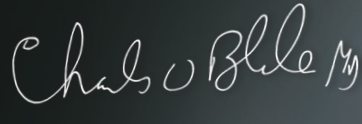


# 2018 Impact Report

“No one had more impact on our group than Dr. Chuck Coltman. Our trials, our training, our structure, our values — all bear his signature. Like his vision, and his adopted state of Texas, Dr. Coltman’s influence was big.”



Charles D. Blanke, MD  
SWOG Cancer Research Network  
Group Chair



Dr. Charles A. Coltman, Jr.  
1930-2018

## Our Data

9 SWOG trials activated | 7 SWOG trials closed

42 clinical and translational medicine concepts reviewed by leadership

8 requests for trial data granted

3,274 patients enrolled on all SWOG-run trials, not counting screening registrations

86 journal articles published

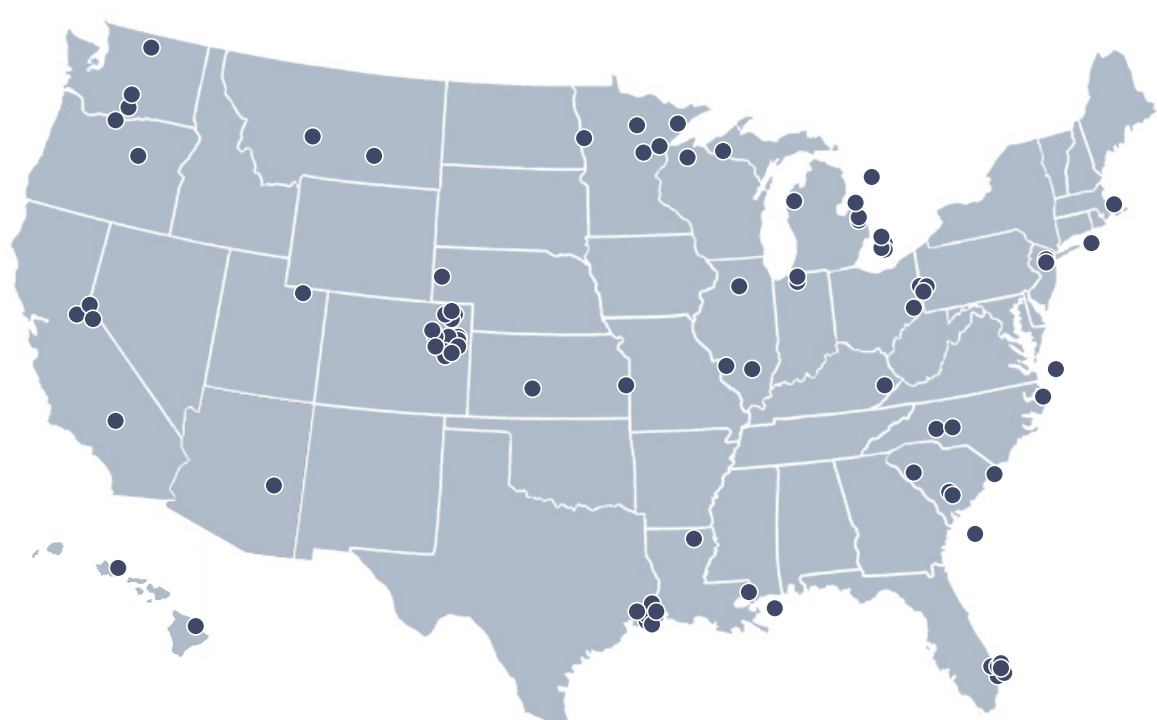
56% published in projected high-impact factor journals

82 oral or poster presentations made

31% of presentations were oral

Melissa Accordini, MD, MS launched S1703 from the cancer care delivery committee. It is SWOG’s first disease monitoring study.

## 105 new member sites



## Our Highlights



Marie Bakitas, DNSc, CRNP

Mark O'Rourke, MD

Robert Krouse, MD

**It's official — we have our first new protocol-producing committee in years.** The palliative and end of life care committee this year got its leadership team in place — a tri-chair arrangement that includes Dr. Marie Bakitas, Dr. Robert Krouse, and Dr. Mark O'Rourke. The committee in development is the first of its kind in the NCI's National Clinical Trials Network. With the addition of the committee's new patient advocate, Valerie Fraser, we now have 20 advocates, the biggest group in the NCTN.

**Members saw three landmark, practice-changing SWOG publications and presentations this year,** with Dr. Edward Messing publishing results of S0337 in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Dr. Ian Thompson presenting final, long-term follow-up results of the Prostate Cancer Prevention Trial at the 2018 Annual American Urological Association Meeting, and Dr. Halle Moore publishing final, five-year follow up results from the POEMS trial in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*.

**When Dr. Francis Collins and Dr. Ned Sharpless tweet about your research, you know it's good.** Dr. Joseph Unger, SWOG biostatistician and health services researcher, published SWOG results that showed that when enrolled in a cancer clinical trial, the differences in survival rates between rural and urban patients are significantly reduced. The results received national media coverage, along with tweets from two of America's top doctors.

**We scored well with the National Cancer Institute.** Our statistics and data management center earned a stellar NCTN grant renewal a stellar score of 12 — the best score ever earned by any stats or ops group in our network. Our NCTN operations center this year scored 23 — which falls between the NCI's outstanding and exceptional categories — and it's even a bit better than our last grant rating. Finally, an application for an NCI R13 conference grant for our SWOG Latin America Initiative got a potentially fundable score.

**Since 2015, SWOG and Hope have handed out VA Integration Support Program awards totaling \$450,000** to 16 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers. The grants fund research infrastructure, such as support staff salaries, in order to give veterans better access to clinical trials. This year, the NCI and the VA embraced the spirit of our work and awarded their first grants through the NAVIGATE program, which provides infrastructure support like ours on a much bigger and broader scale. At least three VA sites leveraged their SWOG/Hope support to land a NAVIGATE grant — a great measure of our impact.

**We got a refresh!** After a Board of Governor's debate in April, we changed our name to SWOG Cancer Research Network and landed a new logo. In a parallel move, our charity has been renamed The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research, and they've also got a new logo and a new look online.



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## Everyone has Hope



Bringing Hope to SWOG for a generation – 25 years and counting:

\$35 million for research, education, and travel awarded | 17 distinct funding opportunities offered

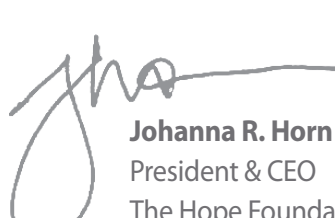
100 Young Investigators trained and mentored | 28 Impact research grants awarded

20 Coltman Fellows funded | \$450K in grants to expand veteran trial access awarded

20 ITSC clinician-scientist research projects supported | 90% of every contribution directly invested in SWOG

8 consecutive years of highest Charity Navigator rating

“With the help of our individual donors and industry partners, we engage all types of members in all types of programs. That's because we believe in the entire SWOG team: scientists, statisticians, advocates, pharmacists, nurses and clinical research associates. Everyone at SWOG works to improve and lengthen the lives of people with cancer. This 25th year has been a great one. We can't wait to share what's in store for 2019.”



Johanna R. Horn  
President & CEO  
The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research