GOAL 4: Innovations and excellence in research

Objective 4.1

Leadership and infrastructure for investigator-initiated cancer clinical research in New Zealand

Actions

- Engage in the HRC/MOH project 'Enhancing New Zealand's Clinical Trials'
- Provide access to and expertise in costeffective systems required for Good Clinical Research Practice including clinical data security, confidentiality, integrity, availability, Māori data sovereignty, and database systems and mobile technologies
- Develop a national cancer clinical trials management system as a central repository of site trial information
- Explore opportunities to partner in international platform trials to address research questions relevant to Aotearoa New Zealand
- Contribute to the development of clinical registries alongside biobanks

Progress measures

- Completed CTNZ submission on the development of options for the HRC/MOH project 'Enhancing New Zealand's Clinical Trials' process by end of 2022
- Sustainable income streams for ongoing support of core infrastructure for CTNZ by 2026
- Standard Operating Procedures to support emerging policies in data security, sovereignty and curation
- Report on types of platform trials with a stock take of potential international studies underway by end of 2023
- Completed survey of DHB cancer researchers and DHB cancer trial sites to understand needs and capabilities across New Zealand by end of 2022
- Grants submitted to fund development of bespoke databases for clinical registries linked to biobanks by end of 2023

Objective 4.2

Education of current and future clinical trials workforce

Actions

- Continue to offer workshops on critical appraisal and concept development to clinical researchers
- Develop funding stream for clinical research fellows
- Conference presentations and publications
- CTNZ ASM: education on research methodology
- CTNZ ASM: education about inequity of cancer care and outcomes
- Education and capability development
- Training of cancer site workforce on CTNZ Standard Operating Procedures

Progress measures

- Number of emerging researchers attending workshops and participant feedback surveys
- Proportion of concept development workshop participants being accepted for ACORD workshop every 2 years
- Appointment of clinical research fellow by 2023
- CTNZ ASM attendance and participant feedback survey
- Number of Principal Investigators (PIs) submitting clinical cancer research grants (5 – 10 year horizon)
- Number of PIs submitting successful clinical cancer research grants (5 – 10 year horizon)
- Training sessions held for sites