

Letters of Interest from Colorectal Cancer Biomarker Investigators

Invitation for letters of interest on research on biomarkers for colorectal cancer.

NCI's Early Detection Research Network (EDRN) is seeking letters of interest from investigators who may be interested in pursuing research on biomarkers for colorectal cancer that are ready for validation in a multisite trial. Since its inception in 2000, the EDRN has supported validation trials on biomarkers for early detection, diagnosis, prognosis and recurrence. As part of the EDRN's mission, the program continues to invite investigators, whether or not they are associated with the EDRN, to expand the biomarker validation pipeline and collaborate with EDRN investigators. To support these activities, the EDRN has set-aside a limited amount of funds for which applications are competitively reviewed by the EDRN Executive Committee.

To assess the current state of biomarkers for colorectal cancer and to make recommendations to the EDRN on possible funding of biomarker validation trials, the EDRN GI Collaborative Group has issued a request for biomarkers (see Request for Biomarkers). Based on the response to this solicitation, NCI may convene a working group to discuss possible colorectal cancer biomarker validation trials to be supported by the EDRN. For further information, please contact Dr. Paul Wagner at wagnerp@mail.nih.gov (301-496-9424).