

# Fox Chase Cancer Center CCOP Research Base (FCRB)

## Save the Date

The next FCRB meeting will be on February 8th and 9th, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency at Penn's Landing. Please contact Judi Seldomridge at Judi.Seldomridge@fcc.edu if you have suggestions or requests for topics or agenda items. Meeting details will be circulated in December/January.

Concepts Description	Status
FCRB-04-003-P Comparing The Lozenge To The Patch For Smoking Cessation	PI: Robert Schnoll, PhD Study initiation meeting was conducted on 9/29/05. This study is open to accrual.
FCRB-04-004-P Colorectal Cancer Screening Intervention For Family Members Of Colorectal Cancer Patients	PI: Sharon Manne, PhD A study initiation meeting was conducted on 9/29/05. This study is open to accrual.
FCRB-04-001-C Randomized, Double-Blind Study Of Prophylactic Treatment Of Erectile Dysfunction In Patients Treated With Radiotherapy For Localized Prostate Cancer: Impact On Patient And Partner Quality Of Life	PI: Deborah Watkins-Bruner, PhD Sites surveyed 8/28 and 10/6 to determine interest and feasibility.
FCRB-05-009 A Physical Activity to Prevent Weight Gain in Breast Cancer	PI: Joanne Dorgan, PhD A Revised concept was submitted to NCI 10/27/05.
FCRB-05-008 A Comparison of Two Approaches to Manage Fatigue and Insomnia in Cancer Patients: Energy and Sleep Enhancement, the EASE Study	PI: Andrea Barsevick, RN, DNSc The protocol was approved by the NCI pending changes to the consent form. Further details will follow.
FCRB-04-002-P Efficacy And Feasibility Of A Psychosocial Intervention Within The CCOP Context: Evaluation Of The Facing Forward Series To Facilitate Life After Cancer Treatment	PI: Suzanne Miller, PhD The protocol was approved by the NCI 10/27/05, pending minor changes. FCRB response is due before 11/31/05.

## FCRB Open Studies

“**FCRB-04-004-P** Colorectal Cancer Screening Intervention For Family Members Of Colorectal Cancer Patients” has been approved by the NCI and is open to accrual. If you are interested in participating in this study please contact Judi Seldomridge at Judi.Seldomridge@fcc.edu.

“**FCRB-04-003-P** Comparing The Lozenge To The Patch For Smoking Cessation” has been approved by the NCI and has been initiated. A final protocol has been distributed to each site. If you are interested in more information on this study please contact Judi Seldomridge at Judi.Seldomridge@fcc.edu.

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The Fox Chase Cancer Center Research Base (FCRB) is an NCI-designated Research Base for Community Clinical Oncology Programs (CCOPs) and Affiliate Members. The goal of the FCRB Program is to reduce cancer incidence, morbidity and mortality in the community through the identification, testing and evaluation of interventions in controlled clinical trials. Cancer prevention and control research is developed that builds on the strengths and interests of investigators at FCCC, the CCOPS and Affiliates. These strengths include peer-reviewed federally funded phase I, II and III chemoprevention research, behavioral research in patient/spouse decision making, cancer screening, symptom management, risk management, quality-of-life studies and psychoimmunology, molecular epidemiology studies and studies of cancer outcome and cost analysis related to patient care.

#### FALL FCRB MEETING UPDATE:

The fall FCRB meeting was held on September 29, 2005. Guest speakers:

**Maria Sgambati, MD**, NCI Program Director provided an update on NCI initiatives and expectations of the request for applications in 2006.

**Jeffrey Kirshner, MD** presented on CCOP secrets to success.

**Lucille Adams-Campbell, PhD** presented on the special needs of a MBCCOP program.

**Deborah Watkins-Bruner, PhD** provided a review of studies that the research base has considered in an effort to identify barriers to research interest and accrual. Dr. Bruner also presented on the FCCC Recruitment and Retention Core Protocol and Concept presentations.

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- ▶ FCRB-05-009 A Physical Activity to Prevent Weight Gain in Breast Cancer
- ▶ Efficacy of Screening For Depression: First Phase in a Two Phase Project to Evaluate Project to Evaluate an Intervention to Improve the Care for Depression Among Head and Neck Cancer Patients Treated with Radiotherapy
- ▶ A Randomized Placebo Controlled Clinical Trial of St. John's Wort (SJW) for Smoking Cessation

#### Research Development Committee

Based on a vote from the PI Committee (previously the Policy Committee) FCRB will revise the modality committee structure. The Supportive Care, Behavioral and Prevention/Epidemiology Committees will become one committee called the Research Development Committee and will be charged to be responsible for the development of new research ideas. The ideas must be evaluated for feasibility at member sites. Research ideas that are brought to the committee and are approved are compiled into the NCI concept or protocol formats and submitted to the Research Steering Committee for scientific review. Once an idea is approved by the Research Steering Committee, FCRB will survey the PI Committee for interest. The revised committee structure will become effective after the first of the year. A 2006 meeting calendar will be circulated soon.

#### Clinical Trials Management System (CTMS)

FCRB has purchased Info Ed CTMS to support our studies. FCRB continues to work with Info Ed to implement the system.

#### Website update

FCRB secure website was launched on November 4, 2005. It includes information on our open protocols including study documents, Case Report Forms and accrual information. Additionally sites can access committee meeting agendas, minutes, affiliate member contact information and study updates. If you have not registered please go to <http://www.fccc.edu/ccop/> and click on the members only link. Instructions are provided on how to apply for access.

#### Staffing update

Karen Ferry joined FCRB on September 6th as our regulatory coordinator. Karen will be responsible to distribute, collect, and track all regulatory information related to FCRB studies. Karen previously worked with the Fox Chase Cancer Center IRB and Protocol Management Office. She can be reached by phone at 215-214-3773 or e-mail at [Karen.Ferry@fccc.edu](mailto:Karen.Ferry@fccc.edu). Please join us in welcoming Karen to FCRB.