

NCIC CLINICAL TRIALS GROUP

A CELEBRATION OF 20 YEARS OF QUALITY OF LIFE RESEARCH

AGENDA

Hilton Bonaventure Hotel, Montreal
Thursday, 27 April 2006
6:00 - 10:00 pm

6:00 – 6:30	Refreshments and light snacks	
6:30	Welcome and overview	Jolie Ringash Andrea Bezjak Michael Brundage
6:40	Birth of the NCIC CTG QOLC	Joe Pater
6:50	Development of QOL research	David Osoba
7:00	Methodology and interpretation	Chris Lee
7:30	Practical clinical applications	Michael Brundage
8:00	Wrap up	Jolie Ringash
8:10	Dinner	

The objective of this workshop is to share the knowledge and experience of the NCIC CTG Quality of Life Committee with members of NCIC CTG to enhance understanding of QOL. The workshop is appropriate for individuals at all levels of experience, including new CTG members and experienced QOL researchers. The symposium will utilize electronic touchpad technology and will be fully interactive throughout all scheduled topics.

Participants will learn:

- how and why NCIC CTG formed a QOL committee
- how QOL developed as an important outcome in cancer patients
- methodologic issues in the measurement of QOL (instruments, reliability, validity, responsiveness)
- how to interpret published QOL data
- practical challenges in QOL research and strategies to address them

This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity (Section I) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (1.5 hours).

Organizing Committee

Dr. Jolie Ringash (Chair), Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto
Dr. Chris Lee, BCCA – Fraser Valley Cancer Centre, Surrey
Ms. Nancy Johnson, Cross Cancer Centre, Edmonton

Speakers

Andrea Beznak, Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto

Dr. Beznak is a radiation oncologist with clinical expertise in lung cancer and palliative radiotherapy. She is the current Co-Chair and former Chair of the NCIC CTG Quality of Life Committee.

Michael Brundage, Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario, Kingston

Dr. Brundage is a radiation oncologist with clinical expertise in lung cancer, and Chair of radiation oncology at the Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario. He is currently Co-Chair of the NCIC CTG Quality of Life Committee.

Christopher Lee, BCCA – Fraser Valley Cancer Centre, Surrey

Dr. Lee is a medical oncologist with clinical expertise in lung, melanoma, and head and neck cancers, and a member of the NCIC CTG Quality of Life Committee for 6 years.

David Osoba, Quality of Life Consulting, Vancouver

Dr. Osoba is a retired medical oncologist and was the founding Chair of the NCIC CTG Quality of Life Committee. He is an independent consultant in the QOL field.

Joseph Pater, National Cancer Institute of Canada Clinical Trials Group, Kingston

Dr. Pater is a medical oncologist and founding Director of the NCIC Clinical Trials Group. He has received research funding from Pfizer.

Jolie Ringash, Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto

Dr. Ringash is a radiation oncologist with expertise in head and neck and gastrointestinal cancers. She has been a member of the NCIC-CTG QOL committee for 1 year. She has served as a QOL consultant for a clinical trial co-sponsored by Sanofi-Aventis.

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