

DESCRIPTION OF INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

The following is meant to clarify the terms and relationships between the institutions covered by the processes outlined in this manual.

PARTNERS HEALTHCARE

The corporation overseeing the affiliations between MGH and BWH as well as other affiliated institutions, to develop an integrated health care delivery system throughout the region to enhance subject care, teaching, and research.

DF/PCC (Dana-Farber/Partners Cancer Care)

The joint venture between Partners HealthCare and the DFCI to coordinate oncology activities in training, clinical research, and subject care practice guidelines.

DF/HCC (Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center)

The cancer center consortium that brings together all Harvard Medical School-affiliated institutions to focus on cancer research and discovery in the basic, population, and clinical sciences. This includes DFCI, Partners HealthCare institutions, Care Group institutions, Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, and Harvard School of Public Health.

DF/CHCC (Dana-Farber/Children's Hospital Cancer Center)

The partnership between CHB and DFCI that delivers comprehensive care to children with, and survivors of all types of, childhood cancers.

CARE GROUP

The corporation overseeing the affiliation of Beth Israel Hospital (BI), Deaconess Medical Center (DMC), and affiliates to form BIDMC.

NETWORK AFFILIATES

Select New England area community affiliates that have access to selected Phase II and Phase III DF/PCC clinical trials.

The following types of protocols are not available to affiliates due to their complexity:

- Phase I trials
- Dose-escalation trials
- Trials requiring pharmacokinetic analysis

Sponsored trials not falling into those categories are available to affiliates if the sponsor approves. Cooperative group trials are also available to affiliates that are designated as a cooperative group member site and where the DF/HCC main institutions are a member of the cooperative group and provide oversight for those affiliates participating in those clinical trials.

The clinical trials network manager manages and coordinates the communication with the affiliates, training, site assessments, IRB and other regulatory approvals, trial activations, and auditing related to the affiliate network. The DF/PCC affiliate network also has a secure Web site with access to the protocols that are open at the network affiliates.

For more information, contact the Clinical Trials Network Manager, at (617) 632-3721.