

Cancer Trial Accrual Symposium: Science and Solutions

Abstract Submission Guidelines

The abstract submission deadline is **11:59 p.m., February 19, 2010**. There will be no extension of this deadline.

The Steering Committee of the Cancer Trial Accrual Symposium invites abstracts to be considered for presentation at the conference, taking place April 29–30, 2010, in Bethesda, Maryland. The Symposium, co-sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), targets building the scientific evidence base and disseminating successful methods to boost cancer trial accrual. This Symposium will focus on empirical research that is testing interventions for overcoming barriers and promoting evidence development to enable effective clinical trial accrual. Abstracts describing research results on designated conference topics associated with cancer clinical trial accrual are welcome.

Abstracts are invited for poster presentation and will be displayed in a session devoted exclusively to poster review with no competing programming. Exemplary abstracts may be invited for oral presentation, at the discretion of the Steering Committee.

Abstracts will undergo blinded review by the Steering Committee. You will be notified of your abstract's acceptance status by March 19, 2010.

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Deadline

Abstracts must follow the required format and must be submitted online by **11:59 p.m., February 19, 2010**. We encourage you to submit early to ensure prompt confirmation and processing.

Format

The body of the abstract is limited to **400 words** (excluding headings). Please include the following sections in your abstract: Background/Purpose, Objective, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.

Submission

Submissions are now being accepted online at <http://www.cancermeetings.org/TrialAccrualSymposium/abstractSubmission.cfm>.

You may submit ONE (1) abstract on which you are the first author. Should you be listed as a secondary author on other abstracts, this will not affect your submission.

You will receive an e-mail acknowledgment of your abstract submission within 24 hours of submission. If you DO NOT RECEIVE an e-mail acknowledging submission, please contact Allyson Harkey at NOVA Research Company, 301-986-1891, ext. 123, or AHarkey@novaresearch.com.

Research Topics

Abstracts should describe research relevant to one of the following seven topics:

Track 1: Patient/Participant-Centered Solutions (Interventions targeted at helping patients and communities better understand and access trials)

1.1 The Science of Patient Participation, Decision-Making, and Informed Consent

- Patient education/decision-making and informed consent (not including issues specific to minority and underserved populations).
- Differences across phases of trials and types of trials, including prevention, treatment, symptom management, and biomarker studies.

1.2 The Science of Minority and Underrepresented Population Accrual

- Decision-making and informed consent of minority and underserved populations, including interventions that promote trust in cancer care.
- Integrating cultural issues in patient education.

1.3 The Science of Community Outreach, Education, and Participation

- Community education and awareness of clinical trials, including social marketing interventions and disease registries for patients.
- The role of Community Organizations, Community Advisory Boards (CABs), and Community-Based Participatory Research principles in promoting trial accrual.

Track 2: Physician and Provider-Centered Solutions (Interventions targeted at improving physician/provider communication and planning for clinical trials)

2.1 The Science of Physician/Provider Communication With Participants and Colleagues

- Communicating risk/benefit and equipoise in trials.
- Integrating trials as a cancer treatment and prevention option.
- Assessing patient/family receptiveness and readiness for trial discussion.
- Educating and communicating with colleagues about trials.

2.2 The Science of Recruitment Planning and Evaluation

- Establishing recruitment plans and recruitment methodology.
- Developing and standardizing accrual metrics, including terminology and reporting outcomes.
- Establishing and using disease registries for patient recruitment.

Track 3: Site Leadership, Infrastructure, and Operations (Strategies optimizing site leadership and operations to better select and support trials to reach accrual goals)

3.1 The Science of Effective Leadership and Organizational Culture to Promote Accrual

- Effective trial leadership and creation of an organizational culture that fosters and supports clinical research.

3.2 *The Science of Trial Selection, Infrastructure, and Operations*

- Creating systems that allow for more streamlined operations, efficient clinical research support offices/infrastructure, and staffing levels required to achieve research goals.
- Decision-making about planning, prioritizing, resourcing, and selecting trials.

AccrualNet

NCI is developing an online resource (AccrualNet) designed to help clinical trial professionals quickly find helpful literature, tools, and resources to support clinical trial recruitment efforts. AccrualNet promotes a “community of practice” through user-contributed content and conversation. AccrualNet will be introduced at the Symposium and made available to the clinical trial community in 2010. With permission of the author/submitter, accepted abstracts for the meeting will also be posted to this site. Permission to post your abstract on the AccrualNet site will NOT affect review of your abstract for the Symposium.

Questions?

Please review the Web site and directions carefully. Any questions should be directed to Allyson Harkey, Abstracts Coordinator, at AHarkey@novaresearch.com or 301-986-1891, ext. 123.