

20 January 2016

Dear CCTGs,

The Quality of Life (QOL) Office is holding the annual **QOL Protocol Checklist Workshop on 19-20 May 2016**. This training workshop introduces a practical tool for guiding protocol development for the patient-reported outcome (PRO) components of trials, and illustrates its application in a range of exemplar protocols.

Participants will learn valuable skills, including how to select appropriate PROs and measures that assess these at appropriate time points. We invite you to nominate a suitable representative from your Group to attend.

The workshop is sponsored by Cancer Australia as part of the Cancer Australia Chair in Cancer Quality of Life Project. There is **no registration fee**.

WORKSHOP CONTENT AND FORMAT

The two-day workshop will be conducted in sessions covering:

1. Rationale for measuring QOL in the trial
2. QOL-related research objectives & endpoints
3. Description of QOL measures and how to choose the best measure for your protocol
4. Health economics and utility measures: what, how, why?*
5. When, where and how to assess QOL
6. Importance of QOL compliance and methods for enhancing
7. Statistical considerations

CHOOSING A REPRESENTATIVE FOR YOUR GROUP

We recommend that you nominate either an operations office staff member involved in protocol development or a PI/researcher currently developing a protocol for your Group.

BRING A PROTOCOL!

Each session will include an instructive lecture followed by small group discussions. Representatives from the QOL Office will be available to assist participants with the development of specific protocols, making this an opportunity not only for Group staff/members to develop QOL protocol expertise but also to develop a specific protocol.

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

The QOL Office can offer **travel assistance to a limited number of participants who are based outside of Sydney, on a first come, first served basis.**

Travel assistance will include return economy flights and accommodation at a local hotel for participants based interstate; and train fare and accommodation for participants based in Newcastle. Bookings will be made by the QOL Office in consultation with the participant.

****If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please RSVP before 18 March 2016****

WORKSHOP FACULTY

The workshop will be facilitated by Professor Madeleine King, Cancer Australia QOL Chair, who will present most of the lectures. QOL Office staff will present the remaining lectures and facilitate small group discussions.

*The session on health economics and utility measures will be presented by representatives from the Cancer Research Economics Support Team (CREST).

WHERE AND WHEN THE WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD

Thursday 19 May 2016, 10.30am – 5pm (approx.)

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Friday 20 May 2016, 9am – 4.30pm (approx.)

The Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, Camperdown Sydney NSW.

RSVP

Please RSVP by **18 March 2016** (or earlier if travel assistance is required) by emailing margaret-ann.tait@sydney.edu.au:

- Your representative's name,
- Representative's email address
- whether the participant requires travel assistance
- title of the protocol they will be working on at the workshop.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Madeleine King
Cancer Australia Chair in Cancer Quality of Life