

State of the Science Working Group 6

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Facilitating Priority Research



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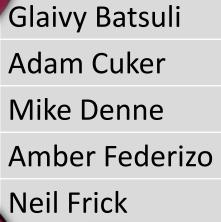


Workforce committee











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Who is the workforce?



- Primary caregivers
 - physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants
- Support staff
 - nurses, social workers, physical therapists, dental hygienists, genetic counselors
- Ancillary caregivers
 - ob/gyn, dentists/oral surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, rheumatologists
- (Other) research staff
 - laboratory scientists, data managers, statisticians, informaticians





Targeted areas for development



Workforce	Training/research/funding
Workforce membership	Novel/multidisciplinary approaches to training
Skillset of the future workforce	Networking opportunities
Approaches to recruitment	Team science including external expertise
Mentorship	Funding models for training HTC members
Retention	Facilitating HTC-based team research

Defining the problem



- Common presumptions
 - Caregiver and staff shortages (across the HTC and hematology workforce)
 - what, where, who, and why?
 - Difficulties with recruitment and retention
 - Lack of workforce diversity and inclusivity
 - Lack of research staff to support efforts, clinical and laboratory-based
- Top priority: study the problem
 - Collect data to determine if the presumptions are accurate and quantify the effects
 - Find the drivers and barriers
 - Develop a CLEAR ACTION PLAN to address the issues and for ongoing monitoring at the local, regional, and national levels



6 Tier 1 priorities



- Areas that are primarily low cost but high impact, relatively easy in short term
- Funding
 - Develop support for expanded, comprehensive, and standardized utilization of 340B funds
 - Leverage existing resources
 - NIH/NSF/DOD, foundation/society, philanthropy, pharma
 - Establish a centralized website to consolidate up to date information
- Workforce inclusivity
 - Expand training program eligibility to include non-physician staff and extend membership within professional hematology organizations
- Lobbying
 - Leverage current hematology organizational structures for broader and independent recognition of the field of hematology, e.g. U.S. News & World Report, center designation/certification



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Tier 2 priorities



- Areas that are primarily high cost and high impact, mid-term
- Develop partnerships among existing resource groups
 - e.g. HTRS/FWGBD, ATHN community partners, NHF/ASH/ISTH
- Programs targeted to areas of need
 - Recruit individual expertise
 - e.g. fellowships or mini-sabbaticals for clinicians or scientists
 - Develop partnerships among existing resource groups
- Request for funding applications specific to workforce
 - RFAs targeted to specific goals, including external partnerships, clinical/basic team research, non-traditional/cross-disciplinary research



Tier 3 priorities



- Areas that are primarily long-term and new high cost, high impact projects
- Development of regional HTCs of aligned educational, translational, and implementation research excellence
 - Workforce that will include new comprehensive skillsets, e.g. bio- and clinical informatics, clinical research (e.g. adaptive trials), statistics, molecular biology, genome editing, gene therapy
- Mentees: prioritize the existing networking opportunities and programs for students, trainees, and junior faculty AND create additional networking opportunities
- Mentors: encourage, support, and/or train senior faculty to guide the mentees (including funding)





Tier 3 priorities (cont'd)



- Develop innovative new educational/promotional strategies to increase recruitment and retention
 - Multidisciplinary workforce, i.e. not just physicians
- Create cross-disciplinary relationships with individuals and societies that have common interests both within and outside the field of hematology
 - Immunology, rheumatology, emergency medicine, trauma surgery
 - Historical example: NHF gene therapy meeting
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion:
 - Workforce training and recruitment to ensure that the needs of underserved communities are met



