

## Guidance Relevant to NIH Clinical Translational Science Awards (CTSA) and Cancer Center Support Grant (CCSG) Guidelines

Clinical and Translational Science Awards are sponsored by the National Center for Research Resources. CTSA's are intended to complement the extramural programs of other NIH Institutes by creating an academic home for clinical and translational research. The vast majority of institutions with CTSA's also are home to NCI-designated Cancer Centers and issues relevant to the Cancer Center Support Grant (CCSG) Guidelines may arise in some Cancer Centers based on the proposed structure of the CTSA, the organization of the parent institution, and the organization and functions of the Cancer Center. Additional guidance is provided below.

### The Six Essential Characteristics

As a set of overriding principles, the Six Essential Characteristics, which serve as the cornerstone of the NCI - Cancer Centers Program, remain paramount.

### Protocol Review and Monitoring System (PRMS)

Scientific review, prioritization, monitoring, and closure to trials of cancer center clinical trials must continue as exclusive functions of the Protocol Review and Monitoring System of the Cancer Center. It is not acceptable for these functions to be within the purview of the CTSA or any other entity within the parent institution.