

Structured Pathology Reporting of Cancer Newsletter

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Welcome to the 31st 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.

Webinar – cervical cancer

Given the success of our previous webinar on prostate cancer, the SPRC project is planning a second webinar on cervical cancer in February 2018.

This webinar will cover key information from the recently published International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR) cervical cancer dataset: <http://www.iccr-cancer.org/datasets/published-datasets/female-reproductive-organs/cervical-carcinoma>, as well as review the Structured Reporting Protocol for small cervical biopsies taken at colposcopy and cervical excisions such as LLETZ and LEEP, laser excisions and cold knife cone excisions, published earlier this year to support the National Cervical Screening Program (NCSP) which launches in Dec 2017: <http://www.rcpa.edu.au/Library/Practising-Pathology/Structured-Pathology-Reporting-of-Cancer/Cancer-Protocols>

Look for the invitation to join the webinar session in our December newsletter.

SPRC survey!

As we move closer to mandating Structured Pathology Reporting of Cancer (SPRC), it is essential that we understand the current situation and functional capability of our laboratories.

Therefore, Anatomical Pathology Fellows of the College will shortly be sent a survey. This survey will provide key information on the implementation of SPRC in relation to laboratory information system capability as well as the extent to which cancer checklists are used when reporting in Australasia currently.

It is important that the present situation is clearly understood and therefore we would greatly appreciate your completing the survey when it arrives. The survey will take no more than a couple of minutes to complete.

RCPA Position Statement - TNM 8

The AJCC TNM8 was published at the end of October 2016 and the UICC 8th edition in late November.

While there has been no previous directive to use either the AJCC or UICC versions of TNM in Australia, most Australian pathologists and clinicians have traditionally used the AJCC version of TNM. RCPA Structured Pathology Reporting of Cancer (SPRC) Protocols also include AJCC TNM definitions.

Given the impending mandate to implement SPRC and the previously noted issues with the UICC version for Genitourinary cancers, the RCPA Cancer Services Advisory Committee (CanSAC) has developed a position statement recommending the implementation of the AJCC version of TNM8 as soon as possible.

Please take the time to review the position statement which is now published to the RCPA website:

<http://www.rcpa.edu.au/getattachment/78b4c0f6-3b9e-4f02-940e-bce33ebaed0f/Implementation-of-the-8th-Edition-TNM-Cancer-Stagi.aspx>

IARC update

Prof Ian Cree, a molecular pathologist from the UK, has recently been appointed as the replacement for Hiroko Oghaki who was responsible for the development of the 4th series of the WHO Classification of Tumours.

Prof Cree's focus is the 5th series which commences next year and at this stage Gastrointestinal and Breast volumes appear to be among the first volumes to be developed. The 5th series volumes will be published in both a web based form as well as the traditional paper version.

Since arriving in Lyon mid year, Prof Cree has been undertaking a detailed review of the current development process. Speed of development has been noted as the major concern and a revised goal has been set to 12-15 months per volume. WHO contributors have also suggested ways to improve their processes and the evidence base for the WHO content will also be examined and standardised.

Prof Cree is very keen to work closely with international groups such as ICCR and one of the first areas to be progressed is the setting up of an editorial board to oversee development of the 5th series. Pathology colleges and organisations from around the world, including RCPA and separately, the ICCR, have been asked to nominate candidates to sit on this new editorial board.

ICCR progress



Publication

Datasets for....

- Prostate cancer:
 - Radical prostatectomy
 - Transurethral resection
 - Core/needle biopsy
- Invasive Carcinoma of Renal Tubular Origin
- Renal Biopsy for Tumour
- Neoplasia of the testis – orchidectomy
- Neoplasia of the testis – retroperitoneal lymphadenectomy
- Carcinoma of the penis

...are all now been published to the ICCR website:

<http://www.iccr-cancer.org/datasets/>

Four datasets for the urinary tract are still outstanding and will be published for open consultation in the near future.

Public consultation

Public consultation for the ICCR Head & Neck dataset suite is being prepared and fellows of the College will be notified for feedback once the datasets are posted for comment.

TNM8 updates to published datasets

Several of the published ICCR Datasets required update following the publication of TNM8.

Datasets for Mesothelioma, Lung and Endometrial cancers are now updated and published to the ICCR website.

The dataset for Thymic Epithelial Tumours has been updated and is expected to be published in the next month.

In regard to the update of the dataset for invasive cutaneous Melanoma, given the impending revision to the World Health Organisation skin volume, this update will be deferred until this is available and both updates will be done together.

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