

Memo

To: CP-CTNet Colleagues

From: CP-CTNet Steering Committee

Date: July 17, 2026

Subject: Quarterly Steering Committee Information Dissemination

1. NCI Update

- Dr. Goli Samimi thanked the LAO PIs/coordinators/fiscal staff for promptly answering RPPR follow up questions during a busy/challenging budget period at the NCI and encouraged staff to continue to respond expeditiously to inquiries related to the end of the grant and fiscal year.

2. CP-CTNet Business

- Dr. Patricia Thompson reported with excitement that Dr. Julie Bauman will be returning to the University of Arizona to become the inaugural chair and tenured professor of the Department of Interdisciplinary Oncology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix.

3. DMASC Update

- Jens Eickhoff, PhD and Sue Siminski, MS, MBA presented detailed updates on study activation, accrual patterns, progress made in each of the DMASC Units (Data Management and Reporting Unit, Clinical Trials Auditing Unit, Statistical Support Unit, Administrative and Coordinating Unit), status of the virtual specimen repository (~20,000 specimens across 13 studies), and a newly proposed quarterly site monitoring tool to include data completeness and query responsiveness rates. The team agreed to develop a formal process with regard to this new system.

4. New Topics

- It was noted that future site visits will be spread out more throughout the year and presentations should focus on challenges, outstanding

questions and accrual. Presentations do not need to review background/rationale of trial.

- Study PI engagement in protocol development, attendance at monthly study calls and audits was stressed. Network guidelines detailing expectations are being developed and will be shared in the near future.
- Dr. Patricia Thompson reported on progress made by the Data Simplification Committee. The need to reduce data collection burden while maintaining participant safety and data integrity, and proposing the development of risk-based protocol templates was highlighted.
- LAO PIs were reminded to submit requests for Emerging Investigator Development Funds with future solicitation submissions.
- LAO PIs were reminded if they are developing cross-network studies to involve the DMASC statisticians early in development.
- Residual biospecimen storage was discussed and concerns were raised about funding challenges for sites handling their own biomarker work. Available budgets need to be evaluated for shipping activities.

5. Concept Solicitation Cycles #28-30

Cycle #	Steering Committee	Concept Solicitation	Concept Due
28	Fri. July 17, 2026	Thurs. July 23, 2026	Thurs. Sept. 24, 2026
29	Fri. Oct. 16, 2026	Thurs. Oct. 22, 2026	Thurs. Jan. 7, 2027
30	Fri. Jan. 22, 2027	Thurs. Jan. 28, 2027	Thurs. March 25, 2027

6. Next Steering Committee Meeting

- Date: October 16, 2026

7. Next Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) Meeting

- Date: September 22, 2026