

Wrap-Up



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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.



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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



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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



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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



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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”



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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



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Budget

- Need to support:
 - Core Leaders' effort
 - Consultants
 - Additional support for an administrative team to:
 - Developing enduring resources
 - Maintain website



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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



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**“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!



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