

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** April 22, 2011  
**To:** NCCTG Memberships  
**From:** Jan Buckner, M.D., NCCTG Group Chair  
**Re:** NCCTG Spring meeting and Alliance update

The North Central Cancer Treatment Group (NCCTG) spring 2011 meeting, which will be held May 11-13, 2011, in Rochester, Minn., will be the last meeting independent of the merger with the Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB) and the American College of Surgeons Oncology Group (ACOSOG). Our spring meeting program will include:

- General session:
  - Growing Together with the Alliance – an update on the integration of NCCTG, CALGB and ACOSOG
  - Mayo Clinic Cancer Research Consortium (MCCRC)/Academic Community Cancer Research United (ACCRU) — new research opportunities through an expanded network
- Spring symposium: A Celebration of the NCCTG Legacy — a recognition of NCCTG people and our collective accomplishments (*Note: This is now scheduled for Friday, 5/13 1:30-4:00*)
- NCCTG Executive Committee Meeting:
  - Review the draft constitution and bylaws for the new group
  - Select members from NCCTG to serve on the Alliance Transition Board of Directors

This is an exciting time as we join to create a new cooperative group with expanded research opportunities for our investigators, our community members and our patients.

On July 14, the NCCTG Executive Committee will meet in Chicago. The Alliance Transition Board of Directors will meet in Chicago on July 15, 2011, to approve the constitution and bylaws for the new group. We will hold our first joint Alliance meeting on Nov. 17-19, 2011, in Chicago. While many administrative and scientific leaders from NCCTG, CALGB and ACOSOG have been meeting to plan the Alliance integration, this will be our first opportunity to come together as a new group to plan our future efforts in cancer research.

Due to the joint Alliance meeting in November, the fall 2011 NCCTG meeting, originally scheduled for Oct. 4-7, 2011, has been canceled. During this transition time, NCCTG research base staff will continue to provide all necessary support for NCCTG clinical trials and will join forces with other Alliance scientific leaders Sept. 14-16, 2011, to plan Alliance trials.

We look forward to seeing all of our members at both the spring NCCTG meeting and the fall joint Alliance meeting as we go forward in our efforts to develop and conduct high quality clinical trials that will improve cancer care.