

Community Collaboration to Expand Cancer Research Access in Washington

Program Impact Report, July 2023–January 2025

Vision

By 2030, 1 in 5 Washington State cancer patients will be enrolled in a research study

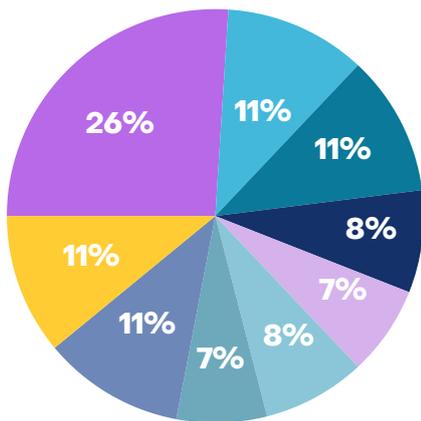
Strategies

- Build a research program focused on **improving care and the care experience** for patients and providers.
- **Make it easier** to conduct and participate in cancer trials.

How We Work



Year One Accomplishments



Topics of Interest Identified by Providers and Healthcare Workers in WA

- Care coordination
- Patient navigation
- Health equity
- Symptom management
- Staffing, turnover
- Survivorship
- Cost of care
- End of life
- Other



Clinic Outreach

We conducted listening sessions and interviews with 8 WA oncology clinics to understand their clinical and research priorities. Improving care coordination was the top priority, followed by health equity, end-of-life care, and patient navigation.



Research Development

Working closely with internal stakeholders and our EAB, we released our first Trials Expansion RFA in May tailored to the identified research priorities.



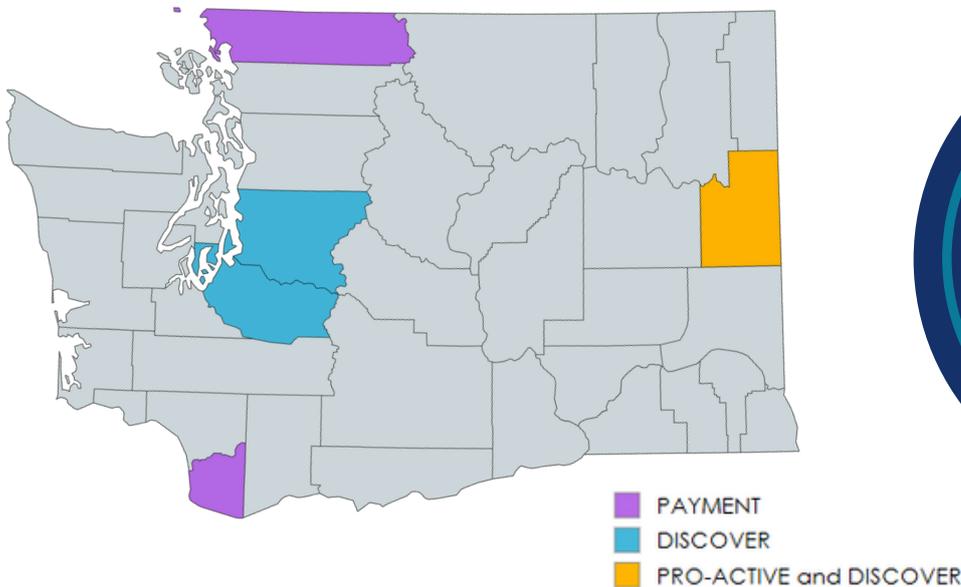
Launch Trials

Total amount awarded for 2025 fiscal year: \$150,000
See next page for more details.

Current Studies

All studies are 1-2 year feasibility pilots that will gather preliminary data to support a larger trial. DISCOVER is funded by the Andy Hill Care Fund, and PAYMENT is funded by NCI, all other pilots are funded fully by trials expansion.

Title	PI	Overview	Target Enrollment	Partnering Clinic(s)	Anticipated Opening
 DISCOVER	Scott Ramsey	Assess the relationship between insurance status, health-related social needs, and symptoms during chemotherapy.	60	 Spokane and Puget Sound	Opened January 2025
 PAYMENT	Veena Shankaran	Test a randomized intervention of unrestricted payments to cancer patients following diagnosis to improve outcomes.	20	 Bellingham and Vancouver	Spring 2025
 PRO-ACTIVE	Erin Gillespie	Assess if virtual fitness program reduces cancer-related fatigue in patients undergoing radiation for breast cancer.	60	 Spokane	Summer 2025
 Talking About Cancer	Megan Shen	Assess if a remote training intervention helps patients with advanced cancer and their informal caregivers with advanced care planning.	40	Looking for a partner	2025
 REGENT	Hiba Khan	Assess feasibility, uptake, and patient/provider satisfaction of a remote, comprehensive germline genetic testing program.	50	Looking for a partner	2025



Studies active or opening in 5+ counties

Upcoming Priorities

Focus Area	Action
Pilot Study Program	Issue RFA and fund 1-3 pilot study proposals from Consortium faculty that will launch in community clinics in 2026-27 fiscal year
Continued Community Engagement	Connect with 4-8 oncology providers, targeting rural parts of WA

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