

# Structured Pathology Reporting of Cancer Newsletter

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Welcome to the 34th 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.

## ASCO/CAP HER2 testing guidelines published!

The revised ASCO/CAP guidelines for HER2 testing in breast cancer has just been published. Find them here at:

<https://www.asco.org/practice-guidelines/quality-guidelines/guidelines/breast-cancer#/9751>

A webinar on the new guidelines is planned – stay tuned for dates!

Local guidelines based on these recommendations will be finalized over the coming months and circulated for comment later in 2018. Once agreed these will be incorporated into an update to the Breast Cancer Structured Pathology Reporting Protocol.

## GU protocols published!

The genitourinary suite of protocols - 7 new and 5 updates – will be published shortly:

- Prostate - Radical Prostatectomy (update)
- Prostate - Core Bx (update)
- Prostate - TUR (new)
- Renal parenchymal malignancy (update)
- Renal biopsy (new)
- Penile resections (new)
- Testicular tumours (update)
- Testicular cancer – RPLND (new)

- Bladder cancer (update)
- Ureterectomy and Nephroureterectomy (new)
- Bladder – TUR/Bx (new)
- Urethrectomy (new)

The first eight of these protocols i.e. those for prostate, kidney, testes and penile resections, will be published in the next month with the four protocols for the urinary tract to be published in July/August.

To feedback on the four Urinary Tract protocols that are posted for comment – click on the link:

[www.rcpa.edu.au/Library/Practising-Pathology/Structured-Pathology-Reporting-of-Cancer/public-consultation](http://www.rcpa.edu.au/Library/Practising-Pathology/Structured-Pathology-Reporting-of-Cancer/public-consultation)

To download any of the published protocols, or the implementation aids such as hyperlinked guides, please visit:

[www.rcpa.edu.au/Library/Practising-Pathology/Structured-Pathology-Reporting-of-Cancer/Cancer-Protocols](http://www.rcpa.edu.au/Library/Practising-Pathology/Structured-Pathology-Reporting-of-Cancer/Cancer-Protocols)

Macroscopic dictation templates for the applicable specimens for these protocols have also been reviewed and updated and are published to:

[www.rcpa.edu.au/Library/Practising-Pathology/Macroscopic-Cut-Up/Home.aspx](http://www.rcpa.edu.au/Library/Practising-Pathology/Macroscopic-Cut-Up/Home.aspx)

## Changing of the guard

Prof James Kench, who represents the RCPA on the ICCR Board and was also serving as the Clinical Lead on the National Structured Reporting of Cancer Project in Australasia (NSPRC), has recently handed national responsibility to Assoc Prof Chris Hemmings. Chris is the incoming Clinical Director of Anatomic Pathology at Canterbury Health Laboratories in Christchurch (New Zealand) and Associate Professor of Pathology at the University of Otago Medical School.

As head of the NSPRC Project, Dr Hemmings will also replace Prof Kench on the ICCR Dataset Steering Committee. Prof Kench will remain as the RCPA representative on the ICCR Board.

Assoc Prof Hemmings is imminently qualified to take on the position of Clinical Lead of the national project, having been lead author of the soft tissue structured reporting of cancer protocol and having served on the Cancer Services Advisory Committee for several years.

“I am delighted to know that the national project is passing into such capable hands” - Prof Kench.

## Head & Neck protocols coming

ICCR datasets in the Head & Neck Tumour Series are nearing publication and planning has commenced for the development/update of local protocols in this series.

Four groups are being convened to tackle the nine protocols:

1. Group 1 under the chairmanship of Prof John Nicolls under taking development of two protocols:
  - Nasal cavity and paranasal sinuses
  - Nasopharynx and oropharynx
2. Group 2 under the chairmanship of A/Prof Ruta Gupta under taking development of three protocols:
  - Larynx, hypopharynx and trachea
  - Ear
  - Nodal excisions and neck dissection
3. Group 3 under the chairmanship of A/Prof Hedley Coleman under taking development of one new protocol for odontogenic tumours and an update to our existing protocol for oral cancer, and
4. Group 4 under the chairmanship of Prof Richard Logan under taking development of one new protocol for mucosal melanoma and an update to our existing protocol for salivary glands neoplasms.

These protocols are expected to be available for comment towards the end of 2018/early 2019 and published in mid 2019.

## ICCR progress

### Datasets

ICCR has seventeen published datasets with a further nine datasets in the Head and Neck series to be published shortly, as is a dataset for tumours of the Central Nervous System.

Four Dataset Authoring Committees, working under the leadership of Prof Anthony Gill, are well into the development of endocrine datasets for:

- Thyroid
- Parathyroid
- Adrenal cortical gland
- Adrenal medulla/ Paraganglioma/ Phaeochromocytoma/Carotid body

Planning is underway for an update to the Melanoma dataset (chaired by Prof Richard Scolyer) incorporating both TNM 8<sup>th</sup> edition, as well as the new World Health Classification (WHO) of Skin Tumours that is expected to be published in the July/August timeframe. A Merkel cell dataset is also commencing under the chairmanship of Dr Klaus Busam from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

Planning is underway for high priority datasets in the Digestive Tract series i.e. Colorectal in conjunction with the 5<sup>th</sup> series of the WHO Classification of Tumours which is currently being authored. At this stage the approximately 20 datasets in the digestive tract series will be divided amongst four Dataset Authoring Committees as follows:

- Upper Gastrointestinal
- Lower Gastrointestinal
- Neuroendocrine tumours
- Hepatobiliary

### **Translation**

Translation of the ICCR datasets into Spanish is currently underway through the kind contribution of the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP), a sustaining member of the ICCR. The ASCP is heavily involved in the City Cancer Challenge (C/Can 2025) project lead by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC). The C/Can 2025 project is aiming to mobilised activity to progress global cancer strategies in key cities throughout the world. The project is working with sector partners to improve early detection, treatment and care of patients with cancer. It aims to assist supported cities to take the lead in the design, planning and implementation of cancer treatment solutions.

For further information on C/Can 2025: <http://www.uicc.org/convening/ccan-2025-city-cancer-challenge/description>

The ASCP, recognizing the need to focus on the pathway to cancer diagnosis, have adopted the ICCR datasets as the agreed standard of pathology reporting. They have engaged the services of an ISO 9001:2015 certified company to undertake the translation. ICCR Datasets in Spanish will be published to the ICCR website when available. Translation into French is also in planning.

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