



Therapists session PROS 2009

Dear All,

The program for the therapists is falling into place. At this point, we do not know how many therapists to expect, although a number have contacted me and I am estimating perhaps 15-20 in total.

For the half day session for therapists only on the afternoon prior to the meeting, that is, on the afternoon of Tuesday June 30, 2009, that will be held at the hospital, we are proposing a series of talks that will hopefully all be quite informal and interactive as follows:

- Dr. Normand Laperriere from the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto will talk about treatment outcomes/late effects/rationale for dose constraints in pediatric radiotherapy (45 minutes).
- The second talk would be on total body irradiation given jointly by a clinician, Dr. Jeff Buchsbaum from Philadelphia, and a McGill University Health Centre physicist, Michael Evans (30 minutes).
- This will be followed by a talk on craniospinal radiotherapy by a MUHC physicist, William Parker (30 minutes).
- The final presentation will be by Dr. Karen Goddard from the BC Cancer Agency who has been developing an interactive teaching module for the PROS website that might be of considerable interest to therapists (45 minutes).

Finally, it would be possible to arrange a visit of the MUHC radiation oncology department with the MUHC therapists and, if there is enough interest, the MUHC therapists would also be interested in arranging a get-together in the evening.

We expect proffered papers from therapists and at this point I am hoping that these will be incorporated into the main body of the program so that we will all have a chance to hear them and interact together. We will make a decision about this when we have received the abstracts.

Any comments or suggestions would be most welcome!

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