Wrap-Up
Take Home Messages: The Heart of CARG

• Dream Big
• The strength of geriatric oncology is the people.
• People and “the heart” are central to our brand

• “Time to build new infrastructure”
• ...but we have to be careful to not lose the special sauce.
The Cores

• Merge Core 1 and Core 2:
  • Rename Core 1 – Clinical and Biological Measures of Aging
• Keep Core 3 and Core 4 separate
  • Add Interventions somewhere
• Redefine Core 5: Research Methods and Biostatistics
  • Adding geriatric questions to datasets
The Cores

• Review core composition
• Establish a Leadership Core
• Need to prioritize and establish timeline
• Patient advocates are integral partners
• Workflow: Need to develop an algorithm
  • Intake form on CARG website
  • “Super Navigator”
  • “5 minute consult”
  • Followed by more in depth help
Enduring Resources

- Catalog of measures:
  - Geriatric Assessment
  - Biological
- Standardized protocols
- Data collection
- Storage
- Toolbox of methods and analytical plans
- Databases of tools and studies
- Database of investigators
Mentorship (Sustainability)

• Define what we mean
  • “M” vs. “m”
  • Advisor
  • Sponsor

• Our mentees are our future:
  • Leadership training
  • Leveraging junior investigators: “teaching moments”
  • “Pay it forward”
Sustainability: Dollars

• Need to consider what parts do we want to sustain
• Sustainability ($)
  • Write core experts or cores into future grants
  • Charge back – will be tough
  • Learn from Palliative Care Research Consortium: other grant opportunities
  • Philanthropy
  • 501C3
Budget

• Need to support:
  • Core Leaders’ effort
  • Consultants
  • Additional support for an administrative team to:
    • Developing enduring resources
    • Maintain website
Communication

• Need to start now
• Opportunity for communication: “Blocking the Tackle”
  • Social media
  • Press release
  • E-newsletter
  • Facebook
• Reach out to established investigators
• Develop means of translating science
“Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together.”

-James Cash Penney

Thank You for Being One of Those Forces!