

SWOG Research in Cancer Prevention, Screening and Surveillance

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The mission of the SWOG Prevention, Screening and Surveillance Committee is to conduct impactful cancer prevention clinical trials and epidemiologic studies that change the standard of care and reduce cancer incidence in the United States and around the world.

SWOG CANCER RESEARCH NETWORK

Fred Hutch Cancer Center

The Committee's mission

is met through designing and implementing studies in these areas:

- Prevention trials in high-risk populations
- Prevention trials in average risk populations
- Screening trials and biomarker studies to identify markers for early detection or recurrence
- Trials to prevent second primary cancers and/or prevent progression of stage 0 or in situ disease
- Behavioral modification studies (i.e. smoking cessation)
- Implementation science to increase uptake of evidence-based, effective prevention practices (i.e., chemoprevention, vaccines).

Why is there a Prevention Committee in a treatment trial group?

NCI National Clinical Trials Network Structure



Fred Hutch is a LAPS site

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THE CANCER CONTROL CONTINUUM

FOCUS



CROSSCUTTING AREAS

Communications

Surveillance

Health Disparities

Decision Making

Implementation Science

Health Care Delivery

Epidemiology

Measurement

Adapted from David B. Abrams, Brown University School of Medicine

How does the work get done?

Within each of the research groups (SWOG, Alliance etc) there are sets of committees

- Disease committees
 - Breast, Lung, GU, lymphoma, leukemia etc
 - Rare cancers
- Cancer Control Committees varies by each Research Base
 - All have Cancer Care Delivery required by the NCI
 - SWOG has:
 - Prevention, Screening & Surveillance
 - Symptom Management and Survivorship
 - Palliative and End-of-Life Care
- Other committees (research support)
 - Pharmacy, Recruitment & Retention, Radiation etc

Therapeutic trials

These committees have their own studies, but may leverage the treatment trials, depending on the study goals, design

	Group	Committees
•	SWOG	 Prevention Screening & Surveillance Symptom Management & Survivorship Palliative Care Cancer Care Delivery (CCDR)
•	NRG	 Cancer Prevention Cancer Control Health Disparities CCDR
•	Alliance	 Health Disparities Older Adults Health Outcomes CCDR Prevention Symptom Interventions Dissemination and Implementation
•	ECOG-ACRIN	 Prevention, Screening and Surveillance Cancer Control and Survivorship CCDR Health Equity
•	URCC	Cancer Prevention and ControlCCDR
•	Wake Forest	Cancer Prevention and ControlCCDR
•	Children's Oncology Group	 Cancer Control and Supportive CCDR Health Disparities and Diversity Committee





Examples of recent studies in the SWOG Prevention, Screening and Surveillance Committee

14-day triple, 5-day concomitant, and 10-day sequential therapies for *Helicobacter pylori* infection in seven Latin American sites: a randomised trial www.thelancet.com Vol 378 August 6, 2011

E Robert Greenberg, Garnet L Anderson, Douglas R Morgan, Javier Torres, William D Chey, Luis Eduardo Bravo, Ricardo L Dominguez, Catterina Ferreccio, Rolando Herrero, Eduardo C Lazcano-Ponce, María Mercedes Meza-Montenegro, Rodolfo Peña, Edgar M Peña, Eduardo Salazar-Martínez, Pelayo Correa, María Elena Martínez, Manuel Valdivieso, Gary E Goodman, John J Crowley, Laurence H Baker

- Promoting cancer prevention and control in low to middle income countries through the SWOG Latin America Initiative
- Gastric cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death worldwide, particularly in Latin America and East Asia.
- *Helicobacter pylori* infection accounts for the majority of gastric cancer cases.
- Population-wide eradication programs that are practical and affordable may reduce the health burden of *H.pylori* infection.





S0701: Study Design

 <u>Study population</u>: Healthy men and women, age 21-65, positive urea breath test for *H.pylori (N=1469)*

• <u>Study intervention</u>:

- 1) Standard triple therapy x14d (lansoprazole/amoxicillin/clarithromycin bid);
- 2) Concomitant therapy x 5d;
- 3) Sequential therapy (lansoprazole/amoxicillin x5d, lansoprazole/ clarithromycin/metronidazole x5d)
- Primary endpoint:
- Eradication of *H.pylori* at 6-8wks





S0701: Results

	N	Helicobacter pylori eradication	Difference from standard group (adjusted 95% Cl for difference)
Intention to treat (N= 1463)			
14-day standard therapy	488	401 (82·2% [78·5 to 85·5])	
5-day concomitant therapy	489	360 (73·6% [69·5 to 77·5])	8-6% (2-6 to 14-5)
10-day sequential therapy	486	372 (76-5% [72-5 to 80-2])	5.6% (-0.4 to 11.6)
Definitive 6-week UBT (N=141	4)		
14-day standard therapy	475	401 (84·4% [80·8 to 87·6])	
5-day concomitant therapy	471	360 (76·4% [72·3 to 80·2])	8-0% (2-2 to 13-7)
10-day sequential therapy	468	372 (79-4% [75-5 to 83-1])	4.9% (-0.9 to 10.8)
Adherent to therapy (N=1314)			
14-day standard therapy	434	378 (87·1% [83·6 to 90·1])	
5-day concomitant therapy	442	348 (78-7% [74-6 to 82-5])	8-4% (2-7 to 14-0)
10-day sequential therapy	438	355 (81·1% [77·1 to 84·6])	6-0% (0-3 to 11-8)

Data are number (% [95% CI]) unless otherwise indicated. UBT=urea breath test.





S0701: Conclusions

- The prevalence of *H.pylori* infection was high at ~80% in these Latin American sites.
- Compliance to all three antiobiotic regimens was high at >90%.
- *H.pylori* eradication rates:
- 1) 14d standard therapy (82%) standard therapy remained the best
- 2) 5d concomitant therapy (74%)
- 3) 10d sequential therapy (77%)
- *H.pylori* eradication programs may be cost-effective if they reduced prevented at least 10% of gastric cancer deaths.

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SWOG Trial: S0820

"A Double Blind Placebo-Controlled Trial of Eflornithine and Sulindac to Prevent Recurrence of High Risk Adenomas and Second Primary Colorectal Cancers in Patients with Stage 0-III Colon or Rectal Cancer, Phase III"



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Eflornithine and Sulindac Effects on Polyamine Metabolism



Marked Reduction of Adenomatous Polyps by Eflornithine + Sulindac vs. Placebo¹

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Inclusion: • \geq 1 resected adenoma \geq 3mm Placebo No hearing loss 45 41.1 Treatment: DFMO/Sulindac Percent recurrence (%) Eflornithine 500mg/d + Sulindac 40 150mg/d X 3y 35 Side effects: Serious cardiovascular events 30 • All: 4.9% v 8.4%, NS 92% reduction in recurrence High risk: $n=3 \vee 9$ 25 Low-Mod risk: $n = 6 \vee 7$ 20 Hearing Speech range: -0.99 dB • 13.2 15 12.3 difference, NS 8.5 10 5 0.7 0.7 0 **Total Adenoma** Advanced Multiple Adenoma Adenoma

1. Meyskens, Cancer Prevention Research, 2008 (1: 9-11).

70% reduction

Primary Objective: to assess whether the polyamine-inhibitory combination: effornithine 500 mg/d and sulindac 150 mg/d (vs. placebos) are effective in reducing the 3-year rate of high risk adenomas or 2nd primary CRCs in stage 0, I, II, and III colon and rectal cancer patients.

- Primary Endpoint:
 - High risk adenomas (HRA)
 - high-grade dysplasia
 - villous features
 - size ≥ 1 cm
 - Multiple (3 or more) adenomas
 - Second Primary Colorectal Cancers (SPCRC)

Goal is a 50% *(proposed: 60%) reduction in HRAs or SPCRCs at 3 years for combination E+S vs. combination placebos



Early phase chemoprevention trials

- Large-scale chemoprevention trials with cancer incidence as the primary outcome require large sample sizes and long-term follow-up.
- Need for surrogate endpoints for cancer incidence in order to conduct more efficient chemoprevention trials.
- Translational potential with the analysis of tissue and circulating biomarkers of cancer risk to understand underlying mechanisms of carcinogenesis.





Knowledge gaps in breast cancer chemoprevention

- Need for safe and effective chemopreventive agents, particularly for high-risk premenopausal
- No proven chemopreventive agents for estrogen receptor-negative breast cancer
- Development of surrogate endpoint biomarkers which correlate with breast cancer risk and response to therapy.
 Can mammographic density be such a biomarker?







S0812: Vitamin D supplementation in high-risk premenopausal women



Primary Endpoint: Change in mammographic density Secondary Endpoints: Serum and tissue-based biomarkers, toxicity Leading cancer research. Together.



Results for S0812

No significant difference for mammographic density



Interest in MD remains priority

- Breast cancer chemoprevention trials with primary outcomes of breast cancer incidence require large sample sizes and long-term follow-up.
- Mammographic density (MD) is a strong predictor of breast cancer risk and predicts response to tamoxifen in the chemoprevention and adjuvant settings.





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CNN (convoluted neural network) Breast Cancer Risk Model

- Novel CNN-derived pixel-wise breast cancer risk model developed in retrospective casecontrol study of 210 incident breast cancer cases and 527 unaffected controls.
 - CNN risk model showed to greater predictive potential [OR=4.42, 95% CI=3.4-5.7] compared to MD [OR=1.67, 95% CI=1.4-1.9]
 - Overall accuracy of 72% (95% CI=69.8-74.4)
- Compared change in CNN risk score among high-risk women with AH/LCIS/DCIS who took tamoxifen chemoprevention (N=248, 34%) and those who did not (N=480, 66%)
 - Chemoprevention was associated with a greater mean absolute decrease in CNN risk score compared to no chemoprevention (-6.9% vs. -1.9%, p=0.014)





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Leveraging existing data

• <u>Aim 1</u>: CNN analysis of archived mammograms from <u>S0812</u>



 <u>Aim 2</u>: Implement prospective collection and banking of mammograms in other SWOG prevention studies

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S1823 Clinical Trial



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miRNAs in germ cell tumors (GCTs)

- miRNA 371 is expressed in > 90% of GCT, seminoma AND nonseminoma
- Specific for viable GCT (expressed only in pregnancy other than GCTs!)
- Not expressed by teratoma
- Serum/Plasma levels are correlated with clinical stage
- Rapid decrease and disappearance after successful treatment



Nappi L et al. JCO 2019 Dieckmann K. et al, JCO 2019 Voorhoeve et al. ,2007 Palmer et al., 2010 Gillis et al., 2010

miR371 clinical utility validation: S1823 trial





S1823:A PROSPECTIVE OBSERVATIONAL COHORT STUDY TO ASSESS miRNA 371 FOR OUTCOME PREDICTION IN PATIENTS WITH NEWLY DIAGNOSED GERM CELL TUMORS trial Study chairs: Dr. Nichols – Dr. Nappi

Very simple research question:

Can we use miR371 to predict / anticipate tumor relapse in patients with CSI/IIA GCT?

S1823: Trial concept

Simple question: can miRNA 371 be used to detect tumor relapse in patients with early stage GCTs?

Blood collection: two Streck tubes for micro-RNA plasma extraction







- S1823 was activated in the USA on June 1-2020.
- The first patient was consented on July 27-2020
- Opened in Canada in December 2020
- Accrual completed in May 2024: 964 patients

Low risk	634		
Moderate risk	174		
High risk	155		
Not yet assigned	1		

Lab assays expected to be finished very soon, then data analysis and publication.

Multiple presentations at ASCO and ASCO-GU

MiCHOICE Study Schema

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Clinic Eligibility:

- NCORP/NCTN site with common EHR/patient portal
- Exclude very low volume clinics*

Stratification factors:

- Low vs. high volume*
- MU-NCORP vs. non MU-NCORP/NCTN

(N = 26)

RealRisks and BNAV
 + standard educational materials

Standard educational materials alone

*Number of women with AH or LCIS seen per year by site: very low volume <50; low volume = 50-100; high volume >100.

Primary Endpoint: Chemoprevention informed choice at 6mo

Secondary Endpoints: Breast cancer (BC) knowledge, perceived BC risk/worry, decision conflict/regret, shared decision-making, chemoprevention usage/adherence and reasons for discontinuation, implementation of decision support tools into clinic workflow



Activation date: 9/1/2020



Eligibility Criteria – closed to accrual

- **Recruitment Centers** (N=26)
 - EHR and patient portal use in outpatient clinics
 - 50+ women with AH or LCIS per year
- Healthcare Providers (N=200)
 - Specialists and PCPs who see women with AH or LCIS
- Patients (N=415)

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- Women, age 35-74 years
- AH or LCIS/lobular neoplasia, no personal history of breast cancer
- No prior use of SERMs or Als, no bilateral mastectomies
- Internet access, able to receive email/text messages
- English or Spanish-speaking

NCI National Clinical Triais Network Network Take Charge of Your Breast Cancer Risk

COLUMBIA BNAV

BNAV

Breast Cancer Risk Navigation (BNAV) Tool is a web-based decision support tool with modules that present pertinent information for primary care providers regarding breast cancer risk assessment and preventive measures for their patients

CHEMOPREVENTION

Breast Cancer

Breast Disease

Chemoprevention

Realrisksdecisionaid.com

LECTURE TOPICS





PATIENT-CENTERED CARE Communicating Health Risk · Evidence-Based Methods Shared Decision Making Patient Decision Aid:

SCREENING Breast Cancer Screening in Average-Risk Women Breast Cancer Screening in High-Risk Women · Mammographic Density Implications for Breast Cancer Screening



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 Breast Cancer Assessmen Management of Benigr Breast and Ovarian Cancer

Schedule of Evaluations

	Screening	Baseline	6mo ³	I2mo	Yearly for up to 5yrs
Eligibility	Х				
Registration	Х				
PROs					
Baseline characteristics ¹		Х			
Chemoprevention knowledge		Х	Х	Х	
Perceived breast cancer risk		Х	Х	Х	
Breast cancer worry		Х	Х	Х	
Decision conflict		Х	Х	Х	
Chemoprevention intention/decision		Х	Х	Х	
Informed choice		Х	X	Х	
Shared decision-making ^{1,2}			Х		
Chemoprevention usage/adherence/			V	V	\checkmark
early discontinuation (if applicable)			^	^	^
Clinical outcome					
Breast cancer incidence				Х	X

¹Assessed in both patients and providers; ²Assessed after clinic visit; ³Clinic visit



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How to get involved

- Anyone who wants to lead a study in the SWOG Prevention, Screening and Surveillance area
 - Present a 10 minute presentation at the monthly committee meeting
 - If there is interest and support, submit a 2 page concept to the SWOG Executive Committee
 - If support and interest, submit a 5-10 page proposal to SWOG Triage Committee
 - Patient advocates must be involved throughout the process (they are very helpful)
 - Upon approval and funding is secured, then detailed protocol is written and study is activated.



Thank you



