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## NCRI newsletter

Greetings!

Welcome to our latest newsletter. [Earlybird registration for the NCRI Cancer Conference](#) will be closing on 30 June so be sure to secure your place early. The [latest analysis of the NCRI Cancer Research Database \(CaRD\) is out now](#) - you can see how research funding by NCRI Partners was spent in 2015. There are also some exciting publications from our radiotherapy initiative - CTRad - a [review of molecular radiotherapy research in the UK](#) and a [landmark consensus paper on drug-radiotherapy combinations](#). Read on to find out more and for other research-related news from the NCRI Partnership and beyond.

Best wishes  
The NCRI Team

### This issue's features

#### NCRI Cancer Conference: earlybird registration closes 30 June

Join us in Liverpool for the 2016 NCRI Cancer Conference on 6-9 November. We are excited to present a scientific programme spanning over four days which will bring together the cancer research community to discuss, debate and share new ideas across the whole spectrum of cancer research. You can benefit from over 50 sessions given by renowned experts, develop collaborations and exchange ideas with 2000 of your peers, earn up to 24 CPD credits and gain access to new data from around the world.

[Secure your place before 30 June to claim your early bird registration discount](#)

#### Latest analysis of NCRI's Cancer Research Database now available

Each year NCRI collects data on cancer-relevant research funded by its Partners in the NCRI Cancer Research Database (CaRD). This enables us to analyse and keep track of the UK cancer research landscape; highlighting trends and gaps in funding across a range of research areas. Data for 2015 have now been analysed and are available to download.

[View the latest data](#)

### Updates across NCRI activities

Now published: NCRI CTRad review of molecular radiotherapy research in the UK

NCRI's Clinical and Translational Radiotherapy Research Working Group (CTRAd) has published its review of molecular radiotherapy (MRT) research in the UK. The report identifies three strategic priorities and provides a number of recommendations for each that will promote progress in MRT research.

[Read the report](#)

### **Landmark paper published by NCRI CTRad Working Group**

An NCRI CTRad Working Group has published a landmark paper in *Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology* setting out consensus recommendations to increase the number of novel drugs being successfully used in combination with radiotherapy to improve clinical outcomes for patients with cancer.

[Find out more](#)

### **NCRI's CM-Path initiative successfully launched**

The launch of NCRI's Cellular Molecular Pathology initiative (CM-Path) took place on 6 June. Funders, NCRI Partners, consumers and CM-Path members came together to set a strategy for the next five years. Plans developed on the day by each of the initiative's four workstreams will now be reviewed by the CM-Path Executive Group and, following approval, CM-Path members will begin to implement their strategies. Further information will be available soon. In the meantime you can view the highlights of the day on our latest Storify feed.

[View the Twitter highlights of the launch](#)

## **Partner and research news**

### **ECMC Collaboration Agreement to help streamline UK cancer clinical trials**

The ECMC Secretariat is delighted to announce the signing of a UK-wide Collaboration Agreement between the 18 Adult ECMCs and their associated NHS Trust and university partners. The Agreement will improve the Network's ability to carry out early phase clinical trials, boosting the research and development of clinical trials in the UK, and therefore bringing innovative new treatments to patients sooner.

[Find out more](#)

### **Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation: academic fellowship and ASCO 2016 update**

Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation (RCLCF) has created an academic fellowship of clinicians and scientists associated with the work of the charity. The inaugural Alumni meeting took place in June in London and the main focus was a lung cancer update from ASCO 2016, planned in partnership with the British Thoracic Oncology Group. The meeting was also an opportunity to update on the RCLCF research grants program, and for the Alumni to input into RCLCF policy direction.

[Find out more](#)

### **New HRA and INVOLVE guidance on public involvement in research**

The HRA and INVOLVE have issued an evidence briefing and guidance on involving the public in health and social care research and the relevance of public involvement to the role of Research Ethics Committees.

[Find out more](#)

## **Reports, publications and resources**

### **Ten years of the NIHR: impact report published**

Established in 2006 to reinvigorate UK clinical research, The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is celebrating ten years of impact. A recent report published by RAND identifies and celebrates 100 examples of positive change resulting from NIHR's support of research - one of which is the Radiotherapy Trials Quality Assurance Team which is integral to the work of NCRI in supporting radiotherapy research (see page 65 of the report).

[Find out more](#)

### **First Cancer Patient Experience Survey for Scotland**

The results of the first Cancer Patient Experience Survey for Scotland were published earlier this month. The survey covers responses from almost 5,000 cancer patients on areas of their experience, including diagnosis, treatment and care. The results will be used to help inform the Scottish National Health Service about improvements to meet the needs of patients and where efforts should be focused to reduce regional variations.

[Find out more](#)

### **CRUK's Centre for Drug Development on innovative partnering**

Cancer Research UK's Centre for Drug Development has published a commentary piece in *Future Oncology* which talks about how they form innovative partnerships to unblock bottlenecks in the drug development process.

[Find out more](#)

## Events and opportunities

[BACR/CRUK Student Travel Awards. Apply by 30 June.](#)

[CRUK Research Travel Award. Apply by 1 July.](#)

[Big Data Analytics III Conference: Ethical Issues in Big Data, London, 29 June.](#)

[AMRC workshop: Changes in the clinical research landscape, London, 28 June.](#)

[Head and neck imaging 2016, London, starts 30 June.](#)

[AMRC workshop: Essential research management, London, 12 July.](#)

[AMRC masterclass: Advanced research management, London, 13 July.](#)

[Prostate Cancer UK STHLM3 UK Validation - call for proposals. Apply by 18 July.](#)

[BACR/ECMC joint meeting: Therapeutic interventions for cancer prevention - the way forward. Starts 18 July, Bristol.](#)

[UK Breast Cancer Research Symposium 2016, London, starts 22 July.](#)

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