

Looking to the Future

NCI Community Cancer Centers Program

A Case Study: Implementing NCI Strategic Objectives Through Integration of Research Across the Cancer Continuum

To deliver state-of-the-art oncology care to the community setting, including the earliest phase translational science, NCI is launching a community cancer care project—the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program (NCCCCP). This initiative, in partnership with NCI-designated Cancer Centers, will have clear-cut goals of improving cancer prevention, screening, and treatment; increasing participation in clinical trials; and reducing healthcare disparities. Additional focus

will include increased participation in biospecimen and electronic medical record initiatives. The centers will facilitate a multi-specialty approach to cancer with organ-based clinical programs and specialized training of cancer practitioners.

The NCCCCP cross-cuts the NCI strategic objectives, described on the following pages, and demonstrates how specific initiatives are moving from “silo” research arenas into integrative approaches that span the research continuum. Success will depend on the ability to fully integrate activities and partner with others to develop specific initia-

tives, such as the NCCCCP. In all of our planning we aim to remain responsive to the power of new scientific and technologic opportunities as we leverage community resources in the accomplishment of a world free of cancer.

