

ARTnet Newsletter

November 2014



Welcome to the inaugural ARTnet newsletter in which we highlight progress since the April launch of ARTnet and outline our planned future activities.



Clinical Assoc Prof Paul Roach, ARTnet Co-Chair, at the ARTnet launch in Adelaide.

Mission Statement

To promote and facilitate innovative collaborative clinical research utilising radiopharmaceuticals for imaging or therapy.

Vision

- to develop a network of radiopharmaceutical imaging and therapy sites in Australasia with validated capabilities;
- to harmonise imaging protocols for research;
- to facilitate linkages with other clinical trials networks, the pharma industry and funding agencies for multicentre clinical trials;
- to support multicentre clinical trials with radiopharmaceuticals for imaging or therapy, including facilitating data collection, analysis and data management;
- to promote collaboration in clinical trials and outcome-based research with radiopharmaceuticals.

Scientific Committee Update

ARTnet was officially launched at ANZSNM ASM in Adelaide in April 2014. The Scientific Committee of ARTnet is listed below, with members having broad representation in both expertise and geographical location.

The Scientific Committee meets quarterly, either by teleconference or in person at the ANZSNM ASM. The Scientific Committee has met on three occasions in 2014, with the most recent meeting in October 2014. The Committee has made significant progress, including establishing a formalised process for review of scientific proposals. ARTnet is pleased to have already received its first clinical trial proposal for review.

Scientific Committee members

Chair:
Assoc Prof Roslyn Francis

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WA PET Service, Sir Charles Gairdner
Hospital, Perth, WA
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Dr Stuart Ramsay

Queensland X-Ray
Appointed to Mater Hospital Townsville,
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Associate Professor (Clinical), Faculty of
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Independent Consumer Representative
Adelaide, SA
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Bone Densitometry, Royal Adelaide Hospital,
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Molecular Imaging & Therapy Research Unit,
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Promotion of ARTnet

ARTnet was recently promoted by the Australian Clinical Trials Alliance in a spotlight article on their website (<http://www.clinicaltrialsalliance.org.au/latest-news/spotlight-launch-australasian-radiopharmaceutical-trials-network>).

A letter of introduction from ARTnet has also been sent to relevant clinical trials groups in order to promote linkages in research and seek collaborations with ARTnet.

Priorities and current initiatives

The submission date for **new clinical trial proposals** to ARTnet is a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the quarterly Scientific Committee meetings. The next deadline for submission of proposals will be **30 December 2014**.

Current priorities for ARTnet include the development of the **site accreditation program**, with the ARTnet phantom. This will facilitate camera calibration for multicentre trials. The EOI for the ARTnet Core Imaging Laboratory have recently closed, and the aim is to have the program open for interested sites in the next 3-6 months. We will update you when this program is available.

ARTnet is currently seeking interest in a new initiative:

GA68 PSMA PET in prostate cancer: ARTnet is seeking to establish collaborations for Ga68 PSMA PET clinical trials in prostate cancer across Australasia. A teleconference of interested participants is proposed for the last week in November 2014 to discuss collaborative opportunities. Please contact scientific.chair@ARTnet.org.au to register your interest in being involved in this initiative.

Please make contact if you would like more information on ARTnet or have any projects or ideas you would like to discuss. We look forward to keeping you updated with our progress.

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