

Network Office News: May 2007

LCACRP SEMINAR: BUDGETS & CONTRACTS

Guest Speaker: Andrew Snyder, MBA, FACMPE, PMP, Director of Research Administration at the St. Paul Heart Clinic

Primary Location: MUSC Basic Science Building, Room 202, Charleston, SC

Videoconference Location: Palmetto Health, Two Medical Park Conference Center, Columbia, SC.

*Please see below for more information.

Event Date/Time: Thursday, May 17 6:00 p.m.

To find more info for the Videoconference Location in **Columbia, please contact Rosemary Faile at 803.255.3462 or 2MP_CONFERENCE_ROOM@gw.mp.sc.edu.*

*For more information regarding this event in general or at **MUSC**, please contact Erica Ellington at 843.792.0299 or ellingte@musc.edu.*

MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURE

The HCC-CTO will be closed on **Monday, May 28** in observance of Memorial Day. If you anticipate any drug orders or other protocol assistance during this time, please contact the Network Office to make prior arrangements.

MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT RENEWALS

Membership Renewal Packets will be mailed to your site this month. If you have any questions about the Renewal Process, please contact Tricia Bentz at 843.792.1753 or adraleta@musc.edu.

CLINICAL TRIAL UPDATES

INVESTIGATOR-INITIATED STUDIES

Contact Information and Regulatory Updates for the month of April 2007.

Velcade (Bortezomib) for Injection Therapy for Early Relapsed Prostate Cancer

CTO: 100822

PI: Andrew S. Kraft, MD

Participating Network Members:

[Loma Linda University Cancer Institute](#)

[South Carolina Oncology Associates, P.A.](#)

[Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System](#)

[University of California - Irvine](#)

Regulatory Updates:

- Velcade SAE set 4.26.07.

Phase II Study of Xelox in Locally Advanced or Metastatic Gastric Cancer

CTO: 100829

PI: Uzair Chaudhary, MD

Participating Network Members:

[South Carolina Oncology Associates, P.A.](#)

[Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System](#)

Regulatory Updates:

- No regulatory updates.
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IIT HIGHLIGHT

Phase II study of neo-adjuvant Cisplatin, Gemcitabine, and Bevacizumab, followed by radical cystectomy for patients with muscle invasive, resectable, non-metastatic transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) of the bladder.

CTO: 100892

PI: Uzair Chaudhary, MD

Primary Objective:

To determine, evaluate the pT0 status in patients with muscle invasive, resectable, non-metastatic transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) of the bladder treated with neo-adjuvant Cisplatin and Gemcitabine chemotherapy with Bevacizumab.

Eligibility Criteria:

Patient must have:

- operable histologically confirmed muscle invasive (T2-T4a), node negative (N0), non-metastatic (M0), i.e. AJCC clinical stages T2-T4a, Nx or N0, M0 transitional cell cancer (TCC) of the bladder
- no evidence of distant metastases and no histologically or cytologically proven lymph node metastases
- had no prior pelvic radiation therapy or systemic Chemotherapy
- normal organ and marrow function as defined in the protocol
- ability to comprehend, and the willingness to sign a written informed consent document
- ECOG performance status of 0-2
- women and men of childbearing potential must use adequate contraception prior to study entry and for the duration of study participation
- patients must be at least 18 years of age
- patient must be able to begin protocol treatment within 6 weeks following TUR and cystoscopic evaluation

If You Have a Potential Patient, Please Contact One of our Participating Sites in South Carolina:

[Medical University of South Carolina](#)

- Principal Investigator: Uzair Chaudhary, MD
- Study Coordinator: Alan Brisendine, brisend@musc.edu

[Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System](#)

- Principal Investigator James Bearden, III, MD
 - Study Coordinator: Denise Taylor, dtaylor@srhs.com
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COOPERATIVE GROUP STUDIES

Network Cooperative Group Studies

Randomized Phase III Study of Conventional Whole Breast Irradiation (WBI) vs. Partial Breast Irradiation (PBI) for Women with Stage 0, I, II Breast Cancer

Protocol ID: NSABP B-39

Participating Network Members:

[Carolina Regional Cancer Center](#)
[Georgetown Hospital System](#)

Phase III Comparison of Prophylactic Cranial Irradiation vs. Observation in Patients with Locally Advanced Non-Small Lung Cancer

Protocol ID: RTOG 0214

Participating Network Members:

[Carolina Regional Cancer Center](#)
[Lexington Medical Center](#)

Phase III Randomized Study of Hypofractionated 3D-CRT/IMRT vs. Conventionally Fractionated 3D-CRT/IMRT in Patient Treated for Favorable-Risk Prostate Cancer

Protocol ID: RTOG 0415

Participating Network Member:

[Carolina Regional Cancer Center](#)

Phase III Randomized Trial of Anastrozole vs. Anastrozole and Fulvestrant as First Line Therapy for Post-Menopausal Women with Metastatic Breast Cancer

Protocol ID: SWOG 0226

Participating Network Member:

[The Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties](#)

Cooperative Group Trial Activations

Below is a listing of newly activated cooperative group trials activated in April 2007. If you would like to review any of the protocols listed below, please review the information on the cooperative group websites or contact the Network Office.

[ACOSOG](#)

No newly activated studies.

[CTSU](#)

No newly activated studies.

[GOG](#)

No newly activated studies.

[NSABP](#)

No newly activated studies.

[RTOG](#)

No newly activated studies.

[SWOG](#)

No newly activated studies.

Sites that have affiliate cooperative group memberships through HCC may access all available studies as offered by their affiliated cooperative group or through CTSU.

If you would like to review any of these protocols, please review the information on the cooperative group websites or contact the Network Office at 843.792.1753 or hccnet@musc.edu



UPCOMING EVENTS

Embracing Hope: Improving Cancer Care for Future Generations

Community Awareness Event sponsored by HCC and the Health Disparities Board. The focus is on reaching out to community members to build understanding of the importance of clinical trials and clinical trial participation.

Guest Speakers:

Zora Brown, Author and Breast Cancer Survivor
Carlton Donald, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, MUSC

Location: Burke High School, Charleston, SC

Event Date/Time: **Saturday, May 12** from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
(breakfast and lunch will be provided)

*To register and find more info, please visit the [Embracing Hope Series Page](#).
If you have any questions, please contact James Etheredge at 843.792.8192 or etherjam@musc.edu.*

FREE PATIENT EDUCATION MATERIALS

ACS: American Cancer Society

Examples of Materials: Brochure for Patients: Is a Clinical Trial the Right Choice for Me?; Brochure for Physicians: Referring Your Patient to a Clinical Trial.

Contact Info: Charleston Office: 843.744.1922, Columbia Office: 803.750.1693 and HCC Network Office 843.792.1753. To find your local ACS chapter, visit cancer.org.

Ordering Info: Contact your local Materials Coordinator. 100 of each publication will be sent at a time. No minimum charges apply.

Shipping Info: Free shipping!

CCCG: Coalition of Cancer Cooperative Groups

Examples of Materials: Knowledge is Power: featuring Lance Armstrong, Cokie Roberts; Myths and Facts about Clinical Trials Brochure.

Contact Info: Call 877.520.4457, visit cancertrials-help.org, or contact Arlene Felipe at 843.792.6394 or felipe@musc.edu.

Ordering Info: Place orders over internet or phone. No minimum charges apply.

Shipping Info: Free shipping!

NCI: National Cancer Institute

Examples of Materials: Clinical Trials workbooks, notebooks, booklets, videos with discussion guides, and slide programs (also available in Spanish).

Contact Info: Call 800.4.CANCER, visit cancer.gov/publications, or contact Arlene Felipe at 843.792.6394 or felipe@musc.edu.

Ordering Info: Place orders over internet, phone, fax, or mail. \$8 min. charge

Shipping Info: 15 cents/ copy for bulk orders beyond 20 copies.

CANCER CARE SERIES

A listing of featured programs is available by calling 888.337.7533 or logging on to cancer.org. Register by calling Cancer Care at 800.813.HOPE or logging on to cancer.org.

Fifth Annual Cancer Survivorship Series: Living With, Through and Beyond Breast Cancer

Free Telephone Education Workshop Series for cancer survivors, their families, friends and healthcare professionals. No phone charges apply.

When: Tuesdays, 1:30p-2:30p EST

Part II, May 15: My Treatment is Over: Why Do I Feel so Alone and Sad?

Part III, June 19: Finding Hope and Meaning After Treatment

Current Perspectives on Radioimmunotherapy for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, I

When: Friday, May 18, 1:30p-2:30p EST

Free Telephone Workshop Will Include: brief overview of treatment options for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL), basics of radioimmunotherapy, latest research on radioimmunotherapy, discussion of clinical trials currently open, communicating with your health care team, quality-of-life issues, and questions for our panel of experts.

Chemotherapy-Related Anemia: Taking a Step Forward

Free Telephone Education Workshop Series for cancer survivors, their families, friends and healthcare professionals. No phone charges apply.

When: Wednesdays, 1:30p-2:30p EST

Part I, May 23: Understanding your CBC and Anemia: How Your Blood Count Affects How You Feel

Part II, June 20: Creating a Plan to Continue Working when You have Anemia

Current Perspectives on Radioimmunotherapy for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, II

When: Friday, May 25, 1:30p-2:30p EST

Free Telephone Workshop Will Include: screening for bone health and risk factors, prescription medication to promote bone health, the role of nutrition, exercise and calcium supplements, lung cancer and bone metastases, clinical trials, controlling pain and discomfort, doctor-patient communication, and questions for our panel of experts.

Caring for Your Bones When You Have Multiple Myeloma

When: Thursday, June 21, 1:30p-2:30p EST

Free Telephone Workshop Will Include: an overview of breast cancer, current standard of care, new treatment approaches from the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), role of Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant treatment, clinical trials, how clinical research affects your care, quality-of-life issues, and questions for our panel of experts.

Living with Colorectal Cancer

Free Telephone Education Workshop Series for cancer survivors, their families, friends and healthcare professionals. No phone charges apply.

When: Thursday, June 28, 1:30p-2:30p EST

Part II: Update on Colorectal Cancer from the ASCO Annual Meeting