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Leader's Update

A message from Donna Berrier, M.P.A., associate director for administration

We're in the final countdown for the NCI Site Visit! There are just three weeks before reviewers from the National Cancer Institute and our peer cancer centers will visit Massey on September 29 to evaluate our cancer center for renewal of our Cancer Center Support Grant (CCSG), which is the grant that designates Massey as an NCI Cancer Center. To prepare, we are holding a mock site visit this Friday, September 9 to get helpful feedback from our Scientific External Advisory Board, which is composed of scientists and senior leaders from other major cancer centers.

At the site visit, our cancer center leaders will present on Massey's accomplishments during the past five years since we were last reviewed and will highlight our strategic plans for the future. More specifically, we will report on our membership and grant revenue, publications and collaborations; clinical trial patient accrual; shared resources to support our science; pilot projects awarded and impact; clinical protocol and data management, protocol review and monitoring, and translational early phase clinical research.

We will be informed in January 2017 of our grant score and award. Of course, we will keep you apprised of the outcome.

Additionally, the leadership team is working to finalize a 5-year strategic plan that will guide the cancer center through 2021.

We are proud to share with NCI Massey's many achievements over the last half-decade. Our cancer center's progress would not have been possible without the contributions of each of our members, so thank you for doing your part.

Sincerely,

Donna Berrier, M.P.A.

Chief administrative officer and associate director for administration