

Disease Team Sign-off Process

The Protocol Review and Monitoring Committee reviews all cancer-related protocols in start-up. The purpose of the **Disease Team Sign Off** process is to identify potential collaboration between the consortium partners. The DTSO process needs to be completed prior to submitting the PRMC Application.

The steps to complete the DTSO process are as follows:

Investigator-Initiated Studies skip to #3; National/Coop Group Studies skip to #5

1. Each study team must make the Sponsor aware of Case Comprehensive Cancer Center's consortium structure. More information is available on the Case CCC website: <https://case.edu/cancer/about-us/consortium-institutions>
2. When making the Sponsor aware of the consortium structure, confirm if the study can be opened at the other institution.
3. **If the study can be opened at the other institution**, email that institution's respective Disease Team Leader. CC your home site Disease Team Leader and PI. (Email template on page 2)
4. **If the study cannot be opened at the other institution**, send a notification email to the other institution's respective Disease Team Leader. (Email template on page 2).
5. **For Coop/National Group studies only**: Send a notification email to the other institution's respective Disease Team Leader. (Email template on page 3).
6. Save the email responses from the Sponsor and Disease Team Leader to upload in the PRMC application.

DTSO Email Templates

If the study can be opened at the other institution:

Subject: PRMC Disease Team Sign Off: (Study #) – Response Needed

To: Consortium Partner's Disease Team Leader and RC

CC: Home Site Disease Team Leader and PI

Hello Dr. XXX,

The attached protocol is in start-up at (CC/UH). Please review and confirm if you are interested in opening this study in your disease group.

Thank you,

If the study cannot be opened at the other institution:

Subject: PRMC Disease Team Sign Off Notification: (Study #)

To: Consortium Partner's Disease Team Leader and RC

Hello Dr. XXX,

The attached protocol is in start-up at (CC/UH). Per the Sponsor, (reasoning why the study cannot be opened at the other site – Example: “Per the Sponsor, UH may not participate as there are a limited number of sites they have approved to open the study. Sponsor is willing to consider another site in the future if further cohorts open or other sites are unable to meet enrollment goals.”)

Thank you,

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National/Cooperative Group Studies:

Subject: PRMC Disease Team Sign Off Notification: (Study #)
To: Consortium Partner's Disease Team Leader and RC

Hello Dr. XXX,

The attached protocol is in start-up at (CC/UH).

Thank you,

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as of 02/10/2026

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