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“How to Get Engaged”

2019 New Investigators Clinical Trial Course

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Educational Objectives

Session Name: How to Get Engaged.

Educational Objectives:

To review:

1. How to become a CCTG investigator and committee member
2. Opportunities for investigators
3. How to engage with the CCTG

Structure - CCTG Framework

Network

Scientific &
Support
Committee
Members

Network
Centres and
Partners

Scientific Leadership

Clinical Trials
Committee

Chairs &
Executives

Senior
Investigators and
Biostatisticians

Operations & Statistics Centre at Queen's

Trial
Coordination
& Conduct

Compliance
& Oversight

Information
Technology

Admin &
Finance

Strategy &
Partnerships

Tumour
Banking

Canadian Member Centres

- All centres in Canada providing medical care to cancer patients are eligible to become a member centre
- Membership package is assessed and Participating Centre Agreement is executed:
 - Established oncology or malignant hematology practice and a commitment to participation and enrollment
 - Adequate resources and Standard Operating Procedures, including compliance with applicable regulations and guidelines
 - Established system for ethical review and pharmacy, laboratory, and imaging facilities
 - ***Designated leaders that will serve in institutional specific roles***
- Continued membership requires trial activation, accrual, and compliance with audit and monitoring

Canadian Member Centre Roles

- **Centre Representatives:** Investigators who lead coordination of all CCTG trials activated at their centre and who are the main liaison between the centre and the OSC
- **Contact Clinical Research Associates (CCRA):** Senior CRA responsible for overseeing and reporting centre activities with respect to CCTG trials
- **Ethics Representative (EREP):** Institutional contact for issues relating to REB review of consents, protocols, and amendments; Main contact with OSC to ensure dissemination of new policies and procedures that apply across trials
- **Contact Pharmacist:** Responsible for oversight of processes related to the receiving, handling, dispensing, and accountability of IMP

CCTG Centre Representative

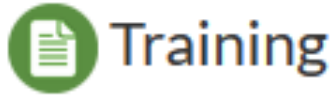
- Centre Representative assumes overall responsibility for liaising with CCTG.
- Duties include:
 - Function as overall 'principal investigator'.
 - Communication to and from the CCTG.
 - Supervise the establishment of a mechanism for distributing per case funding.
 - Appoint, in conjunction with central office, committee and subcommittee members.
 - Participate in the nomination of investigators/CRAs for the participant's meeting.
 - Receive and, if necessary, respond to the periodic assessments of centre performance.
 - Supervise the implementation of corrective measures.

How to Become a CCTG Investigator

- Qualified, practicing at a current CCTG member site, undergone training, provided documentation.
- Credentialing Requirements
 - Register with CCTG as an investigator and annually renew registration.
 - CCTG Investigator Registration Form
 - Current curriculum vitae (CV).
- Additional credentialing requirements for participation as an investigator on CCTG clinical trials.
 - Completion of GCP training program
 - Completion of training in the Protection of Human Research Participants
 - Annual completion of NCI CTEP Investigator Registration; required for all investigators participating on trials sponsored by NCI CTEP
 - Completion of Health Canada Qualified Investigator Undertaking Form; only required for QIs participating on trials under a Clinical Trials Application (CTA) in Canada

Investigator Training

<https://www.ctg.queensu.ca/public/toolbox>



NIH Ethics Training - Protecting Human Research Participants: NIH
Office of Extramural Research

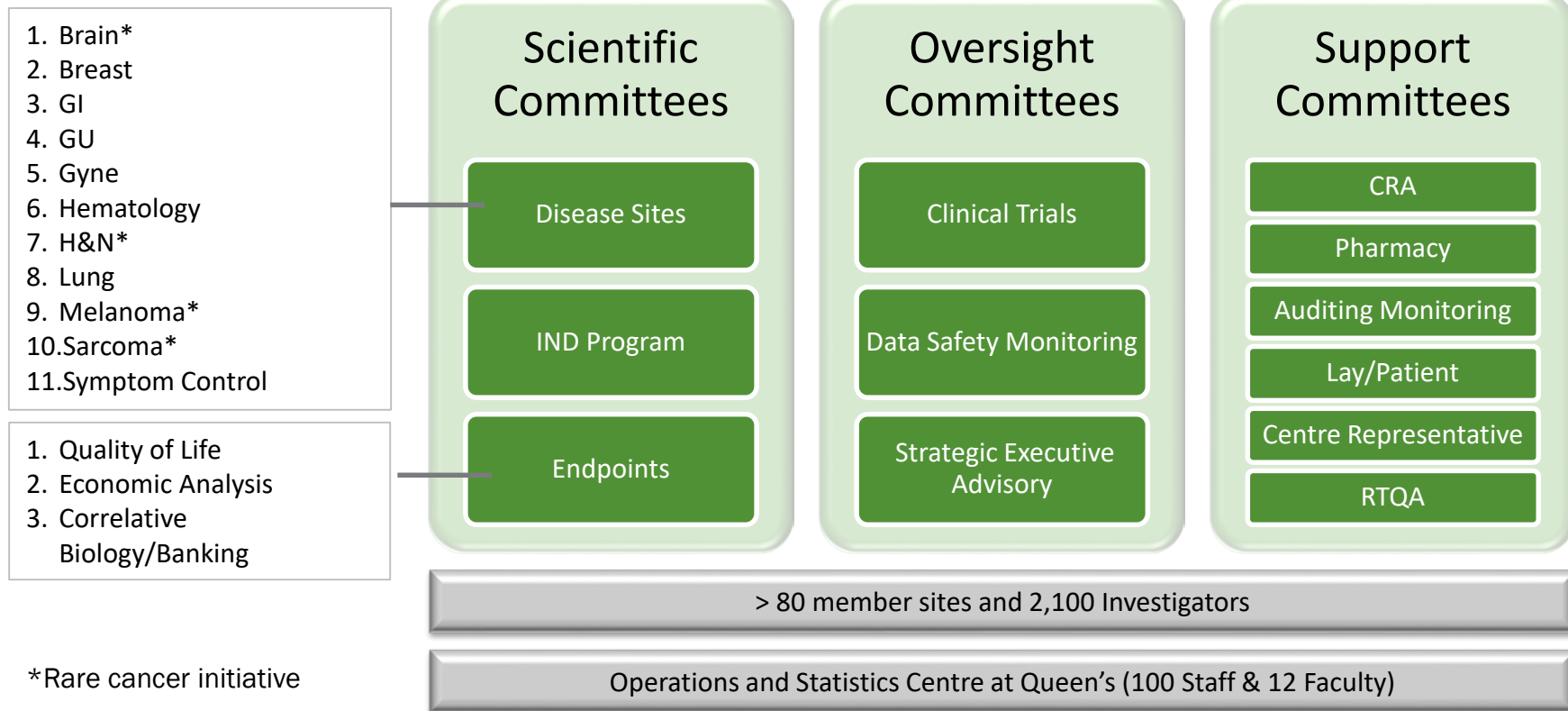
GCP - Good Clinical Practice

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Site Training Utility - Protocol specific training

Canadian Cancer Trials Group Supplementary Training Module

Committees



*Rare cancer initiative

Scientific Committee Structure

- Chair/co-chair – National/internationally recognized in the field.
- Executive – Established investigators with required expertise, demonstrated ability and commitment to lead, develop, participate in trials.
- Members – Investigators with interest/expertise, committed to participate in committee activities, appointed by their centre representative.

<https://www.ctg.queensu.ca/private/terms-reference>

How to Become a Committee Member

- Disease site committees
 - Talk to your CCTG centre representative
- Endpoint committees
 - Talk to the committee chairs/senior investigator
- Support committees
 - Discipline/role specific committees for Centre Representatives, CRA, pharmacy, patients, RTQA
- Oversight committees
 - Recommendations are solicited from current leadership/members and confirmed by the Director

<https://www.ctg.queensu.ca/public/disease-site-ind-committees>

<https://www.ctg.queensu.ca/public/standing-committees>

<https://www.ctg.queensu.ca/private/terms-reference> (ToR and committee contacts)



How to Become a Study Chair

Have an idea

Discuss it with the committee leadership to refine and get buy-in

Submit a proposal to the clinical trial committee for review (or IND executive

Review assessed by:

1. Priority of the study question
2. Background and rationale
3. Trial methodology
4. Relevant correlative questions
5. Feasibility
6. Site committee-specific strategic priorities

Approval leads to protocol development and activation steps

New Investigator Education

- Annual Spring Meeting of Participants
- Fellowships
- Biennial New Investigator Clinical Trials Course
- Clinical Trials Practicum
- Clinical Trial Participation
- Secondary Analyses


NEW INVESTIGATOR CLINICAL TRIALS COURSE KINGSTON 2019



Fellowships

<https://www.ctg.queensu.ca/>

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Fellowships

Spring meeting of participants

CCTG recognition awards



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New investigator cancer trials practicum


New investigator clinical trials course


Fellowships


The Frances A Shepherd Award





Expand All

 Canadian Cancer Trials Group Senior Fellowship in Personalized Medicine

 Canadian Cancer Trials Group AstraZeneca Clinical Trials Fellowship

 Canadian Cancer Trials Group AstraZeneca Breast Cancer Fellowship

 Canadian Cancer Trials Group Drug Development Fellowship

 Terry Fox Foundation Training Program in Transdisciplinary Cancer Research in Partnership with CIHR

Also, studentships and sabbatical opportunities

<https://www.ctg.queensu.ca/public/fellowships>




CCTG New Investigators Clinical Trial Practicum



Leader: Penelope Bradbury







- Purpose: to deliver a training program that includes practical trial experience at cancer sites throughout Canada over a one-year period.
- Cancer Investigator Certificate as proof of their expertise.
 - A 12-month curriculum
 - Attendance at young investigators workshop at the Spring Meeting.
 - Observer-ships at CCTG disease site committee meetings and CCTG oversight committees;
 - Teaching and mentorship on practical aspects clinical trial conduct in Kingston at OSC, at site and on Audit/Monitoring visit(s).
 - Direct clinical trial mentorship at the Site with involvement in a CCTG clinical trial.
 - Participation in the CCTG New Investigator Alumni.
- CCTG sends a call for applicants early in the Calendar year.
 - Eligible applicants will be within the first two years of their first faculty position (fellows transitioning into faculty at that site will be eligible).
 - The site must be participating in, or agree to activate, one of the active CCTG led clinical trials.
 - The local Principal Investigator of the trial must agree to be an active mentor
 - The centre representative must confirm site support for the applicant.
- Completion: Cancer Trials Investigator Certificate at the next annual scientific meeting

New Investigator Practicum 2018-2019

					
Investigator	Sonia Cerquozzi	Adrian Sacher	Osama Souied	Derek Tsang	Josee-Lynn Ethier
Mentor	Carolyn Owen	Penny Bradbury	Haji Chalchal	Warren Mason	Jim Biagi
Centre Rep	Patricia Tang	Penny Bradbury	Haji Chalchal	Penny Bradbury	Aamer Mahmud
Institution	Tom Baker, Calgary	UHN/PM, Toronto	Allan Blair, Regina	UHN/PM, Toronto	CCSEO, Kingston
Committee	Heme	Lung	GI	Brain	Gyne

Funding provided by: Gill Radcliffe Foundation EMD Serono Canada

New Investigator Practicum 2019-2020 Class

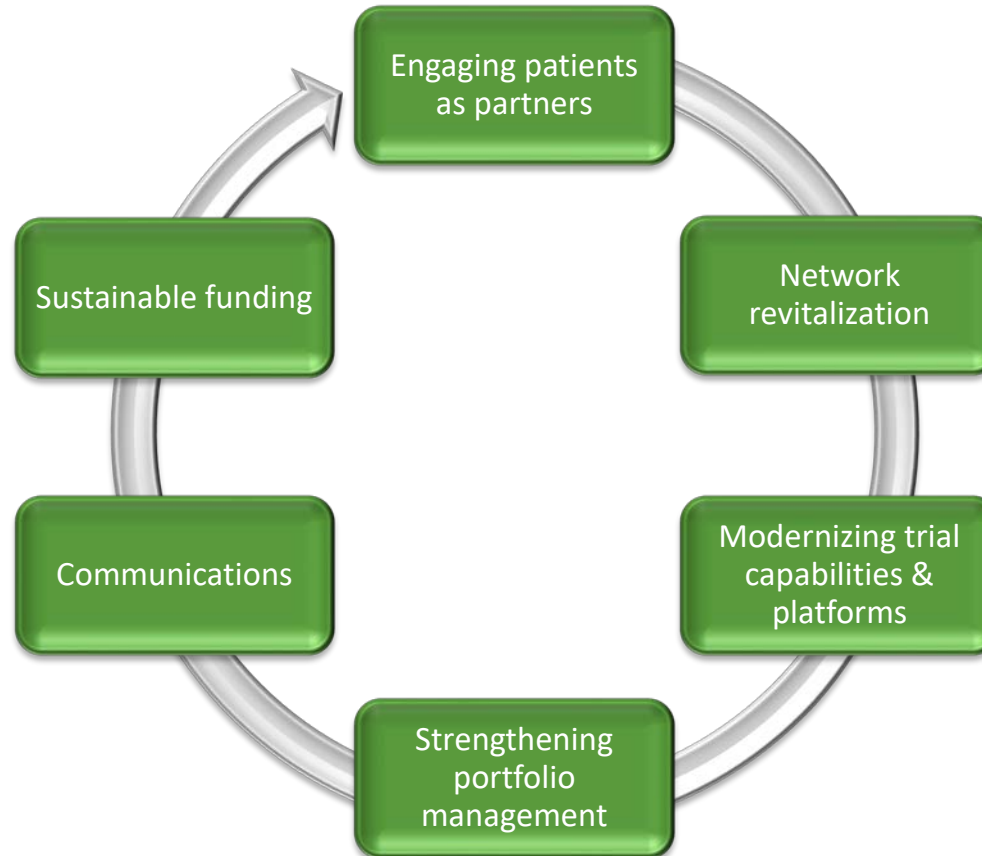
Investigator						
	Ali Hosni Abdalaty	Ayesha Bashir	Jacques Raphael	Aly Khan Lalani	Thai-Hoa Tran	Terry Ng
Mentor	Jolie Ringash	Haji Chalchal	Stephen Welch	Rosalyn Juergens	Julie Bergeron	John Hilton
Centre Rep	Penny Bradbury	Haji Chalchal	Scott Ernst	Rosalyn Juergens	Yvan Samson/ Lucas Sideris	Rachel Goodwin
Centre	UHN/PMCC, Toronto	Allan Blair, Regina	London	Juravinski, Hamilton	Ste-Justine, Montreal	Ottawa
Committee	GI	Head and Neck	Lung	GU	Hematology	Breast

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Recognition Awards

- Elizabeth Eisenhauer Early Drug Development Young Investigator Award
- Ralph Meyer Phase III Program Young Investigator Award
- Frances Shepherd Travel Award

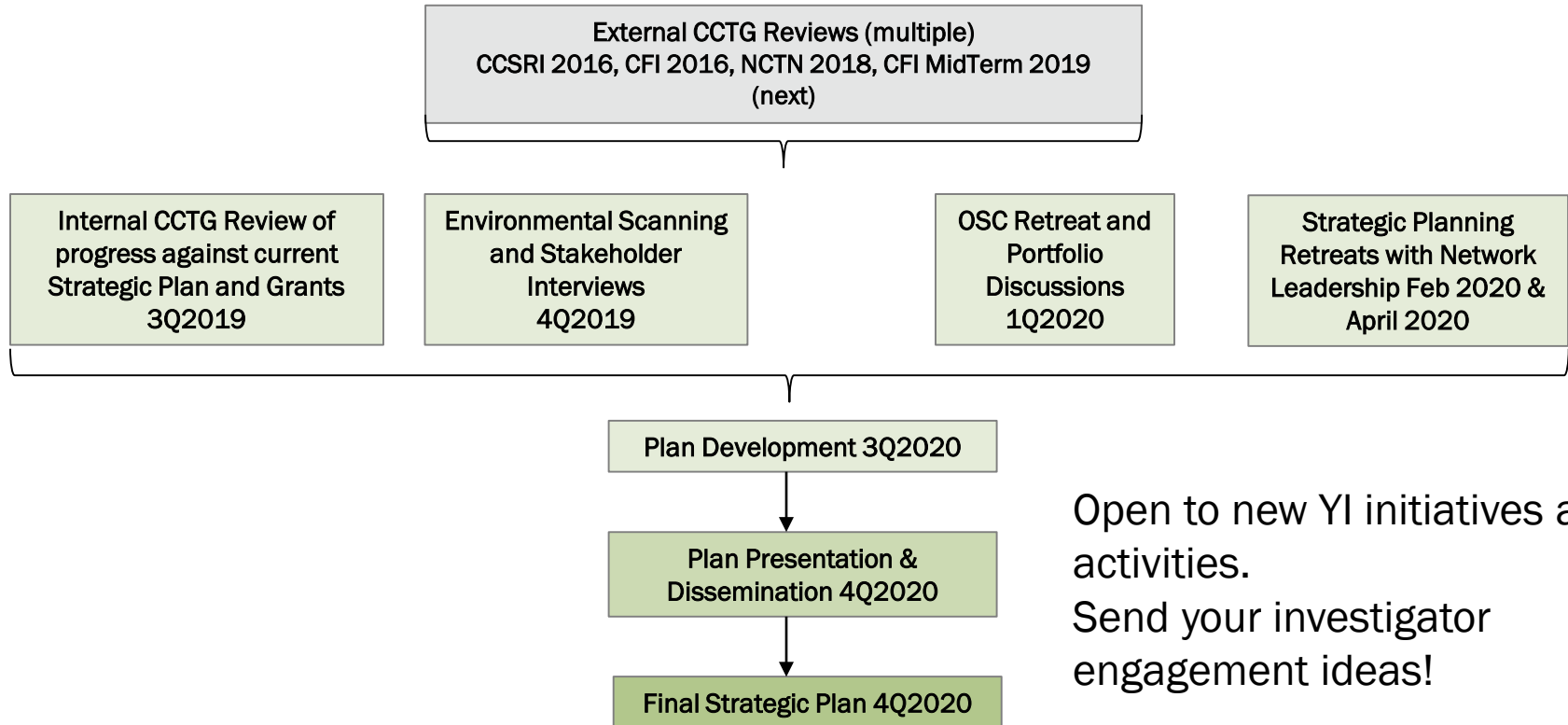
Strategic Plan 2016-2021 Enabling Strategies



CCTG Investigator Engagement

	Website member access	Scientific meeting	Secondary analyses	Trial Chair/Cttees	Scientific Cttees Member	Scientific Cttees Exec	Oversight Cttees
Trainees	Y	Non-funded Invitation	Y	-	Observer	-	-
Young Inv	Y	Funded Invitation	Y	New Curriculum	Member	Observer Member	Observer Member
Mid Career	Y	Funded Invitation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senior Inv	Y	Funded Invitation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Strategic Planning Cycle for 2021-2026 Plan



Open to new YI initiatives and activities.
Send your investigator engagement ideas!

Why to Engage with CCTG-Top Ten Reasons

- ① A critical mission – to find the best treatment for cancer patients
- ② Trials that improve outcomes
- ③ Results that change practice
- ④ A national mandate
- ⑤ A global reach
- ⑥ Constant flow of new trial ideas
- ⑦ Massive network to realize new trial ideas
- ⑧ Unparalleled operational expertise & support
- ⑨ Strong chance of trial approval
- ⑩ 39 years of experience and success

Opportunities for Investigators

- **Trials**

- ✓ Propose – a trial idea
- ✓ Participate – in the trial
- ✓ Publish – trial results



Change practice!

- **Committees**

- ✓ Disease Site & Oversight Committees
- ✓ Supporting Committees (e.g. Audit and Monitoring, Clinical Research Associates, Pharmacist Network)

- **Data Sharing**

- ✓ Submit a proposal via Scientific Committees or OSC Senior Investigators to access data
- ✓ Check out the data sharing and access policy is here: <https://www.ctg.queensu.ca/public/policies>

- **Correlative Science**

- ✓ Submit a proposal via Scientific Committees to access tissue
 - ✓ Check out correlative science policy and inventory <https://www.ctg.queensu.ca/public/cctg-tissue-bank-correlative-science>

- **Meetings of Mutual Interest**

- ✓ Young Investigators Course (bi-annual Kingston), Spring Meeting (annual Toronto), workshops

- **Access Expertise**

- ✓ Trial methodology, biostatistics, regulatory, ethics, data management, IT, grant preparation and submission support

How to Be Engaged

- Communicate your interest
 - Within centre: to centre reps and current committee members
 - To CCTG senior investigators and Scientific committee chairs
 - Participate in meetings
 - Let any special skills/expertise be known
 - Bring your ideas forward
- Volunteer to be committee member
 - Speak to your CCTG Centre Representative
 - Consider an operations committee e.g. Audit / Monitoring
- Be active in your centre
 - Participate in trials
 - Respond to surveys of interest

Summary

- Education is fundamental to our activity
- Investigator engagement is key to our success
- We have multiple opportunities for New Investigators and interested in hearing about how to do better
- Know your centre representative and committee leadership.
- Make yourself known through participation and contribution

Thank you!



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