

Structured Pathology Reporting of Cancer Newsletter

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Welcome to the 28th 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.



Season's Greetings

Wishing you all the very best for this holiday season and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Open consultation – “cervical screening” protocol

As reported in our September issue, the RCPA was awarded a contract from the Department of Health to develop a protocol for the structured pathology reporting of small biopsies taken at colposcopy and cervical excisions such as LLETZ and LEEP, laser excisions and cold knife cone excisions.

This protocol development is to coincide with the planned changes to the National Cervical Screening Program (NCSP) from mid next year in which the current Pap test every 2 years, will change to an HPV screening test every 5 years.

Our expert panel has been working very hard and the draft protocol will be posted for a period of four weeks public consultation very shortly, please take the time to provide your feedback when the notification email arrives.

Publication of the protocol is planned for late February 2017.

TNM 8 is here!

The long anticipated 8th edition of the TNM staging system (TNM8) has finally arrived. The AJCC 8th edition was published at the end of October, and was quickly snapped up; a waitlist faces those ordering now!

The initial news from the College of American Pathologists (CAP) was that implementation of the new staging system in the USA would be required by January 2017 however more recent news has reported this has been delayed until January 2018 to allow for the appropriate implementation of changes not only at the Laboratory but also at the Cancer Registries.

The UICC 8th edition has not yet been released but is expected this month.

The publication of TNM8 will prompt the update of many of our local Structured Reporting Protocols over the coming year.

ICCR progress



Organisational changes

At a recent meeting of the Board, David Ellis was re-elected President and John Srigley Vice-President for another year. "It has been quite important to maintain constancy at this stage", said David Ellis, "the ICCR is still in its infancy and having office bearers who have been involved since its inception provides a level of ongoing stability".

Prof Sanchia Aranda, President of the UICC based in Geneva, and CEO, Cancer Council Australia, has recently joined the ICCR Board of Directors.

"We are extremely pleased that Prof Aranda has joined the ICCR Board of Directors", said David Ellis, President of the ICCR. "Sanchia has been a long term supporter of our National Structured Reporting Project here in Australia, and her new role as President of the UICC provides an excellent opportunity to strengthen our ties with the UICC in the future."

Also joining the Board in recent months is James Wisecarver of the American Society of Clinical Pathology, replacing their previous representative, William Schreiber.

Public consultation

Public consultation for the ICCR cervical cancer dataset is now underway. The draft dataset is posted to the following webpage and is available until 13th January 2017.

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

Please click on the link and provide your feedback.

A further 4 urinary tract datasets in the Genitourinary series will be posted for comment in the very near future.

TNM8

Many of the ICCR datasets at various stages of development, are impacted by the publication of TNM8. The Dataset Steering Committee (DSC) has decided to delay publication of those datasets and incorporate TNM8. "While this decision delays publication of several datasets including the GU series and the liver dataset amongst others, including TNM8 now will avoid potential confusion following publication and avoids the necessity to schedule an update close on the heels of the initial publication", said James Kench, RCPA representative to the DSC.

New datasets

A Central Nervous System dataset has also very recently commenced. "This dataset will present some interesting challenges", said David Ellis, President of the ICCR, "the integration of molecular characteristics in defining the classification of the tumours, will require a new approach to the development of this dataset".

Eight datasets in the Head & Neck Tumour Series are also now in development and are progressing well with Lester Thompson as H & N Series Champion:

- Nasal cavity and paranasal sinuses (Chair: Alessandro Franchi)
- Nasopharynx and oropharynx (Chair: Jim Lewis)
- Larynx, hypopharynx and trachea (Chair: Tim Helliwell)
- Oral cavity (Chair: Susan Muller)
- Salivary glands (Chair: Raja Seethala)
- Odontogenic tumours (Chair: Edward Odell)
- Ear (Chair: Lester Thompson)
- Nodal excisions and neck dissection (Chair: Martin Bullock)

Planning for datasets in the Endocrine series has commenced with the search for a suitably qualified Series Champion to oversee the process.

Publications

The ICCR datasets for Thymic Epithelial Tumours and Mesothelioma have now been published:

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

As part of the ICCR development process, a journal article for each has been written by the expert panels:

- Churg A, Attanoos R, Borczuk AC, Chirieac LR, Galateau-Sallé F, Gibbs A, Henderson D, Roggli V, Rusch V, Judge MJ, Srigley JR. *Dataset for Reporting of Malignant Mesothelioma of the Pleura or Peritoneum: Recommendations From the International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR)*. Arch Pathol Lab Med. 2016 Oct;140(10):1104-10. doi: 10.5858/arpa.2016-0073-OA. Epub 2016 Mar 31. PMID: 27031777
- Nicholson AG, Detterbeck F, Marx A, Roden AC, Marchevsky AM, Mukai K, Chen G, Marino M, den Bakker MA, Yang WI, Judge M, Hirschowitz L. *Dataset for reporting of Thymic Epithelial Tumours: Recommendations from the International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR)*. Histopathology. 2016 Oct 13. doi: 10.1111/his.13099. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 27735079

Brain teaser

Here's something to relax with over the holidays.....

Using only maths symbols make these equations work!

1	1	1	=	6
2	2	2	=	6
3	3	3	=	6
4	4	4	=	6
5	5	5	=	6
7	7	7	=	6
8	8	8	=	6
9	9	9	=	6

PS. No addition of numbers is permitted!

Good luck!

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