SPARK:
A CCTS REARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM
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Background

- A committee of research experts
- Formed in 2007 by the CCTS
- Originally focused on expediting implementation of protocols submitted to the Clinical Research Unit (CRU)
AIMS

- The overall aim of SPARK is to expedite research start up
  - Support for research development
  - Navigation of research approval processes
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Committee of experts
- Research Design and protocol development
- Biostatistics
- Funding sources
- Clinical trial budgeting
- Regulatory and IRB application
- Study implementation
- Other research approval processes
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