

# Midland Cancer Network

## Midlands Research Network

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# Midlands Cancer Network and its role in regional research

- Overview
  1. Is there a role for a research network in the midland region?
  2. What might a midland research network look like?
  3. Questions.



# Why Networks?

- New Zealand Cancer Control Strategy Action Plan 2005-2010
- 6 goals..



# Why Networks – Action Plan

1. Prevention.
2. Early detection.
3. Improved diagnosis and treatment.
4. Improved supportive care through continuum.
5. Improved service delivery.
6. Improved research to enhance above.

Reduce inequity of care

## Why a research network?

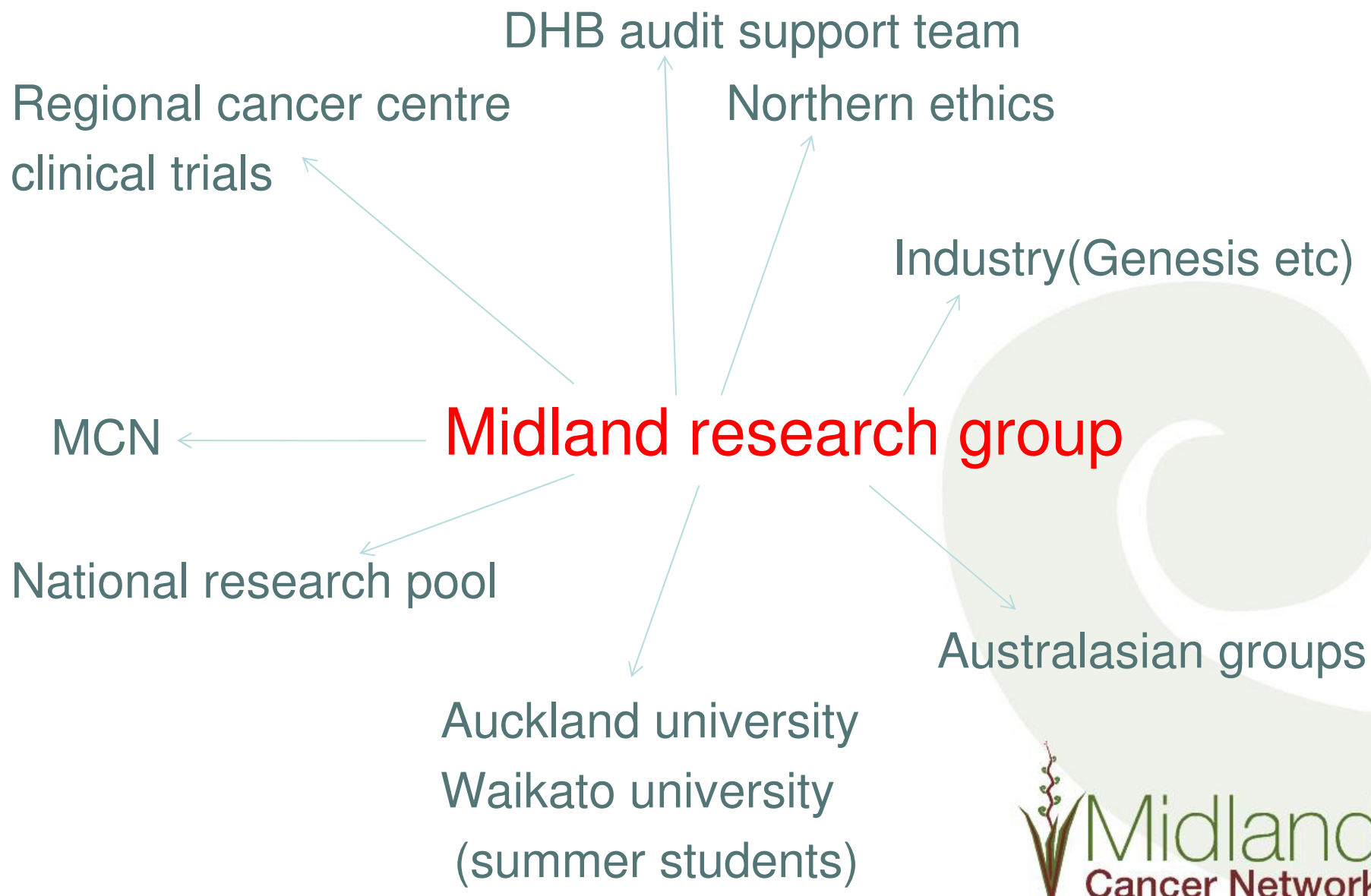
- Research philosophy – currently less than 1% MCN patients enter clinical trials ,minimal audit.
- UK national cancer research network doubled accrual to trials from 2001 – 2004.
- Gaps and duplication  
Regional research pertinent to cancer care is done in many locations – difficult to maintain overview.

- Direction – research done where the answers are most valuable.

## Is there a role for a regional research network?

1. Trials portfolio (active and completed).
2. Start up assistance.
3. Mentoring.
4. Grant applications (track record).
5. Co-ordination of research.
6. Links – TROG, ALLG, Tauranga clinical school, University etc.
7. Public involvement.
8. Industry.

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## By the end of the day we might answer...

1. What would be the purpose of a regional research group/network?
2. What are the roles(and how) it realistically might fulfil in resource constrained environment?
3. Where does it sit in a national framework?
4. Do we develop a regional research network?
5. Which individuals should be involved?