Networking with Future Peers and Collaborators (part 2) Fundamentals of Clinical Trial Design and Grant Writing

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- Cooperative groups
- Industry
- Small group programs through multiple venues

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- Here!
- LRF mentorship program
- Subcommittees in ASH, ASCO, etc.

Fundamentals of Clinical Trial Design and Grant Writing



Too much to cover in 10 minutes!



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Fundamentals of Clinical Trial Design

- How can you get more training in clinical trial design?
- What are the mechanisms to get your idea to the clinic?
- How to get funding for your clinical trial



Opportunities for Training in Clinical Trial Design

- Your Mentor
- Institutional Resources
- Online courses from other institutions
- ASCO/AACR Methods in Clinical Cancer Research
- ASH CRTI
- LRF, LLS workshops and career development programs



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How to get your idea to the clinic

- Before anything else, make sure you are not the only one interested in your idea, and that someone else is not already doing it
- Be sure you have strong preliminary data/rationale—engage basic and translational scientists!
- Be sure your idea makes sense
- Figure out how many patients are needed/how many are possible—find a statistician partner!



What are the mechanisms to get your trial funded?

- Company sponsored IIT (easiest)
- Company sponsored IIT with only drug provided (hardest)
- Phase 1/2—ETCTN
- Phase 2/3 -- NCTN



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What if you only have drug?

- Institutional funding
- Discuss with company opportunities for funding remainder based on results from pilot
- LLS (academic clinical trials program), LRF (correlative funding), NCI









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How to write a grant



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Finding Prospective Grants

- Grant mechanisms to consider as fellows/junior faculty
 - ASCO YIA or CDA
 - ASH scholar
 - LLS clinical scholar award
 - ACS clinical scientist development grant
 - LRF clinical investigator career development award

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- **K**08
- **R50**
- Other disease specific foundations

Finding Prospective Grants

- Make a list of deadlines, including institutional deadlines
- Figure out how different the requirements are (what you can reuse)
- Apply to everything you are eligible for
- Have as many people as possible look at your grants



Finding Prospective Grants





Conclusions

- Engage your mentors for advice
- Developing clinical trials and writing grants becomes easier the more times you do them
- Never work in a vacuum
- Engage your basic/translational researchers for collaborative grants and clinical trial correlatives
- Every person who has a trial or has a grant has trials and grants that are rejected

