

RESEARCH NETWORK ANNOUNCEMENTS
December 2005

Christmas Holiday HCC-CTO closure

The Hollings Cancer Center Clinical Trials Office and Research Network office will be observing Christmas Holiday Friday December 23 through Tuesday December 27.

HCC Data Repository

The HCC Data Repository is up and running on the HCC Research Network website. This unique online system allows Research Network members access to important network documents from any computer with Internet access. Information posted to the Data Repository includes the Research Network Manual, the Protocol Request form and other frequently used forms. The system is password protected and only accessible to those with valid MUSC Network Accounts (MNA). MNA's were issued to members last month. If you are in need of accessing the HCC Data Repository and do not currently have an MNA, or if you have questions about using the data repository, please contact the Research Network office.

Activation of Clinical Trials within the HCC Research Network

Network Member: South Carolina Oncology Associates, P.A.; Columbia, SC
Protocol: VELCADE (bortezomib) for Injection Therapy for Early Relapsed Prostate Cancer, CTO 100822
MUSC- PI: Andrew S. Kraft, MD
SCOA- PI: William M. Butler, MD
Date of Activation: November 1, 2005

Network Member: South Carolina Oncology Associates, P.A.; Columbia, SC
Protocol: A Phase II Study of XELOX in Locally Advanced or Metastatic Gastric Cancer, CTO 100829
MUSC- PI: Uzair Chaudhary, MD
SCOA- PI: William M. Butler, MD
Date of Activation: August 24 ,2005

CLINICAL TRIALS NEWS

Research Network members may access a number of research studies through the HCC Research Network. Below are links to the current clinical trials available. Sites that have affiliate cooperative group memberships through HCC may access all available studies as offered by the cooperative group. For more information about activating a Research Network clinical trial, please contact the Research Network Office at 843-792-1753 or email at hccrnet@musc.edu

HCC Investigator Initiated Trials

This Month's IIT Highlight:

A Phase I Study of Topotecan in Combination with Vinorelbine in Recurrent Lung Cancer

PI: Andrew Kraft, MD
CTO #: 100780

Primary Objective: To determine the Maximum Tolerated Dose (MTD) of a vinorelbine-topotecan doublet given on days 1 and 8 every 3 weeks in previously treated patients with lung cancer.

Eligibility Highlights:

*Histologically or cytologically confirmed lung cancer. Patients with all histologic types of lung cancer are eligible for this trial.

*Recurrent or progressive disease after > or = to 1 prior chemotherapy ± radiation therapy program. Completion of prior radiotherapy must be > or = to 2 weeks before beginning study

Treatment Plan Notes:

*Treatment will be administered on an outpatient basis.

To request more information about this clinical trial. Please contact the Research Network Office at 843-792-1753 or hccrnet@musc.edu. A confidentiality agreement will be faxed to your site. Upon completion, protocol and model consents will be provided for review.

Cooperative Group Studies

Below please find a listing of newly activated cooperative group trials activated through November 15, 2005. If you would like to review any of the protocols listed below, please go online to the cooperative group website or contact the Research Network for more information.

ACOSOG (www.acosog.org)

No newly activated studies

GOG (www.gog.org)

#0215: "A Phase II Randomized Study of the Effect of Zoledronic Acid Versus Observation on Bone Mineral Density of the Lumbar Spine in Women Who Elect to Undergo Risk Reducing Surgery That Results in Removal of Both Ovaries"

NSABP (www.nsabp.pitt.edu)

No newly activated studies

RTOG (www.rtog.org)

No newly activated studies

SWOG (www.swog.org)

No newly activated studies

CTSU (www.ctsu.org)

No newly activated studies

All Active Clinical Trials at Hollings Cancer Center

A current list of all active clinical trials available through the HCC Clinical Trials Office is now available on-line. The list includes all investigator-initiated, cooperative group and pharmaceutical sponsored studies. If you would like one of your patients evaluated, or if you would like additional information about a clinical trial, please contact the Research Network coordinator. hccrnet@musc.edu

http://hcc.musc.edu/patient/clinical_trials/active_clinical_trials.cfm.

You can also quickly view our most recently activated trials in the News/Events section of the web site:

http://hcc.musc.edu/news_events/news.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

HCC Hematology Oncology Webcasts

The HCC Webcast series is now available for CME credit. Videotaped Sessions are available for 1 hour of CME credit. All Webcast series are available to the public for viewing. However, only participants who are registered users of the program can obtain CME credit. If interested in participating in the program, contact the Research Network coordinator hccrnet@musc.edu

An archive of the Webcast series available to at http://www.hcc.musc.edu/research_network/webcast/index.cfm

If you are interested in becoming a participant of the HCC Webcast program and obtain continuing medical education (CME) credit online, please contact the Research Network Office. All seminars are available for viewing to the general public; however, only registered users are able to submit for CME credit.

Lowcountry Association of Clinical Research Professionals

LCACRP was selected as a host of the 2006 CRA/CRA Exam Review Courses in Charleston!

If you want to take the ACRP REVIEW COURSE in 2006 to PREPARE for the CRA or CRC Exam, please contact

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For more information about becoming a member of the LCACRP chapter, please contact membership chair Jenny Greenway, CRA PPD Development; Phone: (803) 713-8822 E-mail: Jennings.greenway@wilm.ppd.com

Cancer Information for Patients

CancerCare is a national non-profit organization that provides free professional support services to anyone affected by cancer: people with cancer, caregivers, children, loved ones, and the bereaved. CancerCare programs- including counseling, education, financial assistance and practical help- are provided by trained oncology social workers and are completely free of charge. Find out more about Cancer Care by calling 1-800-813-HOPE (4673)

Glioblastoma: Current Treatment and Hope for the Future-

Friday December 9th 1:30-2:30

Conference call agenda includes: Overview of glioblastoma, current standard of care, new treatment approaches, the role of clinical trials, supportive care, managing side effects, controlling pain and discomfort, communicating with your doctor and quality of life considerations.

For Caregivers: Coping with a Loved One's Cancer During the Holidays

Tuesday December 13 1:30- 2:30

Workshop will address challenges of being a caregiver, taking on a new role, coping during the holidays, maintaining "normal" care for the caregiver and tips for self care

To learn more about CancerCare check out their website at www.cancer.org