BELGIAN RECTAL CANCER PROJECT
MEETING of Tuesday 23 November 2004
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20.00 – 22.15
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Smeets P (invited too late)
Humblet
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Rahier
Laurent S

Minutes 23 November 2004
1. **Additional members of the Working Group:** Dr. Bertrand Claude (RBSS and retro study group), Dr Danny Burnon (BGES) and Dr. Dirk Ramaekers (Kenniscentrum). The region Liège is not represented in the Working Group as well as the group of endoscopic ultrasound. It was suggested to ask Dr. Gillard (via Prof Hiele M) to join the group. FP will contact Hiele and Gillard.

2. **Replacement of members of the Working Group:** Dr. Smeets Peter (Ugent) will replace Op de Beeck Bart (together with Danse Etienne, on behalf of the BSRadiology)

3. **Financial estimates** (DDC/FP) cf. attachment.
   a. Sources
      i. Kenniscentrum (Dr Ramaekers D). Prof. Ectors Nadine reported. A meeting together with Prof Van Belle (College of Oncology) is planned (cf. e-mail of Ramaekers D to FP sent in copy to the Working Group). The KCE is prepared to support the project, mainly for documentation (Guidelines, manual ? …) and data registration. To be discussed at next meeting with Dr Ramaekers. The Procare delegation will consist of EN, LVE and FP.
      ii. Universities: have no resources (EN/FP)
      iii. RIZIV/INAMI art 56. EN will ask a meeting with Mr De Coster. The delegation of Procare will consist of Ectors N, Claeys D, Mansvelt B, Spaas P, Van Eycken L, Danse E, FP
      iv. Fondation Contre le Cancer. E Van Cutsem will ask a meeting. The delegation of Procare will consist of EVC, A Kartheuser, Scalliet P.
      v. Vlaamse Liga tegen Kanker: Van Eycken L will ask a meeting. The Procare delegation will consist of LVE and NE.
      vi. Televie: forms to be filled in (by P Scalliet, FP and AK). PS will get the forms.
   b. Planning of implementation (depends on/determines financial resources)
      i. As planned (incl. side-by-side instruction sessions from start) versus In phases: retro studies (98 will be known 12/2004; more recent data from 2001-02 ?) followed by prospective registration side-by-side training (most expensive part) if Belgian results do not reach postTME achievements – i.e. reduced outcome variability - in NL, Norway,
Sweden (Stockholm). **Decision:** the ‘strategy’ as planned will be followed.

c. Responsible for financial support: cf. supra

d. Responsible for implementation: Haeck (leading), Bertrand, Kartheuser, pathologist (to be indicated).

4. **Prospective dataset** (FP) cf. attachment.

   a. Parameters: accepted as proposed (cf. document). The data sheet on Stage IV patients is limited. Oncologists may have to work on this aspect.

   b. Datacenter start 1/2005 (spring): cfr LVE

5. **Retrospective study 1998**

   a. Responsible for data and analysis: Van Eycken and ad hoc working group

   b. Responsible for writing (publication by or on behalf of “PROCARE working group”): Haeck, Bertrand, and Van Eycken L.

6. **Manual (main project documents: text and illustrations)**

   a. Principle: uniform, standard documents (single version)

   b. Manual (with references)

      i. Project synopsis (Penninckx)

      ii. Introduction and rationale (Penninckx)

      iii. Project objectives (Penninckx)

      iv. Project design (Penninckx)

      v. Preoperative evaluation (Danse E, Peeters M)

      vi. Preoperative (neoadjuvant) radio(chemo)therapy (Haustermans K)

      vii. Surgery (TME, reconstruction, laparoscopy, …) and early postoperative events (Van de Stadt, Penninckx, Burnon for lap.)

      viii. Pathological assessment (Ectors N)

      ix. Adjuvant chemotherapy (Van Cutsem E)

      x. Palliative treatment: chemotherapy, surgery, … (Van Cutsem E, Van de Stadt J)

      xi. Follow-up (Van Cutsem E, Penninckx F)

      xii. Monitoring (Van Eycken)

      xiii. Appendices

   c. Patient data form (cf. prospective data): no remarks.

7. **Communication**

   a) Response from surgeons (AK): about 100 responses; will be known in December 2004.
b) Response from pathology, …. : status and overview (names and address lists)

c) Guidelines and Ppt Procare presentation – CD ROM was given to all members present. A copy will be sent to the presidents of the participating societies that were not (re)present(ed) in order to be put on website of societies.

d) Procare website (PS): mission impossible.

e) letter of Procare workgroup to the Medical Directors of the 112 hospitals asking for the names and e-mail addresses of the chairman of the MOC or the chairman of the dig onco group, and the name and e-mail address of the surgeon(s) involved in the treatment of rectal cancer in that hospital(s) will be translated in French (AK) and sent by FP.

f) info to LOK/GLEM chairmen (responsible Haeck, x, x?). FP will send a list of LOK/GLEM chairmen to LH.

8. **Date of next meeting**

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14 December 2004: implementation plan (organisation of workshops by BPA in coll.), results of retrospective study and ranking of prosp studies