National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI)
Clinical and Translational Radiotherapy Research Working Group (CTRad)

Remit of CTRad

CTRad is an NCRI initiative setup in 2009 to focus on clinical and translational issues relating to radiotherapy and radiobiology, as well as developing a portfolio of practice-changing trials. CTRad has also been tasked with actively promoting translation of new discoveries into practice.

Purpose of the Proton Beam Therapy Clinical Trial Strategy Group

The NCRI CTRad Proton Beam Therapy (PBT) Clinical Trial Strategy Group has been setup in 2017 to specifically address PBT clinical trials development and exploit emerging opportunities for the timely delivery of high quality research. The Strategy Group aims to work with both the UK and international research communities to connect the diverse research community and provide essential guidance.

Proton Beam Therapy Clinical Trial Strategy Group Chairperson Role Profile

Appointment of the PBT Clinical Trial Strategy Group Chairperson

The PBT Clinical Trial Strategy Group Chairperson will usually be a current CTRad member, however former members and other outside applicants are not precluded from applying. Appointment will be for three years in the first instance, with the possibility of a three-year extension. The outgoing Chairperson who is not re-appointed will be invited to become a member of the Strategy Group.

Duties and responsibilities

The Chairperson is responsible, either directly or by delegation, for the following:

- Attend and Chair Strategy Group meetings
- Setting the strategy for the Strategy Group and overseeing its implementation plan
- Monitoring the progress of the Strategy Group
- Represent NCRI CTRad at relevant meetings and events
- Overseeing the portfolio of trials developed or adopted by the Strategy Group
- Contributing to studies developed or adopted by the Strategy Group
- Ensuring Strategy Group members are enabled and encouraged to make effective contributions to the Strategy Group, with well-defined tasks and direction setting clearly agreed, especially for new members
- Proposing membership of the Strategy Group in consultation with the NCRI CTRad Team
• Reporting to the NCRI CTRad Executive Group regularly
• Providing advice to the NCRI, CTRad Executive Group and attending meetings as needed
• Act as a spokesperson for the Strategy Group
• Promoting good clinical research practice
• Lead on responses or providing input to the NHS England Specialised Commissioning Radiotherapy Clinical Research Group (CRG) consultations and other research groups as and when needed
• Liaising with NCRI Research Groups and other national / international trials organisations
• Work closely with the NCRI Radiotherapy Programme Manager
• Adhering to NCRI branding guidelines when communicating on behalf of the Strategy Group.

**Qualities required**

The successful candidate must have highly-developed leadership skills, be an excellent communicator and skillful team player. Specifically, the post-holder should demonstrate the following experience and competencies:

• be an established, successful research leader in their field relating to radiotherapy research
• have wide appreciation of the breadth of research relevant to the development of PBT
• command the respect of the relevant research communities, funders and stakeholders
• show evidence of having built successful, multidisciplinary collaborations across different institutions
• have relevant national and international links
• show enthusiasm and commitment to developing inclusive, UK-wide approaches to PBT and associated radiotherapy research
• be skilled at chairing multidisciplinary meetings, driving decision-making and engendering commitment to actions.

**Code of conduct**

The NCRI’s purpose is to improve health and quality of life by accelerating progress in cancer-related research, through collaboration. To help us achieve this, CTRad Workstream Co-chairs are asked to:

• Abide by the values highlighted in the NCRI strategy, by being **collaborative, dynamic and determined**, and acting with **integrity, professionalism and intelligence**
• Always act in the best interests of the charity and support NCRI’s 4 key strategic aims, to:
  − Ensure a coordinated portfolio of research related to cancer
  − Seize opportunities and address challenges in research relevant to cancer
  − Continuously improve the quality and relevance of research related to cancer
  − Accelerate the translation of cancer-related research into practice
• Abide by the [NCRI expenses policy](http://ctrad.ncri.org.uk) when claiming travel costs relating to meeting attendance.

Further information on CTRad can be found on the CTRad webpage ([ctrad.ncri.org.uk](http://ctrad.ncri.org.uk)).

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