

Structured Pathology Reporting of Cancer Newsletter

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Welcome to the 11th 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.

ICCR update!

IARC MOU

The International Agency for Cancer Research (IARC) an agency of the World Health Organisation, was identified as a potential partner with the International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting, due to its work on the tumour classifications (Blue Books) and its oversight of the International Association of Cancer Registries (IACR). A/Prof David Ellis, chair of the ICCR and Prof Mike Wells had a meeting recently in Lyon with Drs Chris Wild, Director of IARC and David Forman Director, Informatics Section. It was agreed that there were many points of synergy between the objectives of both organisations and an agreement was made to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to outline how the project and IARC could work together.

Presentation to ESP

To support the expansion of the ICCR into Europe, Prof Mike Wells, an ICCR member, and past President of the European Society of Pathology (ESP) and current Vice President of RCPATH organised for A/Prof David Ellis to make a presentation to the Advisory Council and Chairs of the Working Groups of the European Society of Pathology Congress in Prague this month. The presentation was very successful with clear recognition by the group of the power of an international initiative to develop cancer datasets. The President of the European Society Prof Fatima Carneiro said that the work of the ICCR was "very

valuable". The pending relationship with IARC (via MOU) was also considered to be a very useful and appropriate association.

As part of the presentation A/Prof Ellis invited the ESP members to:

- Register their interest in the ICCR, which may be in terms of a cancer specific interest or as a jurisdictional representative,
- Assist the ICCR in compiling a register of existing national programs,
- Participate in the open consultation phase coming up in the next few months. This will allow international review of the four existing protocols as well as the framework documents which will describe and provide governance for the ICCR development process.



A/Prof David Ellis presenting to the ESP advisory council and chairs of the working groups in Prague 2012.

Renal cancer dataset

Work on the renal cancer dataset is well underway. An impressive expert group has been convened:

- **Dr John Srigley (Chair)** Pathologist, Canadian Association of Pathologists
- **Prof Brett Delahunt** Pathologist, RCPA
- **Prof Stewart Fleming** Pathologist, Royal College of Pathologists UK
- **Dr Ming Zhou** Pathologist, College of American Pathologists, USA
- **Professor John Nacey** Urologist, New Zealand
- **Dr Mahul Amin** Pathologist, USA, ISUP
- **Prof Guido Martignoni** Pathologist, Italy, ISUP
- **Dr Philippe Camparo** Pathologist, France, ISUP
- **Dr Antonio Lopez-Beltran** Pathologist, Spain, ISUP
- **Prof Holger Moch** Pathologist, Switzerland, ISUP
- **Dr Athanase Billis** Pathologist, Brazil, ISUP

This group not only represents the initial quadripartite group of Canada, USA, UK and Australasia but also comprising representatives who provide both a geographic and linguistic spread. The International Society of Urological Pathology (ISUP) has lent its support both in the recommendation of expert committee members but also soliciting ISUP members to submit any renal cancer dataset in use in their local or national environment to support the project. This pool of datasets will enable the international team to identify

common elements as a starting point for discussion and rationalisation.

Existing datasets – public consultation

The four cancer datasets - Prostate (Radical Prostatectomy), Endometrium, Melanoma and Lung - developed in 2011 have been through a transformation in 2012. Each has been reviewed, reformatted, the terminology harmonised and commentary improved prior to posting on the ICCR website. A worldwide review process will be undertaken in the coming months. The RCPA membership will be included in the notifications of the review. Your feedback is very important so when the notification arrives could you please take the time to review and provide comment.

Cut-up manual

The new macroscopic portal was announced in our last newsletter, and can be found at:

www.rcpa.edu.au/Publications/StructuredReporting/macroscopic.htm

This portal is also going to be host to the new cut-up manual as it is developed.

The macroscopic portal currently hosts the macroscopic reporting elements for each of the cancers for which there is a published protocol. The checklists available from the portal provide all the information a pathologist needs to record during cutup.

A new project to develop a college sponsored cut-up instruction manual has recently been launched and will provide additional information to pathologists via this same portal.

It is anticipated that it will provide simple, easy to follow cut-up instructions with graphical illustration and video vignette.

Funding

The Department of Health and Ageing has kindly extended funding for the Structured Pathology Reporting Project for a further 3 years. This will provide an opportunity to not only add to the protocols we have now but to expand and consolidate the international project as well as to explore implementation opportunities.

Protocol update

The following four RCPA protocols will be posted for public consultation shortly:

- 2nd edition Colorectal Cancer
- 2nd edition Breast Cancer
- Tumours of the oesophagus and gastro-oesophageal Junction
- Endoscopic resection (ER) of the oesophagus and gastro-oesophageal Junction
- Vulva cancer

Notifications will be sent out as soon as they are posted and we would appreciate you taking the time to visit the link below and provide your valuable feedback:

www.rcpa.edu.au/Publications/StructuredReporting/publicconsultation.htm

Other protocols that are under way or in the planning stage are:

- Prostate Core Biopsies
- Local resections of the colorectum
- Cervical cancer
- Adrenal gland tumours
- Salivary gland neoplasms
- Bone Marrow biopsies
- Pancreatic cancer
- Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumours (GIST)
- Neuroblastoma (Paediatrics)
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the conjunctiva

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