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Update on the activities of the Quality of Life Unit

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EORTC Quality of life Unit

Key Functions

- **To supervise the evaluation of QOL in selected cancer clinical trials**
- **To encourage physicians to pay greater attention to QOL factors in the treatment of cancer by stimulating, enhancing and co - ordinating the evaluation of quality of life in cancer clinical trials**
- **To develop outcome tools for use in clinical trials with the QLG and other collaborators**

Key functions

- **Collaborating with the QLG (principally administrative)**
 - QLQ - C30/module administration (70 requests per week)
 - Contracts with pharmaceutical Co. (50 signed in 2004)
 - Managing a translation program (50 translations in 2004)
 - Product/distribute of QLG manuals (10 manuals, CDs)
 - Developing and maintaining web site (updated monthly)
 - Scientific: Finalizing 1 field study (closed to recruitment)
- **Major increase in collaborating with other groups**
 - Advising on design of studies
 - Methodological research
 - Clinical trials support
 - Education

Active collaborative research activities: 2005

<u>Group</u>	<u>Study</u>	<u>Journal/congress</u>
• QLG	- SAT 32 analysis/extra analysis	ASCO 2005/ JCO*
• Lung CG	- Longitudinal QOL in mesothelioma	WLCC 2005/ JCO*
• Lung CG	- QOL PFA in NSCLS	ISOQOL 2005*
• Lung CG	- QOL PFA in mesothelioma	ISQOOL 2005*
• Lung CG	- SILVA trial	JCO*
• Lung CG/NCIC	- QOL marimastat in SCLC	Draft MS
• Brain/RT/NCIC	- QOL in glioblastoma patients	Lancet*
• Brain/RT/NCIC	- PFA in glioblastoma patients	ASCO 2005
• Brain/RT/NCIC	- Bootstrap validation	ISOQOL 2005*
• Breast CG	- Long term outcomes in LABC	Lancet Oncology
• GI CG	- Colorectal cancer PFA QOL	ASCO 2005/JAMA*
• Leukemia CG	- AML13 long term outcomes	ISOQOL 2005
• QLU/Harvard	- Bootstrap validation in QoL	Draft MS

* submitted

Active ongoing joint collaborative research

- Scientific Output expected in 2006 -

<u>Group</u>	<u>Study</u>	<u>Status</u>
• QLG/GU	- PR25 field study	Analysis June 2005
• Chrono CG	- Longitudinal outcomes (05962)	pending analysis
• Chrono CG	- QOL in colorectal/chronomodulation	pending analysis
• Lung CG	- SILVA full QOL trial results	under analysis
• Breast CG	- CBR and QOL: Any relationship?	pending closure
• Melanoma	- Longitudinal analysis in melanoma	pending analysis
• Head and Neck	- QOL in head and neck cancer	awaiting analysis
• EU research	- Systematic review of CAM and QOL	ongoing research

* submitted

Educational activities 2005

Quality of life and side effects of cancer

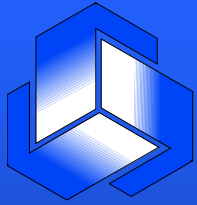
Antwerp, March 2005

EORTC: Organisation/implementation of cancer clinical trials,
Brussels, June 2005

EORTC: Clinical trials statistics for non statisticians,
Brussels, September 2005

ESO: Anaemia and Cancer Therapy,
Rome, May 2005.

EORTC/ESO: QOL and symptom control in Cancer,
Geneva March 2006



The Future

“Mutate or die”

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Increased collaboration with EORTC clinical groups

Methodological research in applied QOL may increase

Continue to provide education courses and conference