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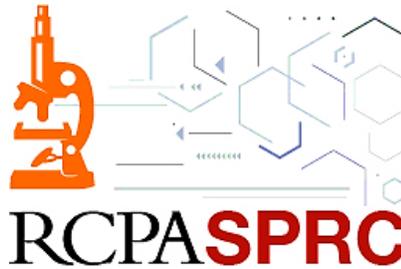
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Welcome to the 37th edition of the Structured Pathology Reporting of Cancer newsletter.

This newsletter is intended to provide information on the project to expand and promote the use of structured pathology reporting of cancer.



The Science of Successful Reporting - What I Learned about SPRC in the First 3 Months

Meagan Judge, has left me very large shoes to fill indeed! In my new role as project officer for the Structured Pathology Reporting of Cancer (SPRC) project, I have a newly developed appreciation for the expansive repertoire of activities that are undertaken for the SPRC project. From the development of protocols, collaboration with experts, reviewing scientific evidence, participation in committees, collaboration on terminology development and promotion of the collection of SPRC resources. Whew! – it is a prodigious responsibility (and a lot to take in), and so far I am thoroughly enjoying the role.

With ever increasing complexity and volume of new evidence in the field of histopathology, the purpose of structured pathology reporting

is to assist pathologists to stay current, efficient and be ever more effective at communicating valuable diagnostic information. With more demands placed on pathologists all the time, this has never been a better time for the evidence-based structured approach.

And with increasing involvement by high profile authors, and an ever-expanding collection of protocols, we are gaining wider support and uptake in the pathology community each year, with over half of Australasian pathology laboratories utilizing the RCPA structured reporting protocols*.

* SPRC Survey 2018

New Protocol – your contribution matters

The 1st Edition Liver protocol – otherwise known as the Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma, perihilar cholangiocarcinoma and hepatocellular carcinoma structured reporting protocol - has been recently posted for initial consultation and will then be up for [public consultation](#) on the RCPA website.

Drafting of the Salivary gland and Mucosal melanoma protocols are also close to completion and are expected to be posted for open consultation in the coming months.

Your feedback would be greatly appreciated and will ensure that our protocols are of the utmost standard of quality as well as inclusive and independent.

Protocols in development

Nine Head and Neck protocols are currently underway in various stages of completeness, 7 of which are protocols that have been developed for the very first time in Australasia.

An updated Endometrial protocol is also in progress, which includes the latest Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) staging system and most recent evidence from the much anticipated International Society of Gynecological Pathologists (ISGyP) publications.

Australian Guidelines for HER2 Testing of Breast Cancer

The first set of [Australian HER2 testing guidelines](#) were published in late 2018. They have been posted onto the RCPA website, Pathology Today Newsletter and a companion article is to be published in the journal Pathology. They were developed by a multidisciplinary working party of Australian experts in breast pathology, for the purpose of creating a locally relevant response to complement the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)/College of American Pathologists (CAP) 2018 focused update.

A webinar is also being planned, which will provide valuable information regarding this important routine test.

Pathology Update

Pathology Update 2019 took place 22nd-24th February in Melbourne. It is the only conference of its kind in Australasia and brings together all pathology professionals from the eight different disciplines of pathology. The conference was a fruitful educational update, showcasing the latest scientific research and clinical issues in pathology. It also provided an enjoyable opportunity for networking, sharing of ideas and the dissemination of learning across disciplines, with a number of meetings coordinated to connect different people within the SPRC collective. Speaker presentations be available on the College website on Monday 1 April 2019 for a 3 month period.

Honours & Awards

Amongst the awards and prizes presented at Pathology Update this year were the two highest awards the College can bestow on Fellows. This year the Awards Committee determined that the Distinguished Fellow Award should go to A/Prof David Ellis of South Australia for championing the standardisation of cancer reports worldwide through his efforts at founding the International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting and driving the use of structured cancer reporting in Australia.

The Meritorious Service Award is for Fellows of the College and Fellows of Faculties who have made outstanding contributions to the College but have not held the positions of President or Vice President. A/Prof Chris' Hemmings of Christchurch New Zealand, was presented with this prestigious award for her generous service to College committees and projects including Chair/member on numerous committees (including Chair of SPRC), Examiner, Chair AP scientific program for Pathology Update, Honorary Secretary, State Councillor, Member of Council, RCPA Board of Directors.

In addition, Dr Debra Graves has been recently honoured for 20 years of outstanding service as Chief Executive Officer of the RCPA. An incredible milestone that was celebrated by all in praise of Debra's dedication, professionalism and warmth.



ICCR progress

The International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR) continues to make significant progress in dataset development and is currently coordinating the development of datasets corresponding to the

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) / World Health Organization (WHO) 5th Series of tumour classification 'blue books'.

The 5th series of the IARC/WHO blue books have now commenced with the Digestive Tract volume already drafted. A series of high priority datasets for the digestive tract have been identified and are being planned with the assistance of two Series Champions - Dr. Iris Nagtegaal for digestive tube carcinomas and Dr. Kay Washington for hepatobiliary and pancreatic carcinomas.

IARC/WHO are currently drafting updates to the Breast volume. Eight new datasets are well underway including those for colorectal cancer including polyps, stomach, oesophagus, exocrine pancreas and breast DCIS, lymph node excisions and invasive breast cancer.

These 8 datasets are of very high priority as, once developed, they complete the suite of top ten solid tumours worldwide. This is a very critical step for ICCR, these datasets are some of the most commonly reported cancers and it is essential that ICCR have these available.

The ICCR was asked to participate in a new IARC coordinated research initiative entitled, IARC Collaboration on Cancer Classification and Research (IC3R). IC3R is tasked with harmonising cancer-related data generated by IC3R members, standard-setting for analytical procedures, and identification of critical gaps (e.g. non-uniform annotations, classifications, bioinformatics). Both the RCPA and the ICCR were invited to attend the inaugural meeting of IC3R in Lyon in February, where Professor Tim Helliwell represented the ICCR, and Professor James Kench represented the RCPA.

Promotion

5 recent structured reporting journal articles have been published:

- [Data set for the reporting of carcinoma of renal tubular origin: recommendations from the International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting \(ICCR\)](#). Delahunt et al. Histopathology. 2019 Feb
- [Dataset for the reporting of prostate carcinoma in core needle biopsy and transurethral resection and enucleation specimens: recommendations from the International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting \(ICCR\)](#). Egevad et al. Pathology. 2019 Jan
- [Data Set for Reporting of Mucosal Melanomas of the Head and Neck: Explanations and Recommendations of the Guidelines From the International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting](#). Williams et al. Arch Pathol Lab Med. 2018 Nov
- [Data Set for the Reporting of Carcinomas of the Nasopharynx and Oropharynx: Explanations and Recommendations of the Guidelines From the International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting](#). Lewis et al. Arch Pathol Lab Med. 2018 Nov
- [Data Set for the Reporting of Carcinomas of the Hypopharynx, Larynx, and Trachea: Explanations and Recommendations of the Guidelines From the International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting \(ICCR\)](#). Helliwell et al. Arch Pathol Lab Med. 2018 Nov

RCPA website update

The RCPA [website](#) received an update on January 11th 2019. It is now more responsive to mobile devices with modernised elements and design.

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