NEWS IN BRIEF

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EA TRIAL RESULTS PUBLISHED IN HIGH-ImpACT JOURNALS

Final results from trial E1912, led by Tait Shanafelt, MD (Stanford), appeared in the New England Journal of Medicine in early August. The findings were first presented as a late-breaking abstract at the American Society of Hematology (ASH) Annual Meeting in December 2018. The trial found the combination of ibritinib plus rituximab superior to standard treatment for patients age 70 and younger with previously untreated chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL). Learn more.

Results from trial ACRIN 6685, led by Val Lowe, MD (Mayo Clinic), were published in the Journal of Clinical Oncology in July. The study was the largest prospective multicenter trial conducted of FDG-PET/CT in head and neck cancer, and it demonstrated that FDG-PET/CT may help clinicians decide on the best therapy for the clinically node-negative neck in patients with head and neck squamous cell carcinoma. Learn more.

ECOG-ACRIN LEADERS ON THE MOVE

Joseph A. Sparano, MD (Montefiore), EA's Vice Chair, will receive the William L. McGuire Memorial Lecture Award at the 2019 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium (SABCS), taking place December 10-14. He is being recognized for a career distinguished by leadership, collaboration, and practice-changing achievements in clinical and translational breast cancer research.

Heather A. Wakelee, MD (Stanford), who serves on several EA leadership committees and co-chairs the Thoracic Cancer Committee, was recently named President-Elect of the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) where she is currently a board member.

Kim L. Sandler, MD (Vanderbilt-Ingram) was appointed Imaging Chair for the Thoracic Cancer Committee, effective July 2019. She replaces Caroline Chiles, MD (Wake Forest) in this role.

Jonathan E. McConathy, MD, PhD (University of Alabama), was appointed Chair of the Experimental Imaging Working Group, effective May 2019. He replaces David A. Mankoff, MD, PhD (University of Pennsylvania) in this role.

TWO EA MEMBER SITES EARN NCI RECOGNITION

Recently, The Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center, an EA member since 1986, achieved the highest recognition from the National Cancer Institute: Comprehensive Cancer Center. This designation reflects research excellence and a commitment to delivering cutting-edge cancer care. At the same time, NCI named The University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, an EA member since 2005, its 71st NCI-Designated Cancer Center. EA's current Principal Investigator at Miami U is Chukwuemeka V. Ikeazu, Sr., MD, PhD, MBA while Kathy D. Miller, MD is the current EA Principal Investigator at Indiana U.

TMIST IN THE NEWS

The TMIST breast cancer screening trial was highlighted in the July edition of The Bmj as part of an article exploring the value of 3D mammography. Learn more (Please note: you must have a paid subscription to access the full article).

TMIST was also featured in The Cancer Letter in July. In the piece, Amy Curtis, MD (Spartanburg Medical Center) shares her perspective as a community oncologist on why TMIST is so important. Read the full article.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: YOUNG INVESTIGATOR SYMPOSIUM AT THE FALL GROUP MEETING

ECOG-ACRIN is currently accepting research abstracts from young investigators interested in presenting your research at the upcoming Fall Group Meeting (October 24 – 26 in Fort Lauderdale, FL). You may be eligible to apply if you are engaged in clinical, translational, imaging, or basic cancer research or in non-cancer related research that has application to cancer biology, prevention, screening, diagnosis, imaging, or treatment. The submission deadline is Thursday, September 12 at 11:59 PM (EDT). View full eligibility criteria and the abstract submission form.

SAMPLE TRACKING SYSTEM (STS) USER GUIDE: VERSION 7 NOW AVAILABLE

Version 7 of the Sample Tracking System (STS) User Guide went into effect on July 23, 2019. With V7, the Translational Science Team made significant updates to describe current procedures since V6 in 2014. The document lives at a stable link on ecog-acrin.org for use across the EA webapps portal, and within the STS itself.