

CommNETS



Commonwealth Neuroendocrine Tumour Collaboration

CommNETS Newsletter No.3 - May 2016

Hi all

Lots and lots of CommNETS activity which is excellent to see! Thanks to all for the engagement and hard work, particularly the working group leads- see group reports below. We have managed to submit an abstract for ESMO- well done Bryan, David, Dale, Paul and all involved. In addition, our main project "Optimising follow up following curative resection of NETs" is proceeding well and we are very pleased to introduce Lesley Moody from Canada as our project Research Lead. The full project plan and associated documents can be found in our CommNETS dropbox file to which you should all have access.

The Delphi "Gaps" paper based on the 2015 project is almost ready for submission and we will send an update on this as soon as finalised.

Dust off your Hawaiian shirt!! Our Annual Meeting in Hawaii is shaping up to be really exciting and productive. Notifications for registration following closure of the survey monkey (now staying open until June 2) will follow soon after ASCO. This year the agenda for the two day meeting will cover reports from each of the working groups on Day 1, then the final Delphi round for the "Optimising follow up" project on Day 2.

Our collaboration with NANETs looks very promising. Some 6-10 members will join us for Day 2 of our Meeting then participate in the final day of the Follow-up project, on the day after our Annual Meeting, to write a consensus statement which will form the basis of this year's manuscript. As a reciprocal, several Canadian members plus Eva are attending to their two day meeting in Iowa in August. Hopefully this relationship will flourish as a very productive and ongoing interaction.

We are meeting up with CCTG (Canadian Cancer Trials Group- formerly NCIC) at

ASCO to discuss collaborations on clinical trials and whether there are opportunities for CommNETS to be a joint AGITG/CCTG hosted organisation. We hope there are many informal meetings between CommNETS members at ASCO but we would also like to touch base with all the Group leads, so if you are going to be there (and anyone else who would like to meet about a project or concept) please let us know.

Many thanks to the team at the AGITG office for hosting CommNETS; to Zest for again partnering with us in the project oversight. CommNETS would not exist without the 5 year unrestricted educational grant seed funding from Ipsen which has made all of this activity possible and will ensure CommNETS is fully established and institutionalised in the NETs world. Our productivity- quality and scope of our research and patient care output- will speak for itself!

Best wishes,
Eva and Simron

[CommNETS 2016](#)

Dates: December 2nd & 3rd

Venue: The Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort

APPLICATIONS Closing 2nd June



CommNETS 2015



Working Groups -Updates - May 2016



David Wyld, Bryan Chan & Avarind RaviKumar



Katrin Sjoquist

Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy (PRRT) - Bryan Chan

CommNETS in collaboration with the Australasian Radiopharmaceutical Trials Network (ARTnet) will soon be asking you to participate in an online survey to help us better understand the current availability and utility of functional imaging and Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy (PRRT) within CommNETS. The aims of the survey are to compare and contrast the availability and accessibility of functional imaging and PRRT within CommNETS countries. We also aim to assess attitudes and barriers to access, as well as differing models of multidisciplinary care and institutional protocols for PRRT. It is hoped that the survey will help focus future research efforts and collaboration. To collect relevant information, the survey is being conducted in two streams - one for medical oncologists and one for nuclear medicine physicians. The first phase was sent to PRRT centres and the next phase will survey Nuclear Medicine and Oncology centres without PRRT.

Please look out for the CommNETS survey invitation coming soon!

Endpoints: Trial outcomes

- Aimee Hayes & Katrin Sjoquist

We are working on a project, based on the priorities from the last CommNETS meeting that examines the current endpoints in clinical trials and potential alternative treatment response criteria. Given the often indolent nature of NETs and long patient survival, the continued relevance of RECIST criteria has been questioned. In addition, size-based criteria alone appears to be inadequate for the response assessment of targeted therapies and PRRT which are not necessarily associated with tumour shrinkage but often prolonged progression free survival. To improve the evaluation of treatment response in NETs, composite criteria encompassing morphological, functional and clinical responses need to be explored.





Lesley Moody



Dale Bailey

Welcome Lesley

Please join us in welcoming Lesley Moody as project lead for the 'Follow Up and Surveillance Guidelines' project. Lesley is currently the Director for Person-Centred Care at Cancer Care Ontario in Toronto, Canada. Within the Ontario cancer system, Lesley has led the advancement of patient experience and patient and family engagement programs from both local and system levels. In her current role she has led the development of a province-wide practice guideline and engagement framework for Person-Centred Care. Lesley holds an HBSc. in Biochemistry, earned her MBA in Health Care Administration and is currently pursuing her PhD in Health Policy at the University of Toronto at the Institute for Health Policy Management and Evaluation, specifically researching patient centred care and the impact on experience in a clinical setting.

Upcoming Event

Professor Dale Bailey, Principal Physicist, Department of Nuclear Medicine, Royal North Shore Hospital will be giving a nuclear medicine lecture via Skype/Video link to the Nuclear Medicine Group at the University of Western Ontario.

"NETS and Nuclear Medicine - The view from Downunder"

<https://www.gotomeet.me/sydneyvital/>

Everyone is invited to join:

No ID/Password or PIN is required

Canada:

Date: Thursday 26th May 2016 Time: 4:30pm (Toronto) (please adjust for your local time)

Australia/New Zealand

Date: Friday 27th May 2016
Time: 6:30am (Sydney), 8:30am (New Zealand)



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Logo Competition

Dale's logo is serving us proud but he agrees it could be "jazzed up" a bit, so we are still looking for a redesign or modification of our logo. Unlimited entries allowed!!!

Send through your best efforts to [CommNETS](#)

AGITG Annual Scientific Meeting

It would be great to have a big CommNETS presence at the AGITG ASM, including several abstracts - the working groups may have work ready to submit and we will also submit an abstract on the Optimising follow-up project. Melbourne, September 14-16, 2016.

[Register here](#)



Canadian Fellowship 2017 - 2018

There is an opportunity for a NETS fellow at the Susan Leslie Clinic for Neuroendocrine Cancers in Toronto, Canada starting in 2017 (flexible). If anyone is a Medical Oncology registrar interested in a one or two year fellowship in Canada please contact [Simron](#). A second tumour site can be incorporated.



Contact Information

Feel free to contact us or drop us a line, our office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on Email: commnets@gicancer.org.au


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Our website will be continually updated, so check it out at [CommNETS](#)



COMMNETS MEETING 2016

Controversies in NET Management
Hawaii, USA – December 2 & 3, 2016

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