Harmonious Activation of Oncology Protocols Across an Integrated Academic Health System

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LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

CINJ was able to access unprecedented numbers of patients for clinical research activities as well as improve representation of our catchment area. By deploying the one site model across 11 locations throughout the state, we were able to improve access to studies while reducing activation time lines. Our ability to open trials at multiple locations was facilitated by educating sponsors on the value and strength of our one site model which took a significant time investment up front. Centralization of protocol activation activities allowed streamlined communication between sponsors, legal, finance and regulatory which was critical to getting studies activated quickly.

Future directions include:
• Continuing to enhance operational efficiencies in order to increase accrual and reduce time to activation to meet our goal of < 60 days.
• Utilizing Deep6 and EPIC to assist ensure catchment area needs and priorities are appropriately captured on feasibility assessments.
• Focus on promoting more phase III trials, particularly from NCTN, to meet the needs of the patients treated by a large number of primary oncology providers practicing across the RWJBH System. We continue to promote the “culture” of clinical research at all sites.