

RUTGERS CANCER INSTITUTE OF NEW JERSEY CLINICAL ASSOCIATE INVESTIGATORS

Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey is supported by the State of New Jersey to improve the standard of oncology care for all New Jersey residents and increase access to and participation in cancer clinical trials. By their close association with Rutgers Cancer Institute or RWJBarnabas Health, Clinical Associate Investigators (CAI) support our mission to conduct clinical research resulting from innovative basic, clinical and population research and cutting-edge patient-centered care that expands our understanding of the etiology and biology of cancer; facilitate the rapid translation of laboratory-based discoveries into human studies; develop new approaches and interventions for cancer prevention that decrease cancer incidence and mortality; and develop new and better therapies to decrease suffering and mortality from cancer.

A Clinical Associate Investigator is an oncologist (medical, surgical, radiation) or oncology-related clinician (other specialty with demonstrable cancer focus), dedicated to the mission of Rutgers Cancer Institute, and who is credentialed by and has active staff privileges at a RWJBarnabas Health system institution or other clinical affiliate institution of Rutgers Cancer Institute. Oncologists dedicated to the mission of Rutgers Cancer Institute who do not having active staff privileges at a RWJBarnabas Health system institution or other clinical affiliate institution of Rutgers Cancer Institute will be considered as a Clinical Associate Investigator on a case-by-case basis.

Clinical Associate Investigators:

- Serve as a principal investigator or co-investigator on a Rutgers Cancer Institute clinical trial (industry sponsored, cooperative group, etc.) and actively enroll patients as a primary requirement
- Employ evidence-based treatment protocols as related to the treatment of cancer patients
- Have a history of cancer-related publications
- Participate as requested in Rutgers Cancer Institute leadership, advisory, or selection committees, pilot grant reviews, etc.
- Support Rutgers Cancer Institute as community liaisons and in public relations efforts, recruitment interviews, etc.
- Participate in Rutgers Cancer Institute DSG (Disease Specific Group meetings) and tumor boards
- May be asked to serve on the Rutgers Cancer Institute Scientific Review Board or Human Research Oversight Committee (Rutgers Cancer Institute's data safety monitoring board)
- Maintain familiarity with the clinical trial portfolio of Rutgers Cancer Institute
- As appropriate to the best interest of the patient, refer patients to the Rutgers Cancer Institute for evaluation for eligibility for clinical trial enrollment
- Participate in annual Clinical Associate Investigator surveys and assist Rutgers Cancer

Institute in its strategy and service planning efforts

Benefits of Membership

- Ability to participate in select Rutgers Oncology trials based on feasibility and sponsor approval
- Clinical trial support from the Rutgers Cancer Institute including centralized regulatory, data safety monitoring, budgeting and contracting
- Use of OnCore (centralized electronic protocol management tool)
- Clinical trial education for investigators and staff
- Inclusion in the Clinical Investigations and Preclinical Therapeutics Program at Rutgers Cancer Institute
- Access to a network of potential collaborators and mentors
- Collaboration with the Rutgers Cancer Institute patient navigation program
- Eligibility for Rutgers Cancer Institute intramural award funding for pilot projects or as stipulated by a specific RFA
- Second opinion hotline and virtual consults
- Access to cutting-edge clinical trials, from precision therapeutics to immunotherapies (all patients referred to the Rutgers Cancer Institute for trial screening or research therapy are referred back to the Clinical Associate Investigator for standard care following treatment)
- Opportunities to attend Rutgers Cancer Institute-sponsored retreats, lectures, and seminars
- Eligibility for assistance from Rutgers Cancer Institute in public media announcements of clinical achievements
- Listing on the Rutgers Cancer Institute website and listserv for cancer center announcements

Clinical Associate Investigators must be approved by the Rutgers Cancer Institute Associate Director for Clinical Research.

To apply for Clinical Associate Investigator Membership, contact Chris Ponce, Management Assistant, Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey at: cp943@cinj.rutgers.edu