6, 2026.

[Click here to add the Quarterly Call to your calendar](#)

Community Engagement Committee Updates

The **Community Engagement Core (CEC)**, led by Karen Winkfield, MD, PhD and Carla Strom, MLA with support from WF NCORP Research staff members, provides an opportunity for sites to highlight the work they are doing to build capacity for inclusive participation, recruitment and retention.

Site Visit to Puerto Rico NCORP

On February 3-4, 2026, representatives from the CEC leadership team visited the UPR Comprehensive Cancer Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico, to discuss institutional partnerships, strengthen relationships and advance collaborative cancer research efforts.

The visit began with a tour of the facility and discussions with hospital administrators, investigators, and leaders regarding Community Outreach and Engagement (COE) priorities. Representatives from Divisions of Clinical and Translational Research, Cancer

Control and Population Sciences, and Patient Advocacy Initiatives shared current efforts and challenges while Dr. Karen Winkfield highlighted ongoing initiatives at Vanderbilt, helping to identify new areas for collaboration.

On the second day, the team met with the PR NCORP operations group to review current and upcoming WF NCORP Research Base studies and explore opportunities for new trials. The visit concluded with a presentation by Dr. Karen Winkfield and Dr. Kate Weaver for the UPRCCC Population Sciences Division, focusing on the importance of community engagement across the research lifecycle, including patient advocacy and culturally tailored strategies to support diverse clinical trial participation.

This collaborative visit reinforced the shared commitment to advancing equitable cancer research and strengthening community-engaged approaches across institutions.





The CEC meets quarterly to share best practices, influence study design, discuss community engagement strategies and share resource tools.

Interested in joining the CEC team? Contact us at NCORP@wfusm.edu.