

# NCI-ASCO Cancer Trial Accrual Symposium

## CME Information

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### **Needs Statement:**

The development of effective oncology agents is critically dependent on the completion of clinical trials. To date, more than 6000 oncology trials listed in [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov) are accruing patients in the United States. However, reports indicate that only 3–5% of new cancer patients participate in clinical trials, and most trials do not meet their projected accrual timelines. Recent studies suggest that challenges contributing to decreased accrual are the following: physician awareness and attitudes, access to protocols, administrative burdens to conduct clinical trials, cost to physicians and patients, and patient concerns about participating in research trials. By addressing the challenges identified, the 2010 Accrual Symposium aims to present and stimulate evidence-based accrual methods which will facilitate narrowing knowledge, competency and practice gaps to improve oncology patient care and outcomes.

### **Target Audience:**

This Symposium is designed to improve the competency of the key leaders/representatives from sites/organizations who are actively engaged in oncology clinical trial recruitment and conducting research and interventions to enhance accrual. This Symposium will also benefit the principal investigators, physicians, research nurses, clinical research associates, program directors, patient advocates, educators and research staff who are also involved in accruing patients to oncology clinical trials and are interested in improving their knowledge and competency in this area.

### **Learning Objectives:**

Upon participation in this activity, attendees will be able to:

- Compare and contrast existing, emerging, and evidence-based clinical trial accrual strategies among a variety of patient populations, settings, cancers and trials;
- Develop recommendations for future research designed to enhance accrual to clinical trials;
- Propose and implement solutions and new innovative strategies to common problems in clinical trial accrual, including challenges to recruiting and maintaining minority and under-served populations.

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