

Other Major Participating Partners

Health Research Board
(Ireland)

Health and
Social Care Research
& Development Office
(Northern Ireland)

Office of International Affairs
(United States)

HEALTH RESEARCH BOARD Ireland



In conjunction with Northern Ireland's HSC R&D, Ireland's HRB is responsible for funding many Consortium programs, including the clinical trials network and scholar exchange programs. In 1986, Ireland's former Minister of Health established the HRB to improve health through research and information. The HRB's portfolio covers clinical, translational, and basic research, as well as population health and research of relevance to the health service. In addition to advancing the development of more effective methods for diagnosing and treating disease, health research also contributes to the expansion of a knowledge-based economy in Ireland.

The HRB is committed to strengthening research capacity on the island of Ireland and works closely with partners in Northern Ireland, the U.K., Europe, and the U.S. to achieve these goals.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE Northern Ireland



The HSC R&D Office is responsible for the overall direction for HSC research and serves as the liaison with national statutory bodies and health-related organizations. With a mandate to encompass the research needs of all sectors of health and social care within Northern Ireland, the Office provides support for a wide range of research and development initiatives, from education and training to direct commissioning. In

promoting, coordinating, and supporting research and development within the field of health and social care, the HSC R&D Office works with a variety of partner organizations and seeks to bridge professional, organizational, sectoral, and geographical boundaries.

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS United States



The NCI Office of International Affairs (OIA) is the focal point for the execution of many, though not all, of the NCI's international outreach programs, which are pursuant to these mandates. Specifically, OIA is charged with coordinating the planning, management, and evaluation of the international research, control, and information activities of the National Cancer Program. The OIA also serves as NCI's point of contact with the Fogarty International Center, the Office of International Health, the State Department, and other Federal organizations involved in international health activities. In addition to coordinating cancer activities under formal and informal collaborative agreements between the U.S. and other countries, the OIA plans and implements programs for the international exchange of scientists and serves as a liaison with international agencies involved in the National Cancer Program.