Core 1 and 2: Clinical and Biological Measures of Aging

How Does Your Core Contribute to the Infrastructure as a Whole?



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Accelerate pace discovery and collaboration by providing resources to inform the use of clinical (GA) and biological measures of aging within the context of cancer and aging research.



Core Function

- Provide expertise:
 - In incorporation of GA measures into clinical trial design
 - In biological measures and correlation to clinical outcomes
- Create a catalog of measures at multiple levels (e.g. GA, molecular, genetics)
- Facilitate connection to collaborators
- Provide resource for implementation (standardized protocol, data collection, storage) and data analysis.
- Develop pool of core consultants separate from core members
- Provide guidance for multicenter collaboration in collecting biological measures
- Enduring materials: inventory of measures

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Infrastructure Grant

Work Flow

- Screen for needs
 - Request template → Triage → "5 minute consult" → if interest confirmed, presentation of study concept/aims on CARG call → consultant fee as part of grant budget to sustain infrastructure → the requesting individual then becomes "an expert" for future requests

***Screen for willingness to include consultant fee in grant budget and willingness to serve as future "expert"



Policies and Procedures

- Datasharing
- Transparency
- Standard operating procedures
- Maintaining database of tools and experts
- Set expectations for types/levels of interactions



Interaction with other core groups

- Biostats
- Behavioral/Psychosocial Interventions
- Mentorship
- Communication to advertise this service



Sustainability

- pre-grant advise
- consultant on grants (support core)
- pass it forward-will serve as an expert and help someone else.



Year **Activities and Deliverables**

- 1 Identify and engage core members core consultants
 - Develop basic "toolkit" resource
 - 1. list of core measures
 - 2: assemble available resources support use of measures (references, procedure, etc)
 - Develop process/procedures for use of core
 - Work with core leaders to develop and implement common pathway request for assistance through mycarg website
 - Develop strategy to support enduring materials resources on CARG website
 - Explore collaborations with other stakeholders
 - Obtain feedback from CARG members on evolving resources and needs
 - Determine resources needed to support optimal inventory of enduring materials
 - Use content assembly as mentoring opportunities build in updates regarding content on CARG or JR CARG calls – creating a live interactive resource for on-going education

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