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Subject: Request for Proposals for Translational Clinical Trial Concepts

The Massey Cancer Center provides support for development of approved, translational clinical trial concepts based on laboratory discoveries of MCC Scientific Program investigators, into innovative early phase clinical trials. Following PRMC and IRB review and approval of these trials, Massey Cancer Center will also provide support for the conduct, analysis and reporting of the trial. Massey members and associate members are eligible to apply for MCC support by developing and submitting translational concepts for review by the Clinical Trial Concept Review Committee. If you are not a member of the Massey Cancer Center, you may apply by going to the following link:  
http://massey.vcu.edu/research/members/application/

Initial review of concepts by the CTCRC will result in either preliminary approval or disapproval. Investigators receiving preliminary concept approval will be provided support of an MCC Scientific Writer and other Clinical Trial Office staff to assist with development of an advanced protocol draft and budget for submission to potential external sponsors to obtain drug supply and identify possible funding support. Once drug supply and the level of external support have been identified, the protocol draft and the proposed budget will undergo a second review by the CTCRC to obtain final approval for full protocol development, submission to PRMC and IRB followed by trial activation and conduct.

MCC is soliciting submissions of proposed concepts for translational trials, which are due on the following dates.

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Concepts should be submitted using the Translational Clinical Trial Concept Submission Form (see link below). Manuscripts or publications related to the science should be cited. Investigators may include an Appendix up to 3 pages to provide unpublished, additional supporting data to the cited manuscripts. Important components of applications include:

- The research providing the scientific rationale and hypothesis for the concept should be sufficiently mature to support testing the hypothesis in the clinic. If additional preclinical work is required, consider submitting the project under the MCC Pilot Project program. Visit the MCC website for next funding cycle.
- Strong preference will be given to concepts backed by data published in peer reviewed journals.
- Trials that address non-traditional outcomes that could interface with cancer prevention and control studies are encouraged.
- The proposed trial's potential impact on the Cancer Center catchment area and cancer disparities should be addressed in the proposal.

Ranking will be based on novelty, scientific merit, feasibility, the value of the trial to the cancer clinical research priorities of the Massey Cancer Center, and the readiness for trial initiation. Collaborations between clinical investigators with basic laboratory researchers and investigators in social and behavioral health and other cancer control research are strongly encouraged.

Interested members should submit a completed Translational Clinical Trial Concept Submission Form to Martha Wellons at mwellons@vcu.edu. The Announcement and Submission Form are available on the MCC website at [http://massey.vcu.edu/research/funding/clinical-trial-concept-program/](http://massey.vcu.edu/research/funding/clinical-trial-concept-program/)