Envisioning the Future of the AREA Cooperative Group: Meeting Goals and Addressing Challenges

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Anticipating the future and seeking advice

- While we have accomplished much, there is much that still needs to be done.
- Our next slides focus on
  - Short-, mid-range- and long-term research and dissemination goals
  - Administrative goals and activities
  - Current and anticipated challenges
- We welcome your feedback and expertise regarding any of these topics
Short-term goals (2019-2021)
Research, dissemination, administration

- Research and dissemination
  - Complete Japanese translation of measures.
  - Within each Asian country:
    - Complete recruitment and data collection
    - Analyze the RIM psychometric properties
    - Analyze of the RIM Measurement and Structural Equation Model and publish
    - Evaluate AYA outcomes and publish

- Administration.
  - Consider requests to join AREA (e.g. Singapore as a site; interest in South Africa)
  - Obtain expertise in start-up and management of a AREA as a non-profit organization.
Middle-range goals (2022-2025) : Research and dissemination

- Between Countries:
  - Compare the measurement and structural equation models and publish
  - Compare AYA outcomes across Asian countries and publish
  - If feasible, develop an Asian Structural Equation Model of RIM and publish
  - Compare RIM Similarities and Differences in the Asian and North American RIM and publish
  - Develop the Asian Resilience in Illness Model based on results across countries and publish.
Longer-term goals (2025-2027): Research and research training

- Develop and test **culturally appropriate interventions** for AYA with cancer and other chronic conditions across collaborating countries.

- Develop resilience **training programs** to
  - foster young scientist development.
  - foster RIM evidenced-based implementation of RIM interventions (e.g. Resilience Profile for AYA).
Other administrative goals and activities

- Identify sustainable sources of funding
  - within countries and
  - for the ongoing world-wide work of AREA Cooperative Group
- Formalize governance structure/processes and relationships within and across countries. Develop:
  - data use and copyright agreements
  - guidelines, strategies and timelines for adding additional countries in Asia and other parts of our world.
  - dissemination and authorship guidelines (STTI was a perfect first effort)
- Expand interprofessional collaboration and world-wide networks
  - Convene an AREA meeting at a global conference in Asia
- Meaningful and consistent dissemination of the AREA Cooperative Group project, processes, and outcomes
Anticipated challenges over time

- Assuring sustained enthusiasm and effort
- Developing sustained funding sources
- Preparing the next generation of positive health focused scientists and clinicians.
- Consistent quality assurance monitoring
- Monitor established communication, cooperative, and time management strategies and adjust as needed
- Performing data management and safety issues
- Research implementation and translating the findings into clinical practice
- Expanding to new countries and on-boarding new within-country recruitment sites
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We can add other countries' study site here! Please add your own country.