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TO: All SWOG Member, CCOP, UCOP, and Affiliate Institution PIs and Head CRAs
FROM: Laurence H. Baker, D.O
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RE: The Oncology Patient Enrollment Network (OPEN) Registration System

Since the site production release of the OPEN registration system released In October 2009, SWOG has been working with Group institutions to align their investigators with a treatment site in the Clinical Trials Support System (CTSU) Regulatory Support System (RSS). This has been necessary due to the different structural design of the OPEN patient registration system from the SWOG registration system.

With more than a dozen SWOG protocols now utilizing the OPEN system for the enrollment process, we want to ensure that Group participating members are able to register patients with minimal delay using OPEN. Therefore, it will be essential that all enrolling investigators are linked to their individual treating location(s) within RSS. It will not be required to link all investigators on your SWOG roster to a treatment site in RSS. This change will only affect your investigators who actively enroll patients to Group and Group-endorsed trials.

Please contact the Operations Office Membership Department at (210) 614-8808, ext. 1013 or 1005 or through member@swog.org by **July 1, 2011** to ensure that all appropriate investigator/treating location links are in place prior to patient registrations through OPEN.