SUPPORTIVE CARE CORE

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- Carolyn Presley, MD
  JF Lead

- Heidi Klepin, MD, MS
  PI liaisons

- Jessica Krok-Schoen, PhD, MA
  Junior Investigator Board Member

- Smith Giri, MD
  Junior Investigator Board Member

- Lorinda Coombs, PhD
  Junior Investigator Board Member

- Aminah Jatoi, MD
  Organizational Liaisons Member

- Marlyn Harrison
  Patient Advocate Board: SCOREboard Member

- Valerie Targia
  Patient Advocate Board: SCOREboard Member

- Mary Whitehead, BFA
  Patient Advocate Board: SCOREboard Member
SUPPORTIVE CARE CORE

CORE MISSION
- Provide expertise and guidance in field of supportive care, behavioral, and non-pharmacological interventions
- Support investigators in design and conduct of studies that evaluate interventions in behavioral, psychological, and supportive care domains to improve outcomes of older adults with cancer

CORE FUNCTION
- Serve as contact point for researchers and support them by providing direct input through consultation services or connecting them to outside expertise when not available in Core
- Link researchers to existing resources and provide young investigators with adequate support within and outside institutions
- Provide investigators with expertise in recruitment strategies
- Mentoring investigators and linking them with other core members if needed
- Provide recommendations and guidance in various areas (study design, eligibility criteria, intervention development and adaption, intervention quality and fidelity, outcomes, assessment tools)
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **R21 phase/R33 Year 1 accomplishments/deliverables**
  - inquiries: 2
  - Added 2 new members
  - Change of junior faculty lead
WHAT’S WORKING/WHAT’S NOT?

- Core Specific
  - Mini-retreat to get to know one another
  - Evaluate our strengths
  - Evaluate our own research agenda
FUTURE DIRECTION

- Continue to evaluate our role
- Collaboration: Coordinate with other groups nationally and internationally
- Sustainability (“master plan”)
- Inclusion – gerontology, multiple disciplines, clinicians and non-clinicians

- Establish common core goals
  - Research
  - Communication
  - Community
  - Writing
  - Patient focused care
  - Decrease barriers of care
  - Post-treatment cancer care
  - Financial toxicity
SUPPORTIVE CARE CORE: GOALS

Communication Goals:
- expand and refine the definition of supportive care
- include this definition on the website
- add our core expertise on the website
- define and add a hyperlink to define patient advocate
- develop communication cards
- create the ability to preference a core member on the inquiry form

Collaboration Goals:
- invite liaisons from other cores to join our meetings and responses to inquiries
- submit a supportive care project to be reviewed by all cores
- create joint CARG call of AGS, GSA, and CARG in the spring

Research Goals:
- present our own research, preliminary data, and programmatic initiatives to our group
- white paper/brief communication update to 2019 white paper
- listing of examples of supportive care studies on website and in brief communication
SUPPORTIVE CARE CORE: GOALS

- **Sustainability Goals:**
  - determine if, how, and when to rotate off. We are just starting to gel as a group so will stay put for the next year.
  - establish a repository for core minutes and slides
  - advertise via AGS, GSA, CPAC, MSACC among others
  - cite the CARG grant and the core structure in published papers

- **Diversity and Inclusion Goals:**
  - invite patient advocates to our core sessions
  - consider socioeconomic status diversity in addition to racial/ethnic/gender diversity