

REDUCING BURDEN ON ONCOLOGY PATIENTS WITH DECENTRALIZED VISITS



Challenge

- Sponsor's Oncology study required frequent pharmacokinetic and safety sample collection
- Patients were frail and immunocompromised, so travel to the site was very difficult and unsafe, especially on top of their day-to-day responsibilities
- Sponsor expected frequent unscheduled safety visits with short notice that were difficult for the site to accommodate



Solution

- Collaborated with the Sponsor during Protocol Development, ensuring that the Decentralized Visits would be performed in an efficient manner
- Engaged sites and Principal Investigators during the Investigator Meeting to build credibility with key study stakeholders
- Identified ProPharma Group clinicians with strong phlebotomy skills who were also located near patients' homes by utilizing our pool of clinicians, eliminating the need to use subcontractors
- Our head of nursing led protocol and disease-specific training to ensure our providers were ready for each visit and prepared to interact with the patient population



Results

- Sponsor reported better patient enrollment & retention than a similar study that did not offer Decentralized Visits
- Sites appreciated the reduced burden and stated that many patients would not have been able to participate if some of the visits were not decentralized
- ProPharma Group clinicians built strong personal relationships with patients