

CONCERN GRANTS AND AWARDS

UNC Lineberger Pilot Awardees (1-year, \$50K) “Planning CONCERN's Program Project: Emergency Department Care Across the Cancer Continuum”

- Caroline Thompson (PI), UNC; Beau Abar (Co-I), David Adler (Co-I), University of Rochester; Jason Bischof (Co-I), Ohio State University; Christopher Coyne (Co-I), University of California San Diego; Jessica Denomme (Co-I), University of Virginia Health; Arthur Hong (Co-I), University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; Cielito Reyes-Gibby (Co-I), University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Starting February 2026, this pilot will develop a competitive National Cancer Institute Healthcare Delivery Research Program Project (P01) application to extend the CONCERN network’s research goals by developing a program focused on emergency department (ED) cancer care, with emphasis on defining and addressing gaps in the current system while positioning the ED as a critical, but neglected, point in the cancer care continuum.

Lung Cancer Research Foundation (\$150K) “Increasing Lung Cancer Screening Uptake Among Emergency Department Patients”

- David Adler (PI), Beau Abar (Co-I) and Patricia Rivera (Co-I), University of Rochester
- This project leverages the universal access setting of the ED to identify individuals at greatest risk for lung cancer and get them screened. A scalable ED-based intervention that increases LCS uptake would save lives.

American Cancer Society Discovery Boost Grant (2-years, \$300K)

“Investigating Safety-Net Financial Account Data for Cancer Health Services Research”

- Arthur Hong (PI), UT Southwestern

- Starting in September 2025. 'We are investigating the impact of delays while applying for coverage programs for the uninsured (eg Medicaid) on clinical cancer outcomes.'

'Advancing Cervical Cancer Screening Through Emergency Department-based Self-Sampling'.

- Beau Abar (PI), Dave Adler (Co-I), University of Rochester
- The study, starting in November 2025, seeks to evaluate the utility of an ED-based intervention to identify cervical cancer screening needs and provide the opportunity for onsite hrHPV self-sampling. We have already been piloting our distribution and follow-up protocols this summer, with very positive preliminary findings to date.