**THE TCRN TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH SIX-STEP MODEL**

Cancer-specific strategies to address TCRN program objectives

The six-step model is a translational research engine that involves an annual cycle of problem identification, research question-framing, implementation and outcome assessment.

The specific steps in each cycle are:

1. Identify translational opportunities; assess potential gain, build on core strengths, exploit immediate gains.
2. Identify the research questions and data requirements.
3. Develop and implement project plans, KPIs and milestones for 12 months. KPIs must reflect processes known to improve patient outcomes, including:
   - pre and post audit of practice
   - analysis of barriers
   - provision of supporting mechanisms to overcome barriers
   - use of opinion leaders
   - enhancement of multidisciplinary teamwork
   - progress with guidelines implementation
   - measurable practice and culture change.
4. Evaluate performance against KPIs using formative evaluation models.
5. Develop strategies for widespread and sustainable implementation.
6. Identify new opportunities for a fresh cycle.