

Advocate Engagement and Clinical Trials

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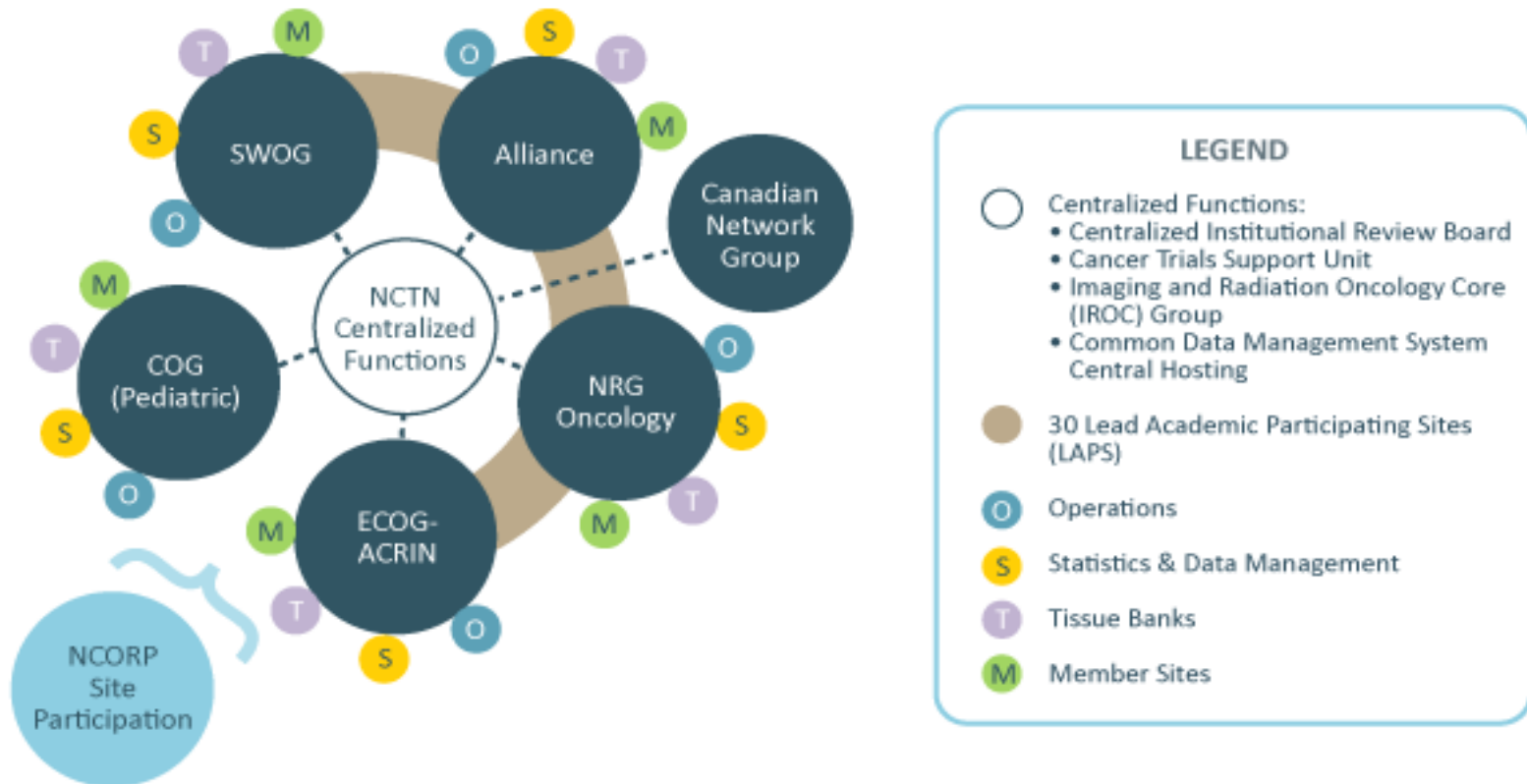
- NCI's Office of Advocacy Relations (OAR) engages cancer research advocates and **serves as a link for advocate stakeholders to collaborate with NCI**. OAR works with individual research advocates, local and national advocacy groups, and professional societies to ensure the collective patient perspective is included in NCI efforts to advance cancer research and improve patient outcomes.

Advocates and Clinical Trials

- NCI's Council of Research Advocates (NCRA) – Federal Advisory Committee comprised solely of cancer research advocates
- National Clinical Trials Network (NCTN) – externally funded network responsible for clinical trials, including precision medicine portfolio
- Scientific Steering Committees and Task Forces – guide for NCI's clinical trial enterprise
- Division of Extramural Activities (DEA) – Division responsible for extramurally funded research
- Clinical Trials and Translational Research Advisory Committee (CTAC) – external oversight committee that advises NCI on its clinical and translational portfolios.

National Clinical Trials Network

NCI National Clinical Trials Network Structure



Common Areas for Advocate Input within our Clinical Trials Network

- Portfolio analysis
- Informed consent
- Eligibility criteria
- Study design
- Patient-facing materials
- Recruitment strategies
- Outcome data
- Data Safety and Monitoring Boards
- Dissemination

Role of Advocates in Prioritizing Clinical Trials

- The Scientific Steering Committees (SSCs) were created to guide **NCI's *Clinical Trials Enterprise***
- SSCs are composed of leading cancer experts, advocates from outside the Institute as well as NCI senior investigators who meet regularly to:
 - Evaluate clinical trial concepts and set disease specific strategic priorities
 - Increase community involvement in clinical trial design and prioritization
 - Evaluate & provide input into design and implementation of clinical trial concepts
 - Patient advocates are voting members

NCI's Council of Research Advocates

- The NCRA focuses on matters that facilitate research and often identifies and responds to challenges facing the Institute at the request of NCI leadership.
- The NCRA focuses on enhancing community input, optimizing community outreach, and promoting strong collaborations to improve research outcomes.



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