Leveraging Innovation to Design Future Clinical Trials

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Outline

National Clinical Trial Network

 Transition from prior cooperative groups

 Infrastructure for radiation therapy QA

 Transition from prior QA facilities

 Uses of RT data to improve outcomes

 Treatment plan database (0617)

 Analyses to understand unexpected result
 Correlative imaging science (0522)

 Prospective plan optimization (0126)

Multi-Institutional Research

- •Tests science in real world
- •Bridges gap between efficacy and effectiveness
- •Facilitates dissemination of science into the community
- QA infrastructure
 - Maintains high level of treatmentBecomes a resource for investigations

National Clinical Trial Network

- •Replaces prior cooperative groups
- •Consolidates 10 groups to 5
- •Consolidates QA and Imaging resources

NCI Cooperative Group Restructuring

NRG	ECOG- ACRIN	Alliance	SWOG	COG
NSABP: National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project RTOG: Radiation Therapy Oncology Group GOG: Gynecologic Oncology Group	ECOG: Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group ACRIN: American College of Radiology Imaging Network	NCCTG: North Central Cancer Treatment Group CALGB: Cancer and Leukemia Group- B ACOSOG: American College of Surgeons Oncology Group	SWOG: Southwest Oncology Group	COG: Children's Oncology Group Formerly: CCG POG NWTS IRSG



The Advanced Technology Consortium for Clinical Trials QA

National Cancer Institute U24 Grant Consortium of clinical trial QA centers:

- Image-Guided Therapy QA Center
- Radiation Therapy Oncology Group RT QA

- Radiological Physics Center
- Quality Assurance Review Center







Imaging and Radiation Oncology Core (IROC) QA Consortium

- New clinical trials Quality Assurance organization comprised of 6 QA Centers with individual PIs
- IROC RT and Imaging Centers have an extensive experience, knowledge and infrastructure to improve the quality of clinical trials

Global Leaders in Clinical Trial Quality Ass

IROC

IROC's 5 General NCTN Core Services

- 1. Site Qualification
- (FQs, ongoing QA, proton approval, resources)
- 2. Trial Design Support/Assistance (protocol review, templates, help desk, key contact QA centers)
- 3. Credentialing
 - (tiered system to minimize institution effort)
 - Data Management (pre-review, use of TRIAD, post-review for analysis)
 Case Review
 - (Pre-, On-, Post-Treatment, facilitate review logistics for clinical reviews)





Protocol Case Submissions to ATC



 More than 20,000 complete, volumetric datasets have been collected at ITC from >750 institutions, using 12 commercial TPS as of 10/15/13.

QA infrastructure as a resource

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NSCLC Local control = Survival





RTOG 0617

A Randomized Phase III Comparison of Standard-Dose (60 Gy) Versus High-Dose (74 Gy) Conformal Radiotherapy with Concurrent and Consolidation Carboplatin/Paclitaxel +/-Cetuximab In Patients with Stage IIIA/IIIB Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

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NCI Sponsored Cooperative Groups: RTOG, NCCTG, CALGB

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Multivariate Cox Model

Covariate	Comparison (RL)	HR (95% CI)	p-value			
Radiation dose	60 Gy v 74 Gy	1.51 (1.12, 2.04)	0.007			
Histology	<i>Non-squam</i> v Squam	1.31 (0.99, 1.75)	0.061			
Max esophagitis grade	<3 vs ≥3	1.52 (1.06, 2.20)	0.024			
Heart Contour	Per Protocol vs. Not per protocol	0.67 (0.47, 0.96)	0.029			
GTV	Continuous	1.001 (1.000, 1.002)	0.038			
Heart V50(%)	Continuous	1.017 (1.004, 1.030)	0.008			

Backwards Selection: Exit criteria p>0.10

Two-sided p-values

Removed from model: Age (continuous), overall RT review (per protocol vs. not per protocol), and lung V5 (continuous)

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0617 Quality Assurance Measures differing between arms

Contouring scores for TVs, OARs, DVA of TVs, OARs, elapsed days were reviewed

QA meas	sure	Standard Dose 60Gy Per Protocol	High Dose 74Gy Per Protocol	p-value
Overall Review	RT w	82.9%	73.9%	0.02
Elapsed R1	Г days	89.9%	83.0%	0.04
PTV Cont	tour	92.8%	86.0%	0.03
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An unplanned subset analysis strongly suggests that radiation therapy compliance was not the cause for the poor performance of the high-dose group

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RTOG 1308: PHASE III RANDOMIZED TRIAL COMPARING OVERALL SURVIVAL AFTER PHOTON VERSUS PROTON CHEMORADIOTHERAPY FOR INOPERABLE STAGE II-IIIB NSCLC



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NRG Clinical Imaging Priorities

- Investigate the role of imaging as a biomarker for predicting response to local and systemic therapies.
- Investigate that imaging is an early biomarker of response and surrogate for established endpoints such as local control or survival.
 - Long term goal is to replace distant endpoints that require long followup
 - Secondary goal is identifying patients who may benefit from early salvage or additional treatments
- Investigate the role of imaging to select and stratify patients for specific therapies (integral biomarker).
- Enhance and evaluate the use of molecular, physiological, morphological imaging to define dynamic targets for image-guided local therapies.

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RTOG 0522—A Randomized Phase III Trial of Concurrent Accelerated Radiation and Cisplatin Versus Concurrent Accelerated Radiation, Cisplatin, and Cetuximab (C225) for Stage III and IV Head and Neck Carcinomas (Kian Ang, PI)

		Primary Site			
		1. Larynx			8-9 Weeks Post-
		Non-Larynx		_	Treatment
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		Nodal Status		Accelerated Fractionation	Reassessment
	S	1. N0	*R	by Concomitant Boost	Required CT scan
	Т	2. N1, N2a, N2b	A	(AFX-CB) or IMRT	or MRI for N2-N3°
	R	3. N2c, N3	N	plus cisplatin	and N1-N2c patients ^e
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	Т	Zubrod Status	0		These patients also
	1	1.0	M		can receive post-
	F	2.1		^b Arm 2	treatment PET/CT
	Y		Z	Accelerated Fractionation	scan
		Use of IMRT	E	by Concomitant Boost	
		1. No		(AFX-CB) or IMRT	If suspicion of relapse
		2. Yes		plus cisplatin	Directed biopsy
				plus cetuximab	
		Pre-Treatment			
		PET/CT			
RG		1. No			
1U		2 Vec			



RTOG 0522

Diagnostic PET registered to Planning CT using deformation

Choose isodose values from RT Dose object

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Therapy response assessment using RT specific data with PET-CT pre-treatment and post-treatment images

Pre-Tx PET fused w/ Planning CT and Dose



Post-Tx PET fused w/ Planning CT and Dose

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Advancing RT – Adaptive



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Inter-institutional QC at a small radiotherapy clinic



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Grade 2+ GI Late Toxicity – Multivariate Analysis

Stratified variables	variables categories	HR	95%CI	p-value		
RT method	3D-CRT 79.2Gy	RL				
	IMRT 79.2Gy	0.728	(0.511, 1.035)	0.077		
Age	≤ 70	RL				
	> 70	1.126	(0.820, 1.547)	0.460		
Race	White	RL				
	Non-white	0.364	(0.202, 0.655)	0.001 [†]		
*Fine-Gray statistics. * Statistical significant at 0.05.						



Would results have been different if "best" IMRT were utilized? • Dose constraints defined based on prior

- Dose constraints defined based on prior experience
 - e.g. Rectal V70 < 25%
- Treatment planners not incentivized to continue optimization after constraints met
- Objective optimization prediction tools may set a patient specific target





NTCP model: Excess risk of toxicity?



Concluding Remarks

- Multi-Institutional Technology Trials are facilitated by an infrastructure for plan quality assurance
- The data acquired for plan QA can serve as a reusable resource for supplemental investigations
- Future trials can be built upon knowledge gained from secondary analyses