

The Consortium

ORIGINS OF THE CONSORTIUM

Together in Cancer Research and Education

- Established in October 1999 as an alliance between the cancer communities of the U.S. and island of Ireland
- Promotes joint cancer research and educational collaborations through sharing of resources
- Operates under a five-year Memorandum of Understanding

HOW THE CONSORTIUM OPERATES

Building on Five Years of Collaboration

Enhances cancer research and quality of care on the island of Ireland by:

- Intensifying cooperation in cancer treatment and research leading to improved scientific programmes
- Focusing on education and training; treatment; information dissemination; epidemiology; prevention; surveillance; early detection; and quality control
- Facilitating epidemiology, clinical trials, nursing, and prevention programmes
- Supporting efforts to enhance information technology infrastructure enhancement

Governed by:

Board of Directors that includes the Director of the National Cancer Institute and the Chief Medical Officers of Ireland and Northern Ireland and:

- Meets at least twice a year to determine the scope of Consortium activities
- Establishes working groups to carry out programmes
- Evaluates and oversees contributions and submits an annual report
- Monitors progress of activities in accordance with the Consortium's mission

Supported by:

Implementation Group, appointed by the Board, that includes Chief Nursing Officers North and South; scientific and administrative representatives from the HRB, the R&D Office, NCI, major hospitals, and health boards; and other appointed members and

- Meets at least four times per year to establish and manage specific programmes; to assemble necessary expertise to assess issues and develop workable plans, in accordance with Consortium goals; and to identify areas requiring attention
- Serves as liaison between the Working Groups and the Board

Assisted by:

Ad hoc Working Groups that

- Address issues on the six major programme interest areas
- Advise on specific issues by monitoring their areas' needs and activities
- Make recommendations on activities for their interest areas