QUANTITATIVE IMAGING FOR EVALUATION OF RESPONSE TO CANCER THERAPIES (QIN) PAR 11-150

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History

- PAR issued in 2008; first grants awarded in 2009
- Gradual build up of sites
- Evolution of governance to accommodate growth of network
- Reissue in 2011
- 16 sites currently funded



QIN in Year Five: 16 Teams



Quantitative Imaging Network (QIN) Overview

- Develop quantitative imaging (QI) methods that are automated, platform independent and reproducible to use in therapy trials
- Share, test, refine, validate, and finally evaluate these methods in therapy trials using four working groups organized across all sites



Why a Cooperative Group?

- Harmonization of current methods required
- Coherent data base required for development
 - Data needed from multiple on-going trials
 - Data needed from multiple platforms
- Ability to test new methods in on-going trials
- Consensus needed among the stakeholders
 - Imaging device industry
 - Imaging physicians
 - Physicists & informatisists

QIN Clinical Collaborations

- Incorporation of new imaging calibration methods into ACRIN clinical trials
 - PET CT phantom calibration methods to reduce physical bias and variance
 - (ACRIN 6684 (FMISO); 6687(Dynamic Fluoride); 6697 (FMISO)
 - Diffusion Weighted (DW) MRI phantoms to reduce bias and variance
 - ACRIN (6701) Prostate
 - DWI phantom based QC protocol, site qualification for a multi center breast cancer trial
 - ACRIN (6698) neo-adjuvant treatment response

 Evaluation of MRI in breast DCIS treatment trial CALGB 40903

QIN Scientific Achievements

Development of novel imaging protocols

- Automated segmentation of lung nodules
 - Using the NLST image database
- Motion Free (breath hold) dynamic PET protocols
 - Improved compartmental analysis
- Image analysis methods for all PET CT platforms
 - Initiated in January 2013 (U01-R01 AIP funded)
- Image analysis methods for DWI MRI
 - To be initiated June 2013
- Shutter Speed Models for DCE MRI
 - Provides better metabolic and micro vascular information
- 89 publications to date

On-going Projects

- Sites contribute data and each analyzes the collective data with custom algorithms
- Data is shared on TCIA
- Now Exploring Tool Sharing: Metrology
- Reviewing resources for tool Sharing
 - (NITRC, HUB ZERO, BIRN etc)
- Current efforts across the network
 - Comparison of volume segmentation methods
 - Five QIN sites: (In progress)
 - Comparison of DCE MRI methods
 - 7 QIN sites: (data acquisition in progress)
 - Comparison of DWI MRI methods
 - 10 sites (data acquisition in progress)