CCTG Investigator Network

2,100+ investigators
Including oncologists, hematologists, radiologists, surgeons, and nurses from universities, hospitals, and cancer care centres across Canada.

500+ cancer clinical trials
Since 1980 CCTG trials have resulted in major, life-saving breakthroughs in breast, colorectal, blood, lung, ovarian, brain and prostate cancer.

40+ countries
Collaborating with clinical trial teams around the world.

80,000+ participants worldwide
Network collaboration ensures a trial has a large number of participants for scientifically significant research results.

National and International

CCTG is an academic cooperative group that unites the efforts of investigators at many different universities, hospitals, and cancer care centres across Canada and across the globe. Any particular member of our network might have direct access to just a handful of patients who would be suitable for testing some new drug or other therapy; however, collaboration across the group ensures the possibility of a trial with a sufficiently large number of participants to make for a scientifically significant research undertaking.

The bulk of the support work to conduct a clinical trial is facilitated by CCTG, the central office coordinates the activities of approximately 2,100 investigators, including oncologists, hematologists, radiologists, surgeons, and nurses at more than 85 member institutions across the country. At any given time, we are working together on over 40 trials across Canada, and in collaboration with similar groups around the world.

Collectively the network brings together the knowledge, the skills, and the infrastructure to perform definitive clinical trials that has and will continue to change medical practice.

"I don’t think you could identify any cancer specialist in the country who has not participated in one of our clinical trials. This fact alone is recognition that you can derive benefit by being collaborative and partnering, and clinical trials are, by necessity, the most collaborative of research activities." - Dr. Janet Dancey, Director, CCTG.

Find out more about the clinical trial research leadership working with CCTG

- CCTG Senior Investigators
- CCTG Network Committee Chairs (pending)

CCTG network scientists have earned a reputation for changing cancer treatment practices.
around the world. Part of their secret is that they ask the right questions and take a scientific approach to find the right answers, listen to some of the innovative investigators in the network discuss their trials:

Dr. Rebecca Auer is a surgical oncologist and translational researcher at the Ottawa Hospital. Dr. Daniel Renouf is a medical oncologist at the British Columbia Cancer Agency.