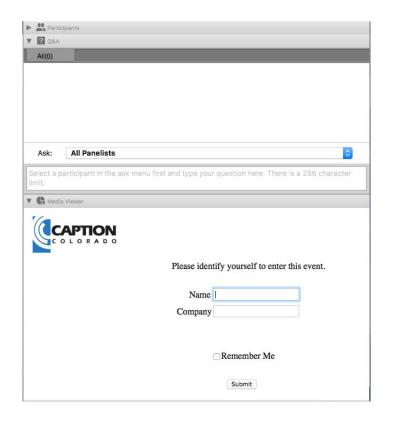
# Oral Anticancer Agents: Utilization, Adherence, and Health Care Delivery (R01, R21)

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# Agenda

- Background
- FOA Details
- Resources
- Questions

Questions about specific aims or grant application details will not be addressed

# Background

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# NCI DCCPS Organizational Structure

Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS)

Healthcare Delivery Research Program Behavioral Research Program Epidemiology and Genomics Research Program Surveillance Research Program

The **Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS)** aims to reduce cancer morbidity and mortality, as well as enhance the quality of life for cancer survivors.

#### cancercontrol.cancer.gov

#### Grant Mechanisms – R01 and R21

# NIH Research Project Grant (R01) PA-17-060

# NIH Exploratory/Developmental Grant (R21) PA-17-061

- Supports discrete, specified, circumscribed research projects
- Most commonly used grant mechanism
- No specific dollar limit
  - Advance permission required for≥\$500K direct costs in any year
- 3-5 years of funding
- Standard receipt dates

- Supports exploratory/developmental research projects
- May be used for pilot or feasibility studies
- Preliminary data not required
- Direct costs for the two-year project period may not exceed \$275K
- 2 years of funding
- Standard receipt dates

# **FOA Details**

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#### **Motivation**

- Targeted oral anticancer (OAC) medications have transformed cancer care
- OAC medications offer many potential advantages over traditional IV chemotherapy
  - Superior effectiveness
  - Convenient home-based treatment
  - A sense of control over treatment
  - Avoid IV infusions, trips to infusion center
- Potential downsides of OAC medications
  - Complex treatment regimens, often in addition to other medication regimens
  - OAC medications require strict adherence to be effective
  - Patients/caregivers are responsible for symptom management
  - Financial burden
  - Difficulties acquiring OAC medication

## Why do we need this funding opportunity announcement?

#### Utilization

- Little information is available on the adoption of newly approved targeted oral agents
- Little information is available on off-label use of oral agents
- Are targeted oral agents being prescribed appropriately?

#### Adherence

- Strict adherence is critical to achieving an optimal clinical outcome
- Suboptimal adherence may lead to relapse, side-effects, unnecessary treatment changes, increased use of health care resources

#### Health Care Delivery

- Health care systems need to establish new roles, responsibilities, safety standards, patient education strategies for targeted oral therapies
- Home-based treatment with targeted oral therapy requires new models of care coordination

### Purpose

- Assess and describe the current state of oral anticancer medication utilization, adherence, and delivery
- Identify the structural, systemic, and psychosocial barriers to adherence
- Develop models and strategies to improve safe and effective delivery of oral anticancer agents so that clinical outcomes are optimized

#### Considerations

- Applicants should focus on at least one of the following
  - Specific type of cancer
  - Class of drugs
  - Patients subject to disparities
- Studies may be observational/descriptive or include interventions; observational studies should emphasize modifiable factors for future interventions
- Studies may focus on utilization, adherence, or health care delivery issues related to oral anticancer agents (no need to study everything)
- Consult your Program Director if you have questions

#### Research Priorities

- Cross-disciplinary collaborations (e.g., pharmacists, research nurses, social workers, financial navigators)
- Studies focused on newer molecularly targeted therapies
- Primary data collection is encouraged

## **Utilization Challenges**

- Understand how targeted therapies are being prescribed and used
  - -Disparities in access
  - Off-label use
- Potential research questions:
  - What are the patient and provider characteristics associated with prescribing and use of molecularly targeted agents?
  - Are there sociodemographic or health-related factors (e.g., comorbidities) that affect utilization?
  - What are current trends in utilization of newly approved targeted oral therapies?

## Adherence Challenges

- Understand how cognitive, affective, and motivational processes influence adherence behavior
  - Beliefs about the safety and effectiveness of a "pill"
  - Depression, anxiety
- Potential research questions:
  - How do patients perceive the risks associated with oral therapy, and how do these risk perceptions influence adherence?
  - Are there major differences in patterns of adherence depending on the duration or complexity of the treatment regimen?
  - How do financial considerations (e.g., out-of-pocket costs) influence adherence?

## Health Care Delivery Challenges

- Understand how health care delivery systems are adapting to meet safety standards and the educational needs of patients and caregivers
  - Symptom management
  - Coordination of care
- Potential research questions:
  - What system, health care team, provider, and patient-level factors are associated with the safe administration of oral agents?
  - How does reimbursement affect symptom management and monitoring?
  - What features of health care delivery systems lead to improved safety and adherence?

# Resources

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## Read the FOAs Carefully

- PA-17-060 (R01); PA-17-061 (R21)
- Upcoming R01 application due dates: June 5, 2017; October 5, 2017
- Upcoming R21 application due dates: June 16, 2017; October 16, 2017
- Start the process early! Allow time for registration in Grants.gov and NIH eRA Commons
- Verify successful submission by checking the eRA Commons

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# Questions

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## **Next Steps**

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