Cancer Center Clinical Trials (CCTO) leadership role can often feel like drinking from a firehose, and it does not come with a reference manual.

Mentorship is needed for both medical directors and their administrative directors to assure successful leadership in arguably one of the most complex areas of a Cancer Center. Within a single institution, expertise and critical mentorship can be lacking and direct effort is needed to find identify a compatible mentor outside the institution.

The American Association of Cancer Institutes (AACI) facilitates listservs for both leadership roles along with the annual meeting. Through these venues, a new dyad leadership team from Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center (MCCCC) reached out to a dyad leadership team at the Huntsman Cancer Institute for key mentorship of newly appointed CCTO medical and administrative directors.

The dyad partnership is a critical component to the success of Cancer Clinical Trial Office operations. In addition, mentorship by a dyad partnership from another cancer center can lead to successful onboarding of these critical roles, further dissemination of best practices and knowledge sharing between both cancer centers.

It is recommended that AACI work on building a mentorship community with sign-ups from interested cancer center leaders that kicks off during the AACI CRI annual meeting.