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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