

## **SWOG STORE FRONT AT THE VA**

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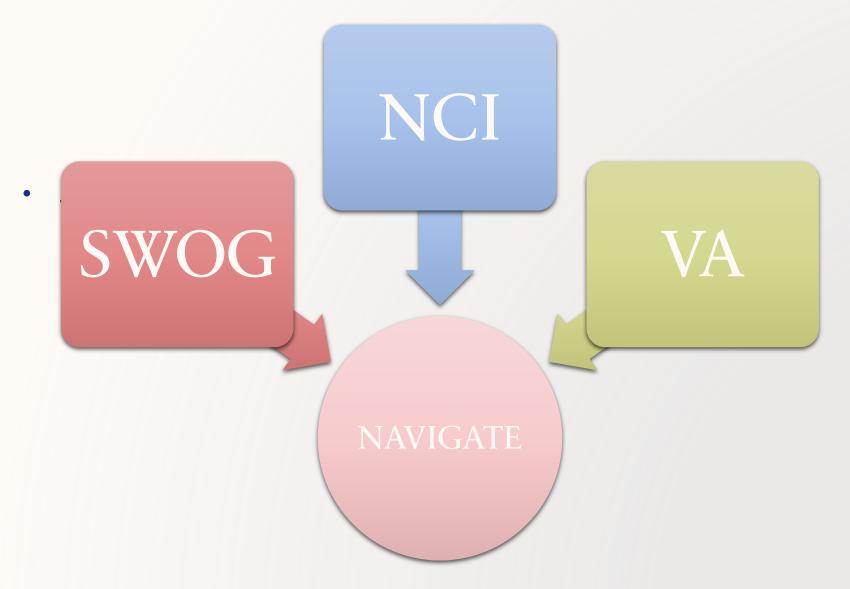
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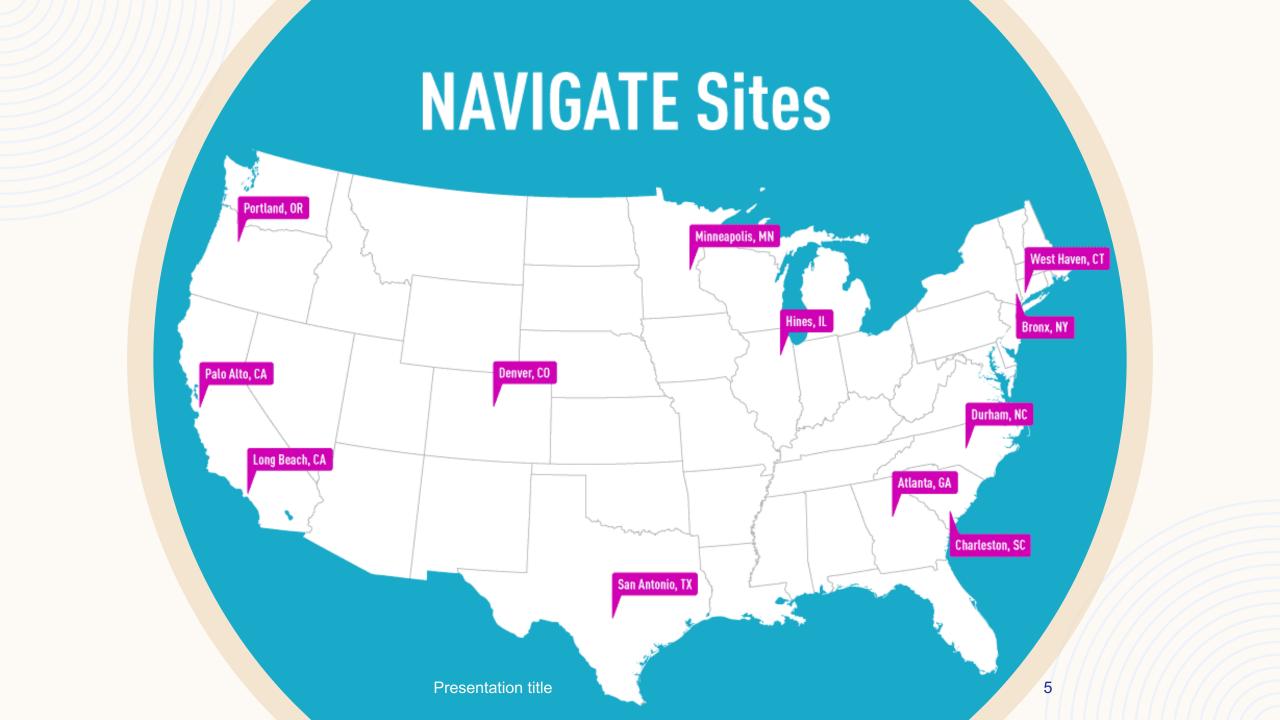
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• NCI And VA Interagency Group to Accelerate Trials Enrollment (NAVIGATE)

- Funding mechanism to enable veterans with cancer to access NCI clinical trials at the VA.
  - Help veterans overcome barriers when trying to access clinical trials as part of their cancer care.
  - Testing new cancer therapies to lessen the burden of cancer and its symptoms.
  - Discover new and novel approaches to the prevention and early detection of cancer.









# INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- Pool of research coordinators.
- Regulatory support.
- Development of SOP

#### **RECRUITMENT**

- Open new studies.
- Inspire physicians to join as NCI Investigators

#### **SUSTAINABILITY**

• Streamline process of activating clinical trails.

# **OUR TEAM 2018**

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### **REGULATORY**

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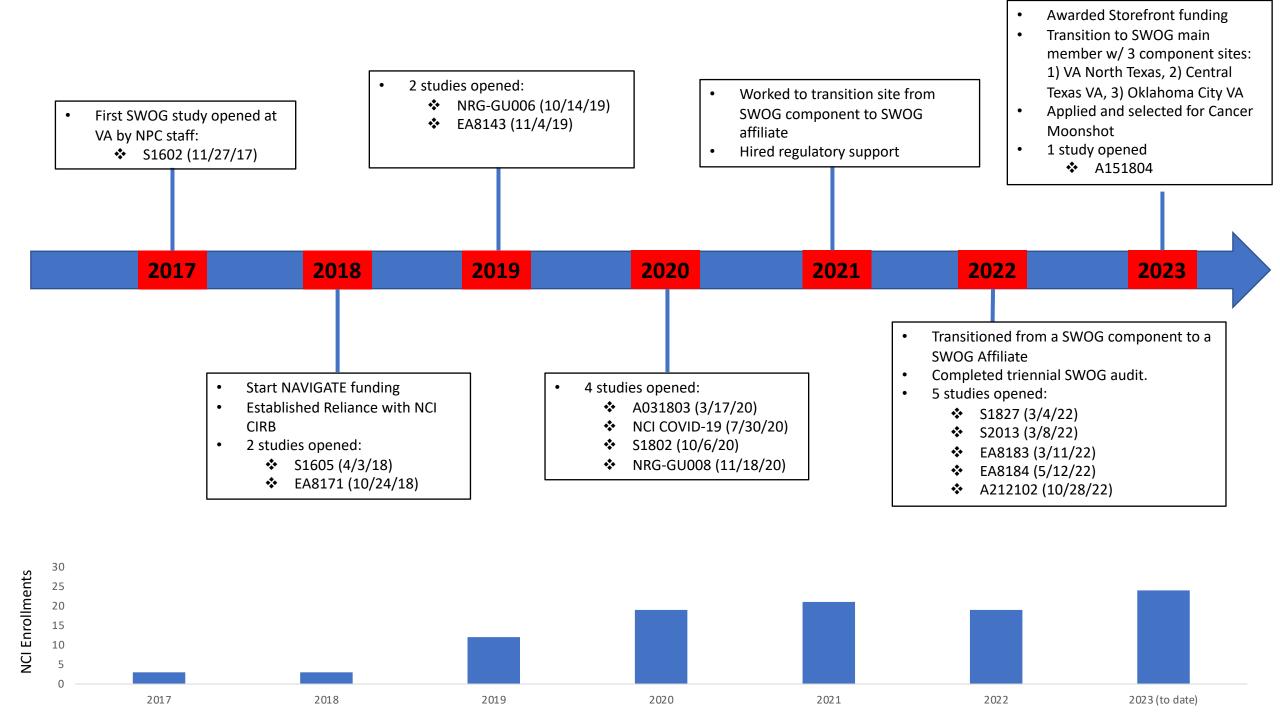
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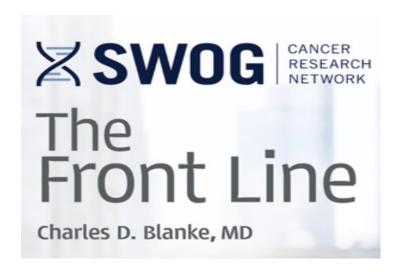
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## VA STORE FRONT - 1ST IN NATION



### Goals of the Storefront:

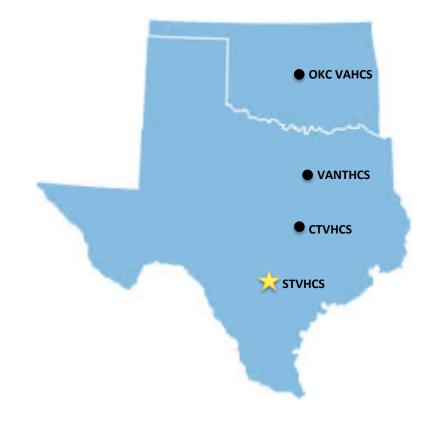
- Increase VA participation in oncology clinical trials by reaching out to the neighboring VA.
- Provide centralized administrative support and expertise across component sites.
- Recruit new VA medical centers to establish reliance with the NCI CIRB, obtain SWOG membership, and engage in NCTN and NCORP clinical trials.

### **Storefront Sites:**

**HUB: South Texas Veterans Health Care System** 

#### **SPOKES:**

- Central Texas Veterans Health Care System
- VA North Texas Veterans HealthCare System
- Oklahoma City VA Health Care System



## **Storefront Site Updates**

### 1. South Texas Veterans Health Care System

- Transitioned to SWOG Main Member
- Executed financial agreements between NPCs with spoke sites
- Designated a Storefront lead CRA
- Developed site onboarding SOPs
- Conducted trainings with each site on processes such as creating reliance with the NCI CIRB, site boilerplate language, and site RUMS roster.
- 24 SWOG credited enrollments from 1/1/2023 to 9/25/2023
- Recruited Oklahoma City VA Health Care System to join Storefront.

## **Storefront Site Updates - Continued**

### 1. Central Texas Veterans Health Care System

- Onboarding meeting
- Applied for NAVIGATE funding
- Established SOPs with ORD for reliance on NCI CIRB. Currently working on NCI-CIRB Enrollment Forms

### 2. VA – North Texas Veterans Health Care System

- Became a SWOG member effective 1 Jan 2023
- Executed NCTN and NCORP fixed rate agreements with OHSU/SWOG
- Updated boilerplate language to meet VA requirements
- Applied for NAVIGATE funding
- Opened first SWOG trial (S2013) and working on opening a second trial.



# Storefront Site Updates - Continued

## 1. Oklahoma City VA Health Care System

- SOPs for reliance on NCI CIRB approved by VA ORD
- Executed Authorization Agreement with NCI CIRB
- Currently working on Signatory Institution Worksheet and Annual PI worksheet

## **Next Steps**

- All spoke sites to open NCTN and NCORP clinical trials that meet the needs of their patients and the interests of their investigators
- Provide monthly coordinator trainings on conducting NCTN/NCORP clinical trials
- Quarterly all site update meeting
- Continue to grow SOP library on conducting NCTN/NCORP clinical trials within a VA setting



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