NCCN Oncology Research Program (ORP)

The NCCN Oncology Research Program (ORP) has developed a comprehensive program of research platforms and scientific advisors to foster the development of world-class therapies to treat people with cancer. The NCCN ORP’s core services focus on assisting companies with drug development plans and strategies, facilitating the conduct of preclinical, translational, and clinical research at NCCN Member Institutions, and ensuring that results of funded research projects are publicly disseminated. The NCCN ORP can also establish research collaborations between NCCN Member Institutions and industry in Phase IV, quality-of-life, cancer prevention, and outcomes research.

Value to Industry:

- Long-standing relationships with leading investigators and key thought leaders at NCI-designated cancer centers across the country
- History of effective, productive collaborations with industry
- High-quality peer-review process for investigator initiated trials (IIT)
- Flexible study designs
- Superior contracting metrics
- Rapid study start-up

“Pfizer’s independent grant programs with the NCCN ORP continue to be successful. NCCN is a credible and trusted organization committed to driving the highest standards in science and medicine. The professional staff are experienced in working with a wide network of oncology health care professionals and they demonstrate great attention-to-detail in the efficient execution of our grant award projects. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be able to work together.”

Jacqueline Waldrop
Pfizer, Inc.

“Kudos to the NCCN ORP as it is very important to investigators from NCCN Member Institutions. It allows them to compete for grants from industry who support the program for investigator initiated studies at a time when funds are scarce.”

David S. Ettinger, MD, FACP, FCCP
The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins

Let the NCCN ORP put our expertise to work for you!
Investigator Initiated Research Grant Model
This model uses a peer-review process to evaluate and approve proposals for investigator initiated research using either investigational or commercially available cancer drugs.

Industry Sponsored Trial Model
The NCCN ORP collaborates with industry to identify sites for industry sponsored trials.

Protocol Development Model
The NCCN ORP organizes a Protocol Development Team to work with industry collaborators to identify their research needs and subsequently design and implement a protocol.

Multi-Industry Collaboration Model
The NCCN ORP is able to establish a research collaboration with multiple companies in a comprehensive agreement. Such agreements allow NCCN Member Institutions and companies to collaborate on novel combinations of particular scientific interest.

All research platforms can be tailored to meet your specific research needs.

The NCCN ORP provides the following services for all research platforms:
- Facilitates study initiation, including contracting and regulatory oversight
- Oversees the conduct of preclinical, clinical trials, and correlative trials
- Can provide auditing/monitoring services, data safety oversight, statistical analyses and other research services as needed through a subcontractor
- Disburses grant funds according to achievement of important benchmarks
- Supports the publication of results of the studies

Learn more at NCCN.org/orp
ESTABLISHED PEER-REVIEW SYSTEM BUILDS COLLABORATIVE ALLIANCES WITH INDUSTRY

Scientific Committees

**RFP Development Teams**
Expert leaders from NCCN Member Institutions guide the development of Request for Proposals (RFPs) in collaboration with industry.

**Protocol Development Teams**
Experts in specific scientific and clinical areas form teams that work with industry collaborators to design protocols and identify Study Chairs/Principal Investigators to conduct studies.

**Scientific Review Committees**
Expert Scientific Review Committees (SRCs) are established to conduct the peer review of research proposals received in response to RFPs.

**Drug Development and Pipeline Review**
Expert consultants from NCCN Member Institutions review the quality and relevance of scientific and technical data to guide drug development.

Scientific Advisory Boards
Highly distinguished scientific advisors in oncology, representing the country’s top academic institutions, serve as advisors on drug-specific scientific advisory boards.

NCCN ORP Conflict of Interest Policy
The NCCN ORP has a Conflict of Interest Policy that sets forth principles and procedures to ensure that the personal financial and professional interests of scientific committee members do not compromise the objectivity with which recommendations for research and approval of projects are made.

“The NCCN Oncology Research Program added valuable collaborative networking to Spectrum’s (Allos) Investigator-Initiated Study program. The RFPs identified capable investigators offering several opportunities we may have otherwise missed. This program is administered with great professionalism and is an asset to post-marketing development goals.”

Mark Acosta, PharmD
Spectrum Pharmaceuticals
AN INTEGRATED NETWORK OF RESEARCH CENTERS

NCCN Member Institutions include some of the most sophisticated medical research centers in the world. This select group of cancer centers participates in extensive preclinical, translational, and Phase I-IV clinical trials through a wide variety of research structures. They are very supportive and respectful of NCCN Oncology Research Program’s scientifically structured peer-reviewed systems and have enthusiastically embraced the Program’s approach to preclinical, clinical, and correlative research.

NCCN ORP Investigator Steering Committee

This Committee plays a critical role in the operations of the NCCN Oncology Research Program. The Committee is comprised of senior research physicians appointed by each NCCN Member Institution and is responsible for advising the NCCN ORP on research practices and policies. Members also serve as key contacts for channeling studies into the research framework of each NCCN Member Institution and identifying appropriate investigators for NCCN ORP research projects.

Affiliate Research Consortium

Affiliate Research Consortium (ARC) is a network of community research centers affiliated with NCCN Member Institutions to participate in research. Research projects involving Phase IV studies, prevention research, quality of life, and outcomes studies are well-suited for ARC sites.

“The NCCN Affiliate Research Consortium (ARC) is a great model to bring clinical trials into the community. Our community sites are able to engage in collaborative research studies with all of the NCCN Member Institution sites and offer unique trials in their local areas.”

Alan Howald
Fox Chase Cancer Center
Let the NCCN ORP put our expertise to work for you!

To learn how we can help you develop and evaluate your pharmaceutical, biological agent, or other oncology research projects, contact the NCCN ORP at 215.690.0565 or oncologyresearch@nccn.org.

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®), a not-for-profit alliance of the world’s leading cancer centers devoted to patient care, research, and education, is dedicated to improving the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of cancer care so that patients can live better lives.

World-renowned experts from NCCN Member Institutions diagnose and treat patients with a broad spectrum of cancers and are recognized for dealing with complex, aggressive, or rare cancers. NCCN Member Institutions pioneered the concept of the multidisciplinary team approach to patient care and conduct innovative research that contributes significantly to understanding, diagnosing, and treating cancer. NCCN programs offer access to expert physicians, superior treatment, and quality and safety initiatives that continuously improve the effectiveness and efficiency of cancer care.