



Sutter Cancer Research Consortium

Integrated Cancer Research Program: Sutter Cancer Research Consortium provides a robust clinical trials portfolio and enhanced clinical expertise among Sutter Health affiliates

As one of the ten largest not-for-profit healthcare organizations in the U.S., Sutter Health is a recognized leader in clinical research, and has integrated oncology research and clinical trials across its 24 Northern California affiliate medical centers.

The Sutter Cancer Research Consortium (SCRC) simplifies patient entry into clinical trials and reflects Sutter's leadership in supporting streamlined efforts to improve cancer research trial opportunities for our patients.

SCRC oncologists participate in large, multi-phase, national clinical studies sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the pharmaceutical industry. The SCRC are on the Voting Membership Board of NRG Oncology and the Governing Board of the SWOG Cancer Research Network, two of four NCTN groups that make up the NCI clinical trials network.

The SCRC coordinates the administrative, regulatory, compliance, and quality functions in a centralized model that serve all Sutter affiliates oncology programs and their associated patients with access to these clinical treatment options.

NCI clinical trials offer patients access to novel treatments and new clinical trial designs. Study outcomes from these national trials improve the standard of care for cancer patients in radiation and medical oncology practice.

The **SCRC Executive Committee** governs the consortium and ensures compliance is structured with regional and system-level leads. A central **Science Committee**, chaired by Ari Baron, MD, reviews and vets new studies before they are opened across Sutter Health.

Membership:

[Ari Baron, MD](#), West Bay Lead

Scientist; Medical Director of the Clinical Oncology Research Program at CPMC, Chief of Medical Oncology/Hematology

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Radiation Oncologist; Sutter Gould Medical Foundation physician

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[Christopher Jones, MD, FACR](#), Radiation Oncology Lead
Radiation Oncologist, Sutter Health Medical Group

By the numbers: How SCRC leadership and expertise improves patient care:

- Sutter Health oncology investigators have **over two decades of experience** in clinical trials research.
- There are **85 registered NCI investigators** at 21 sites across the Sutter Health network.
- Sutter Health has enrolled over 3,000 patients to NCI-sponsored clinical trials.
- On any given day, the SCRC typically has **50-60 clinical trials** open for patient enrollment across all tumor types.
- **Six** of our oncologists are appointed to sit on NCI national cooperative group Disease Committees, helping lead the design and creation of these studies.
- The SCRC is recognized by the NCI as one of the nation's **top** enrolling community based health systems.

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