

LLU Cancer Center NCI Designation

Poster Abstract

The Loma Linda University Cancer Center (LLUCC) is on a formal pathway to NCI designation. The NCI Cancer Centers Program is unique, in that it is the only NIH program that creates funded centers to do research and care for a disease. There are currently 51 NCI designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers, but none in the Inland Empire of Southern California. The Cancer Center Support Grant (CCSG) is an NIH P30 grant that the NCI uses to designate Cancer Centers. It provides resources (several million dollars yearly) to integrate and translate funded cancer research.

The pathway to NCI designation for LLUCC focuses on achieving a significant increase in externally funded cancer research, along with the development of Shared Core facilities. The CCSG requires a minimum of \$10 million in yearly cancer research funding, along with the development of formal cancer Research Programs—each of which contains at least 7 funded research projects from at least 5 PIs. In order to support this, the milestone pathway provides for the recruitment of 17 grant-funded cancer scientists, development of financial management tools to support grant administration, and planning for specific laboratory space through a new research building.

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