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TO: E5202 CTSU sites

FROM: Cancer Trials Support Unit (CTSUS) and Eastern Oncology Cooperative Group (ECOG)

RE: ECOG Sample Tracking System

The ECOG Coordinating Center (ECC) has developed a new online tool to make pathology and correlative sample submissions easier! This new tool, called the ECOG Sample Tracking System (ECOG STS), provides a streamlined mechanism for sample management via ECOG's web page. For example, it allows users to log in patient sample shipment information, verifies receipt at the destination lab, and provides e-mail notification if there is a problem with the shipment upon receipt. In addition, the tool is populated with information from the protocol to specify what materials are due at which time points, and where to send them.

The ECC began piloting this tool for use with protocol E5202, which is available on the CTSUS menu. If your institution is registering patients to E5202, or if you want to preview this exciting new system, please check out the application on the ECOG web page: <https://webapps.ecog.org/Tst>. The software requires the use of a username and password. To obtain a username and password, you will need to fill out a roster update form http://www.ecog.org/general/gendocs/roster_ig_updt.doc and fax it to (617) 632 5414. An ECOG password team member will then call you with a password to access the Sample Tracking System. Please note that passwords will not be sent via email or left on voicemail systems.

For interactive and video demos of the ECOG STS, please follow this link: http://www.ecog.org/traindoc/stsdemo/STS_demo.htm

Or visit the members' side of the CTSUS website <http://members.ctsu.org>. It is located on the CTSUS [E5202 protocol page](#) and under the CRFs section.

The ECC will send out an announcement when other protocols will be associated with this tracking system.

As always, your feedback is appreciated. Let us know what you think of the new system by sending an email to ecog.tst@jimmy.harvard.edu.

Thank You,
Cancer Trials Support Unit and the ECOG Translational Science Team