# **Clinical Trials in Hawaii**

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# **Driving Innovation**

#### Process Improvement

• e.g., Clinical Protocols

#### Program Development

• e.g., Minimally Invasive Surgery

#### Research and Development

- Intellectual property to commercialization
- New procedures, tests, and treatments, e.g., clinical trials





# **Clinical Trials at Queen's**

### Evaluative Research

- 134 Trials
- Drugs, devices, procedures
- Humanitarian use devices

### Outcomes Research

- 181 Trials
- Epidemiology studies
- Questionnaire/survey studies
- Record reviews
- Registries, databases

### Psycho-Social Research

• 9 Trials







# Value of Clinical Trials

- Opportunity for Our Patients
  - Novel therapies

### Feeds an Innovation Framework

Organizational cultural change

### Commercialization Opportunity

- Cancer New Drugs Improvements in patient care
- Medical device improvements & new applications

#### **Clinical Trials are a Tool to Drive Innovation**





## Queen's Center for Biomedical Research

Reinhold Penner, MD, PhD, Director

#### Novel indications for known agents

- Clofazamine originally used for Hansen's disease
- Found to have novel indications for autoimmune diseases
  - Psoriasis
  - Rheumatoid arthritis
  - Multiple sclerosis
  - Type I diabetes
  - Crohn's disease





## JABSOM/Queen's 3T MRI Research Center

Linda Chang, MD, Director

#### Novel solutions for known problems

- Real-time MR motion compensation
- Reduce repeat MRIs due to patient movement
  - Potential cost savings of \$3.4B





## Hamamatsu/Queen's PET Imaging Center

- Marc Coel, MD, Medical Director
- New choline tracer developed
  - Currently in FDA approval process
  - Normal FDG PET cannot detect prostate cancer
  - Prostate cancer benefits: Discovered cancer in biopsy of negative; staging of prostate cancer; detect recurrence, predict response to chemotherapy
  - Other potential applications
    - Hepatoma (liver cancer)
    - Breast
    - Brain tumors





## **Lessons Learned**

- Established and funded investigators
- Adequate, effective support infrastructure and resources
- Collaboration and strategic partnerships
- "Path to market" expertise





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## Mahalo

#### **Questions?**





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