



CCTSI and New Faculty Town Hall

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Director and P.I. of CCTSI

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CTSA Program

- An NIH-funded national consortium of biomedical research institutions collaborating to transform how clinical and translational science is conducted nationwide
- Currently, 60 funded Hubs, many of which include multiple universities and hospitals.
- CTSAs provide many local resources, facilities, research personnel, pilot funding, regulatory and informatics support, research units and education & training programs
- Grants originate from NCATS at NIH



Colorado Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute

- CCTSI is the Colorado CTSA Hub
- Created in 2008 and funded for 5 years by **\$76 million** NIH grant
- Substantial institutional support (funding)
- Supports all faculty, post-docs, trainees involved in clinical or translational research at 3 universities and 6 hospital partners
- “Disease – agnostic”
- Refunded in 2013 - **\$52 million** and in 2018 for **\$47 million**

CCTSI Vision



Accelerate and catalyze the translation of innovative science into improved health and patient care



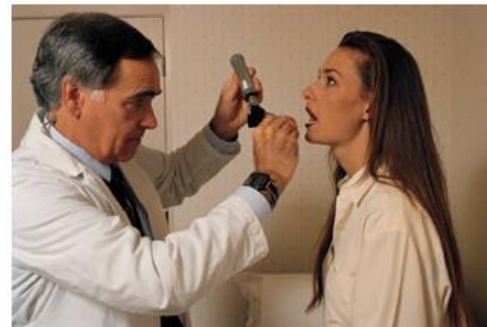
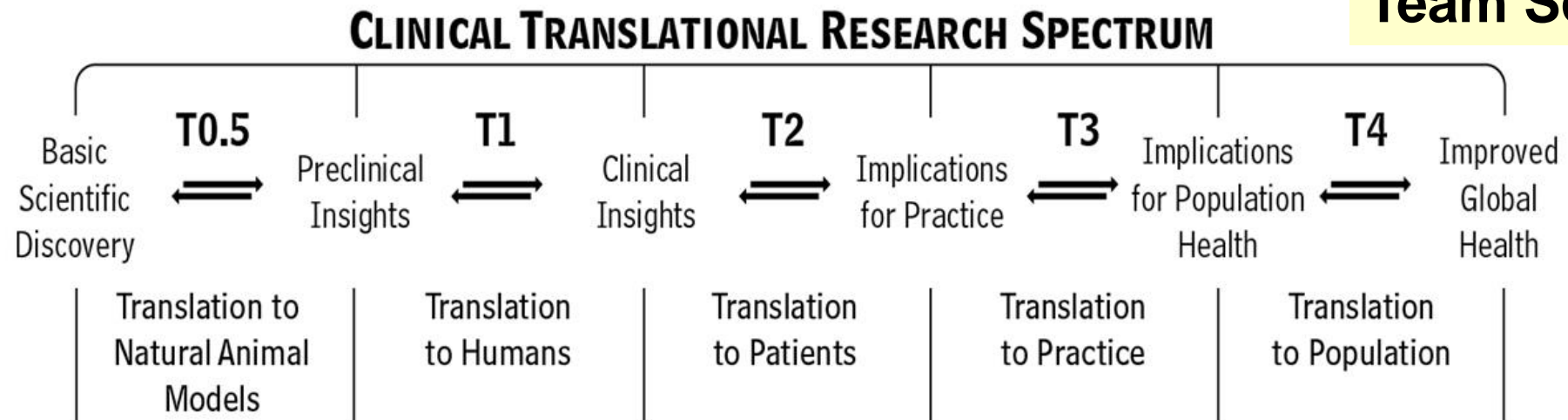
CCTSI 3.0 Mission



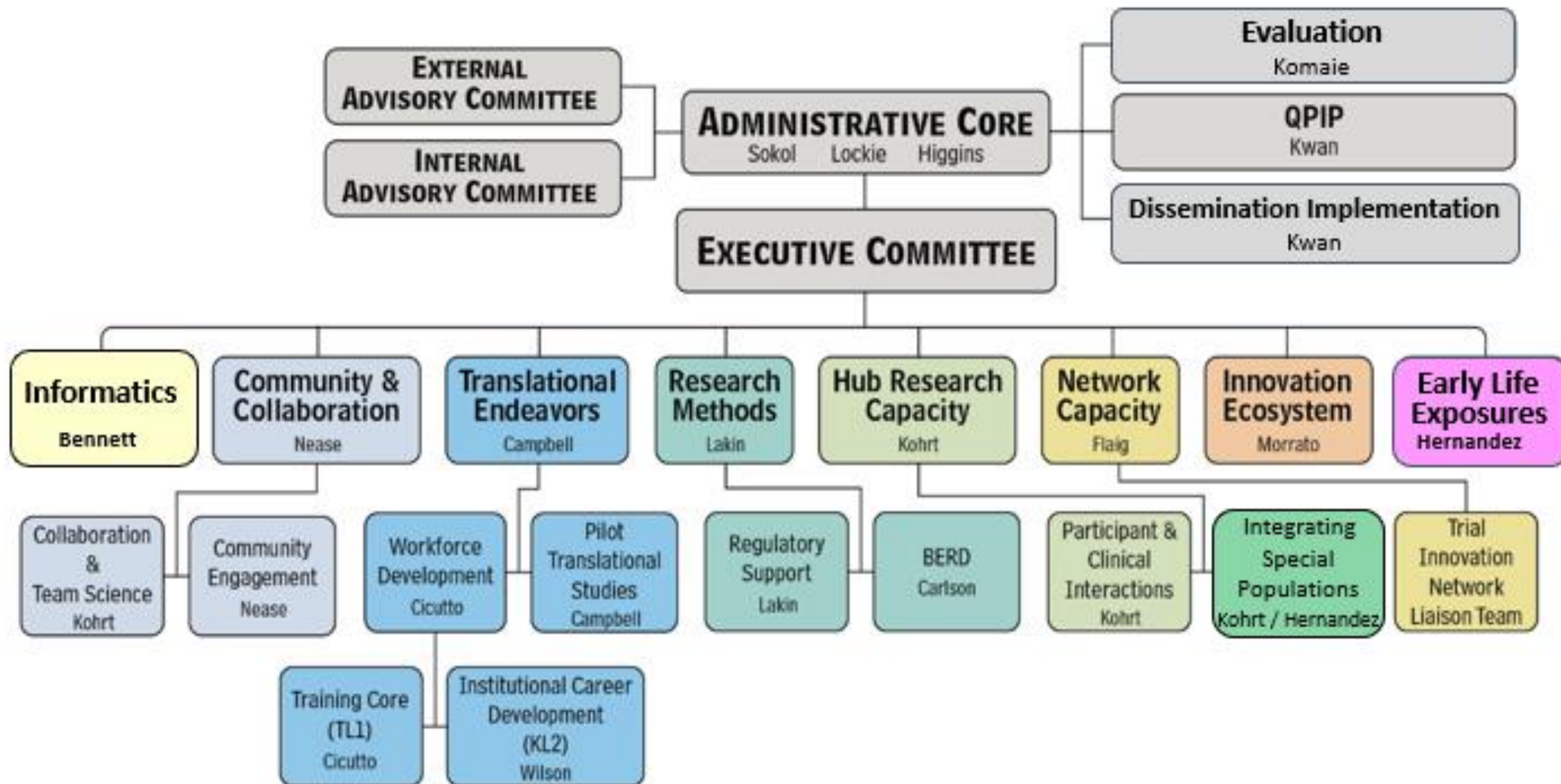
- **Catalyze** and enhance scientific discovery, innovation, dissemination and translation across the lifespan
- **Educate** and sustain a resilient, innovative and diverse translational science workforce
- Promote and ensure an efficient, safe, collaborative and integrated **research environment**
- **Engage stakeholders and communities** across the entire translational spectrum

Spectrum of Translational Research

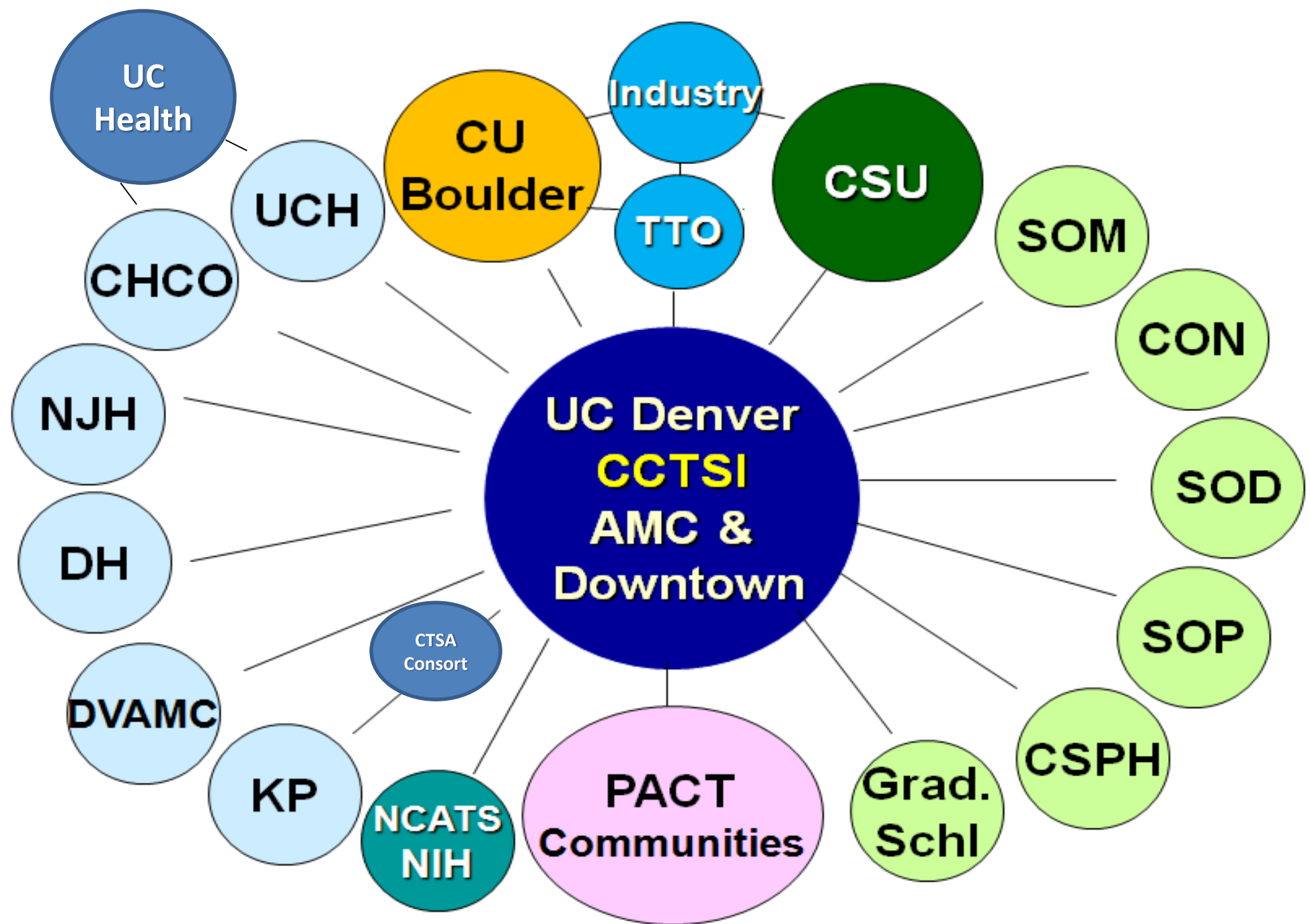
**Bi-Directional
Collaboration
Team Science**



CCTSI Organizational Structure



CCTSI Hub & Spokes



CCTSI Leadership

Director: Ronald Sokol, MD **DFA:** Tim Lockie, MS, MBA

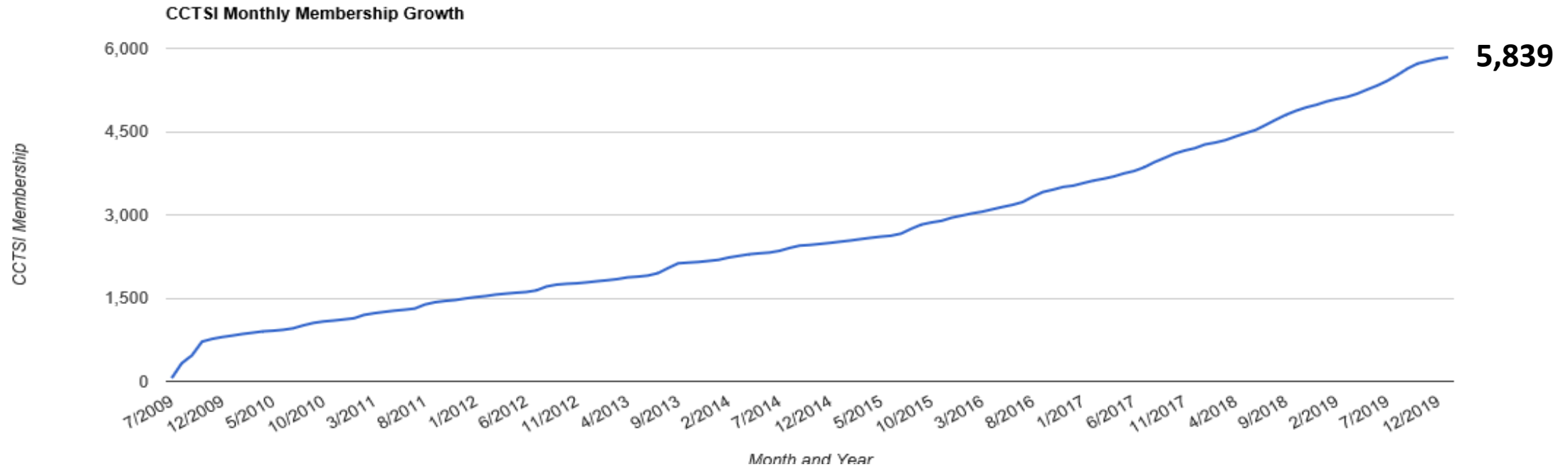
Director of Operations: Janine Higgins, PhD

Associate Directors:

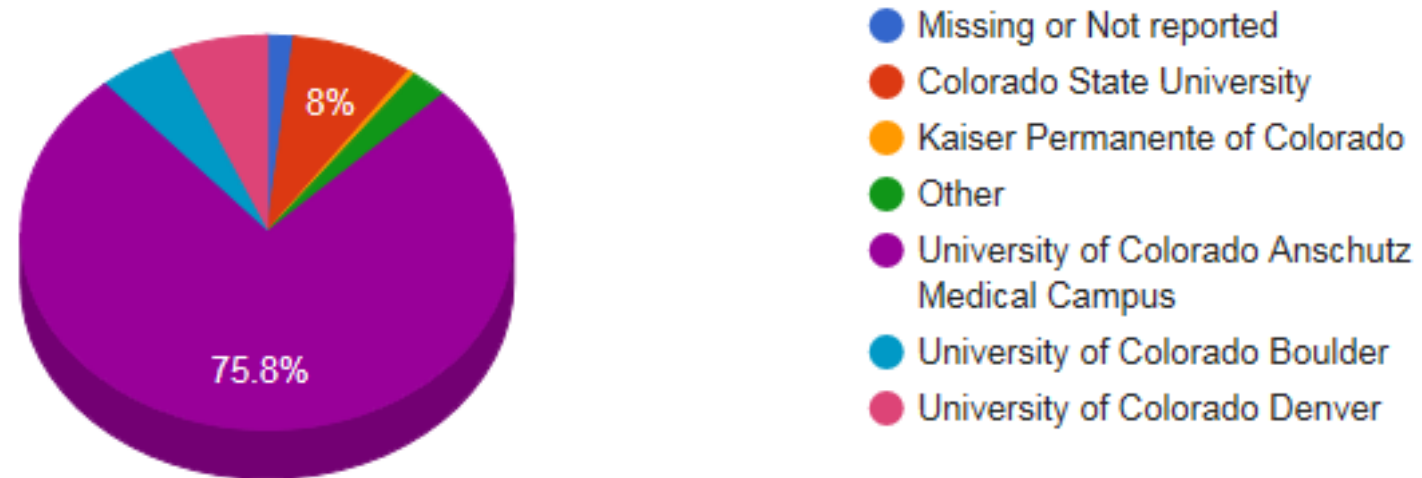
- Wendy Kohrt, PhD
- Tell Bennet MD, MS
- Alison Lakin RN, JD
- Donald Nease, MD, MPH
- Thomas Campbell, MD
- Thomas Flaig, MD

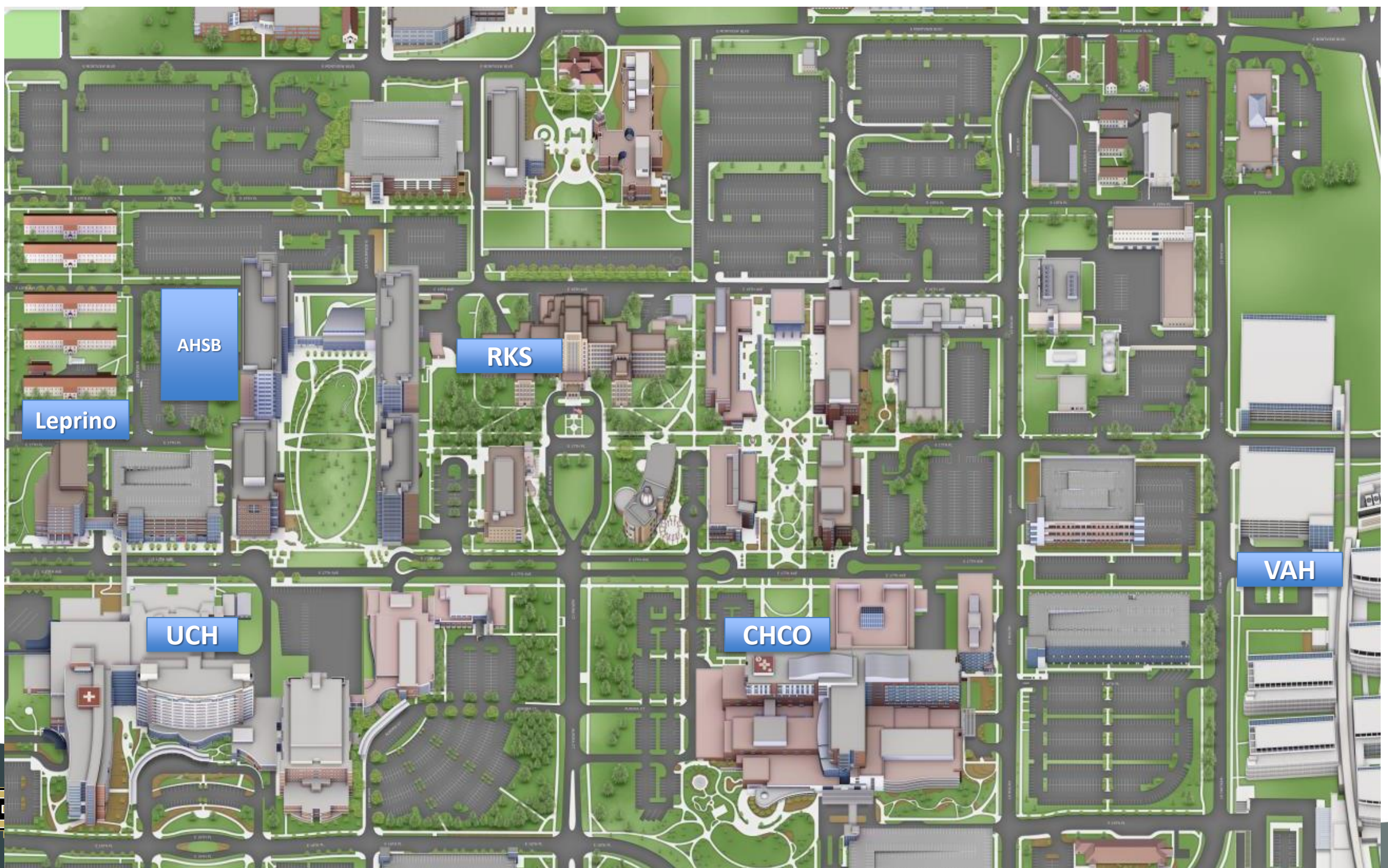


CCTSI Monthly Membership Growth



CCTSI Membership by Academic Affiliation





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ACCELERATING RESEARCH TO IMPROVE HEALTH

The CCTSI helps build research teams of the future, speed the development of new treatments and improve human health



Resources and Services

CCTSI supports translational research by providing resources, integrating facilities and services, developing innovative research tools and catalyzing interdisciplinary research programs.



Funding

Each year, the CCTSI awards more than \$2 million in pilot grants, microgrants, and pre-doctoral and post-doctoral research scholar awards. You can find more information on each grant and how to apply



Education, Training and Career Development

The Education, Training and Career Development (ETCD) program provides clinical-translational scientists and trainees with knowledge, training and career skills



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The CTRC provides infrastructure, resources and dedicated space to conduct clinical research.

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**Ranked List of
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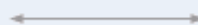
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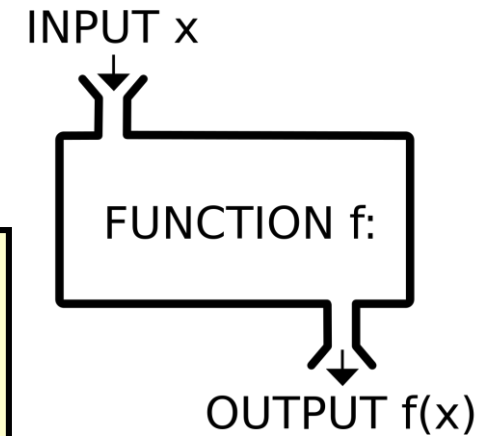
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13 CCTSI Major Functions

- Translational Workforce Development (13 programs)
- Clinical Research Units (CTRCs)
- Community Engagement & Research
- Biostatistics
- Innovation Corps (I-Corps™) Training
- Translational Research
- Research
- Trial Innovation Network Hub Liaison Team
- Regulatory
- Pilot Grants
- Study One-Stop Support (SOS)
- Pragmatic
- Research
- Science of Team Science
- Innovation
- Early Life Exposures
- Evaluation & Tracking and QPIP



Clinical Translational Research Centers (CTRCs)



- **UCH, CHCO, NJH, CU-B and Perinatal**
 - Inpatient and outpatient facilities – **no charge for space**
 - Research **Nursing** – inpatient, outpatient, mobile teams (NICU, PICU, ED, etc.)
 - Bio-nutrition, metabolic kitchen, whole room calorimeter and body composition
 - Vascular Ultrasonography and ECHO
 - Core laboratories & specimen processing
 - **Microgrants** to Jr. Investigators (\$10,000/yr. x 3)
 - SARC review of all protocols
 - **200** unique PI's conduct research on > **500 CTRC** Protocols each year (10,000- 15,000 visits/yr) – **about 150 protocols at CHCO**

Pilot Grant Awards

- **5 Pilot Grant programs** – CO-Pilot, CMH, Community Engagement, New Methods, CU-CSU Collaboration Award
- **\$900,000 available**
- **\$20,000, 30,000, \$60,000 levels**
 - Letter of Intent in August
 - Deadline September (end)
 - Peer Review in November- December
 - Start-up in January-April



Translational Informatics

- **REDCap** – operated for entire campus by CCTSI – 9,000 users, 6,000 active projects
- **Health Data Compass** – enterprise wide research data warehouse – Michael Kahn, MD, PhD Previous Director
- Colorado **PROFILES**
- Data Delivery – TrinetX, Compass, ACT
- Multiple education courses and programs
- I-Labs installation and management



Education, Training and Career Development



1. Summer Undergraduate Minority Mentoring in Translational Science (SUMMiT) (n=14)
2. TL1 (T32) Pre- and Post-doctoral PhD training program
3. **Clinical Sciences Graduate Program (Masters, PhD)**
4. **KL2 (K12) Research Scholar program - up to 3 yrs. of support**
5. Support for **Clinical Faculty Scholars Program**
6. Clinical Research Education Forum for Investigators and Study Coordinators

Education, Training and Career Development

- 8. Leadership in Innovative Team Science (LITeS),
Emerging LITeS, LITeS Junior, LITeS Team**
- 9. Colorado Mentor (CO-Mentor) Training Program**
- 10. K-to-R Transition Grant Review**
- 11. Pre-K Award Assistance and Grant Review**
- 12. Research Studios**
- 13. Innovation Corps @ CCTSI**



Pre-K Grant Review Program

- Help junior faculty and their mentors write successful career development awards
 - 5 criteria (candidate, career development, mentors, environment, and research plan)
- Mock grant reviews: 3 times a year
 - Applicants and mentors attend
 - K24 awardees, K12 directors, biostats, other K awardees are reviewers
 - Format: reviewers and then panel discusses, followed by Q&A
- Lecture series relevant to K applicants



K to R Transition Program

- Pre-grant submission mock grant review process
- Faculty with K-level awards who are submitting first R-level grant award or any R-level grant submission
- Submit grant proposal for internal review about 4-6 weeks before submission to funding agency
 - Deadline for Letter of Intent
- Mock study section and written reviews
- PI and mentor - attend mock study section
- 3 cycles – NIH grant application deadlines
- Maggie Wierman, MD 303-724-3952



Research Studio Process

- 5-6 person Expert Panel for T1-T2 or T3-T4 research topics
- Studio sessions-Face to Face (over Lunch)
 - ❖ 90 Minutes
 - Investigator presents brief summary (10-15 minutes)
 - Focused discussion with experts for 3 or 4 predetermined questions from the investigator - focus on problem-solving and the development of helpful solutions (60-70 minutes)
 - Moderator and panelists provide summarized comments (10-15 minutes)



Research Studio Process

- Web-based Consult Request – CCTSI website
- Studio Consult Categories:
 - ❖ hypothesis generation
 - ❖ study design – specific aims
 - ❖ grant review
 - ❖ implementation
 - ❖ analysis and interpretation
 - ❖ manuscript review
 - ❖ translation



Research Studio Results

- New: 1-2 all day sessions per month (4-5 Studios per session)
- Excellent feedback and usefulness
- Contact:

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Studio Program Manager

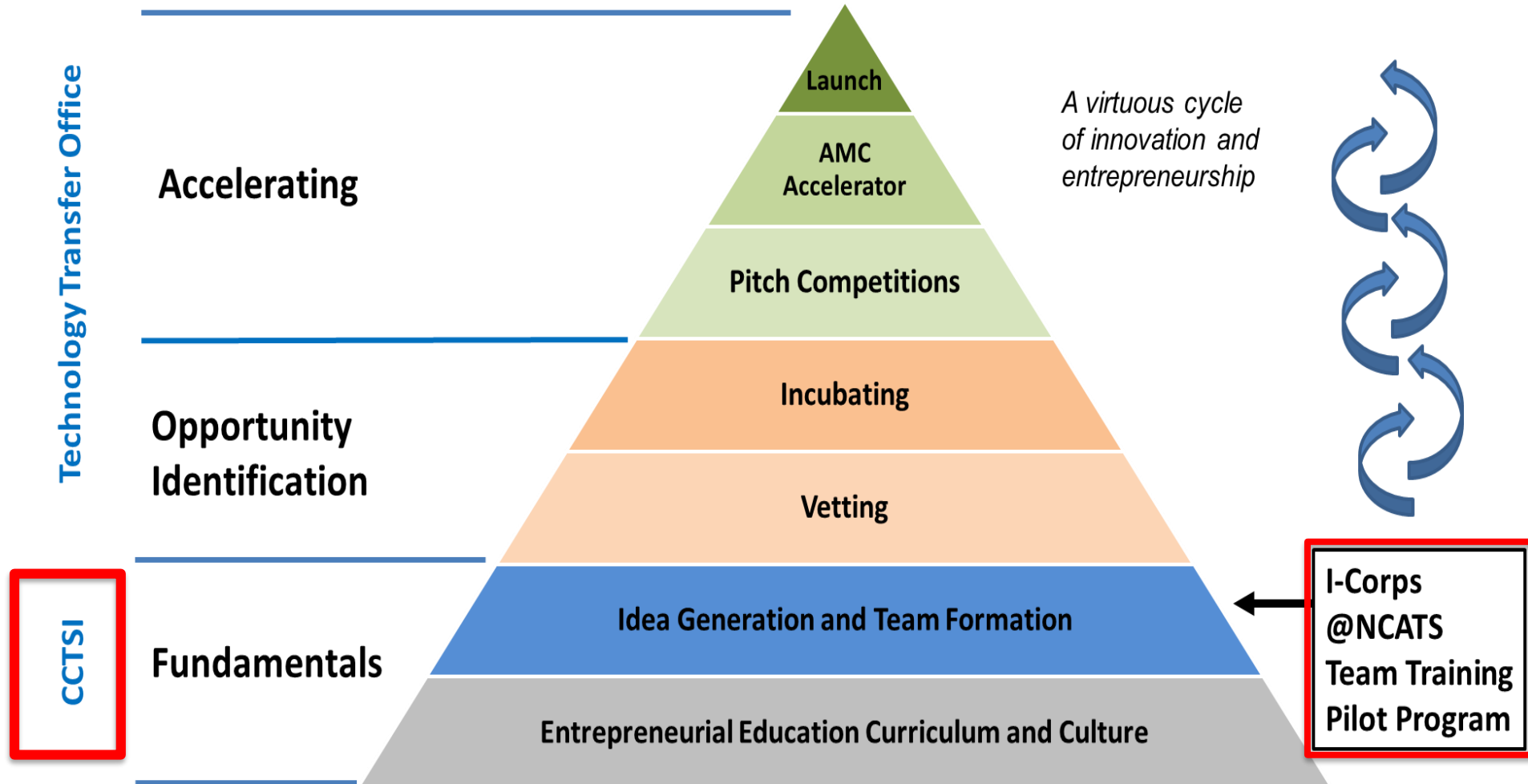
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"Very beneficial service and significantly improved the quality of my research project"

- *Investigator*



Innovation & Entrepreneurship Ecosystem at AMC



Community Engagement & Research Programs

- Community Research Liaison (CRL) program
- Colorado Immersion Training in Community Engagement (CIT)
- Research Readiness Certification for Community Based Organizations
- Community Consults
- CE Pilot Grant Program
- Boot Camp Translation for Patient-Centered Outcomes: Facilitator Training
- Introduction to CBPR for Community-Academic Partnerships



Trial Innovation Network (TIN)

trialinnovationnetwork.org

- National CTSA Consortium effort to facilitate conduct of Multi-Site (NIH) Clinical Trials
- Provide local and national support for the entire study lifespan
 - TICs - study design, central IRBs, study operations, data collection and analysis
 - RIC - assist with recruitment and retention strategies
 - TIN Hub Liaison Team – Local linkage to national TIN
- Investigators can request a single service or complete study life cycle assistance from TIN



Trial Innovation Network Hub Liaison Team – Addressing Life Cycle of Studies

- **Director:** Tom Flaig, MD, UCH CCRO
- **Medical Directors:** Tom Campbell, MD (UCH) and Jesse Davidson, MD (CHCO)
- **Project Manager – Ben Echelier**
- **Contracting Lead** – Amanda Peng
- **Central IRB Lead** – Christy Williamson
- **Recruitment (Participants) Lead** – Barbara Hammack
- **Navigator:** Cynthia Sneddon
- Local Website, workflow, educational materials, etc.



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