



BC Cancer Agency
CARE & RESEARCH

BC Provincial Surgical Oncology Council and Network

AGENDA

January 30, 2002 - 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

**** Prize Draw - Needs Assessment ****

1. Council Update

1.1 Communication

- Newsletter – Frequency
- Website: Presentation by Jane Rowlands / Theresa Volk
- Extranet

1.2 Continuing Medical Education

- Videoconferencing – presentation by Doug Lambier
- Needs Assessment Survey – Preliminary Results
- Internet Course with College of Physicians & Surgeons

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1.4 Practice Guidelines

- Topics: Waitlist / Sentinel Lymph Node Mapping

2. Membership

- Interest re: Survey
- Core Executive of Council
- Tumour Group Representation

3. Council Manager Recruitment

4. Time of Meeting.

- Dates currently arranged are all Wednesday at 3:30 – 5:30:
April 3, May 15, July 17, September 18, November 20

5. Other Items.



Meeting: Wednesday, January 30, 2002 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Attendees: Dr N. Fatin, Dr C. Rusnak, Dr B. Rudston-Brown, Dr P. Doris, Dr L. Benedet, Dr B. Weinerman, Dr B. Toyota, Dr N. Davis, and M. Mackinnon, D. Lambier, T. Volk, J. Rowlands, F. Lasser, D. Denesyk

Regrets: Drs. G. Warnock, R. Cheifetz, D. Miller, D. Manson, and T. Murphy, S. Emmons.

MINUTES

Prize Draw winner, drawn by Dr. Neil Fatin: Dr. Ernie Fuller.

1. Council Update

1.1 Communication

Newsletter

F. Lasser thanked J. Rowlands, BCCA Multimedia, for publishing the SON Newsletter. After some discussion, it was decided that the Newsletter should be published quarterly, both on the SON website and as a mailout, to help keep up the current interest of surgeons.

Website: *Presentation by Jane Rowlands*

J. Rowlands indicated that there were currently 5 categories on the SON site and welcomed all ideas for improving the site. Areas requiring change or updating will be flagged. She stated that the CME is the most developed category thus far, and some corrections were being made to Clinical Practice Guidelines. As well, there is to be an e-mail link to Surgical Oncology for feedback.

Extranet: *Presentation by Theresa Volk*

T. Volk gave an overview of the Extranet project. She stated that the benefits of Extranet would include immediate online access and online forum for professional collaboration. T. Volk said they are working on electronic report distribution and communication for all physicians in the B.C. Physicians throughout the province will be able to request tests online. Some discussion regarding advantages of accessing CAIS from outlying areas and communicating with BCCA electronically.

Action: A subcommittee will be formed to consider a pilot project: Blair Rudston-Brown and Con Rusnak offered to assist.

Videoconferencing: *Presentation by Doug Lambier.*

D. Lambier reported in the absence of Rona Cheifetz. He stated he is currently working on determining content overview and how to extend the service. The aim is to provide additional access to specialized expertise for remote surgeons, as well as enhance interaction BCCA participants. D. Lambier stated that training manuals for videoconferencing are being developed.

Action: *T. Volk to follow-up on question re imaging problems at VCC.*

Needs Assessment Survey – Preliminary Results

M. Mackinnon stated that 1,045 questionnaires were mailed, and 190 completed questionnaires were returned – 18% of total sent. He commented that there was a much earlier return of the questionnaire from the Southern Interior of BC. The responses are being entered currently on computer, and a program has been written to analyze the data.

Action: *R. Cheifetz will use information to begin planning CME program.*

Internet Course with College of Physicians & Surgeons

F. Lasser advised that Jim Henderson of the College of Physicians & Surgeons is working with Dr. Rona Cheifetz to develop an Internet course to assist surgeons to effectively use the Internet.

Action: *Course should be completed in February.*

1.3 Research & Outcomes Evaluation Committee

Project Process / Approval

M. Mackinnon sought approval for the project proposal and evaluation templates, plus the project process. This was granted.

Atlas / Dissemination

M. Mackinnon stated that our intended audience ranges from health administrators, surgeons, SON, as well as the public and different presentations of the information may be necessary. He indicated NAACCR (BCCA is a member), SEER and Statistics Canada have firm policies for release of information. The BCCA releases specific information and interpretation in response to address questions asked. F. Lasser asked what responsibilities the Council wished to bear with respect to the data. N. Fatin noted high level data could be presented together with low level comments from analysis, without the need for low level data that would have sensitivity issues. C. Rusnak suggested a subgroup is required to a proposal. N. Davis suggested that she and C. Rusnak, P. Doris, B. Rudston-Brown, N. Fatin, A. Coldman, and M. Mackinnon meets as a subgroup, in person, to look at the colorectal project for information that may be sensitive to the public. She said that M. Mackinnon has received 4 projects for data.

Action: *Invite P. Doris, B. Rudston-Brown, C. Rusnak to the next R&OE Committee Meeting February 22nd.*

Projects

M. Mackinnon said that the booking to OR interval is captured by the MoH system while an extensive ICES review is seeking funding. N. Fatin noted that a 'C' could be added to the anatomical codes in the MoH system and wanted norms for the wait times that could be added to the system. N. Davis expressed concern over the appropriateness of the Western Canada Wait List Mk II for surgical oncology care. N. Fatin stated that MoH was thinking of reviewing the general problem of wait times (c.f. ICES above), but it would be 18 months away. N. Davis wondered how best to benchmark an appropriate time for wait lists, and said that before April 3 meeting of Council need meeting of Con, Blair, Peter, Noelle, Neil, and Murray, preferably early March.

1.4 Practice Guidelines

Topics: Waitlist / Sentinel Lymph Node Mapping.

Due to time limitations, this topic was not discussed in detail. Tabled until next meeting.

2. Membership

Interest re: Survey

The suggestion was made that either we extend the Council or make subcommittees. This will be discussed further at the meeting on April 3.

Core Executive of Council

To be discussed on April 3.

Tumour Group Representation

To be discussed on April 3.

3. Council Manager Recruitment

F. Lasser stated that interviews are being arranged.

4. Time of Meeting.

Some Council members expressed a wish that the Council meetings be held Friday mornings. An e-mail will be sent to members asking for their consideration of some alternatives to the current schedule of Council meetings.

5. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.