

Improving cancer outcomes for special populations

- Cancer prevention
- Cancer treatment

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Cancer prevention

- Integrating known prevention strategies into activities of daily life and routine medical care
- Ensuring opportunities to participate in cancer prevention trials

Cancer treatment

- Ensuring that all people diagnosed with cancer have access to optimal evaluation/staging, treatment, and supportive care
- Ensuring opportunities to participate in cancer treatment trials

Why is expanded access to clinical trials important?

- We need to know whether new prevention and treatment approaches are applicable to all populations
- Making clinical trials available improves the standard of care for all cancer patients

Who sponsors clinical trials in cancer?

- National Cancer Institute
- Pharmaceutical industry
- Local hospitals and universities

Who pays for what?

- In general, the sponsor pays for the collecting and analyzing data, and partially underwrites the cost of doctor and nurse time
- The sponsor does not pay for routine patient care costs

Problems

- Who pays for special tests which are not part of routine care?
- Who pays for routine patient care costs if the patient does not have health insurance coverage?
- What happens if the sponsor is not able to pay for the time needed by doctors, nurses, and data managers?
- What happens if the third-party payer does not want to pay for routine patient care costs when a patient is on a clinical trial?

NCI Clinical Trials Network

- Ten Clinical Trials Cooperative Groups
 - Organize and run cancer treatment and prevention trials
- Fifteen CCOP Research Bases
 - Organize and run cancer prevention and control trials
- Clinical Community Oncology Programs
- Minority-based Clinical Community Oncology Programs

Today's presentations

- How to improve cancer outcomes-Joe Lipscomb
- How to educate the community, cancer patients, their families and their health care providers about clinical trials-Margo Michaels
- How to get involved with prevention trials and the CCOP program-Worta McCaskill-Stevens

Accrual of special populations to cancer treatment trials

- More than 75% of children with cancer are enrolled on NCI-sponsored clinical trials
- Less than 5% of adults with cancer are enrolled on NCI-sponsored clinical trials
- Under-represented groups: African-American men, Hispanic men and women, Asian men and women,
- Under-represented areas: rural, low SES, low educational levels

How to get access to cancer treatment trials

- We can help you identify sites already active in cancer treatment trials
- We can put you in touch with the Clinical Trials Cooperative Groups to develop new affiliations
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