



The Quantitative Imaging in Radiation Therapy (QIRT) Working Group

About the Quantitative Imaging in Radiation Therapy Working Group

The Quantitative Imaging in Radiation Therapy (QIRT) Working Group (WG) collectively engages in a multidisciplinary dialog to exchange ideas; raise awareness of data, technical advances, and new methods in the context of quantitative imaging as it impacts the diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients before, during and after radiation therapy delivery.

The scope of the radiation therapy discusses is not limited to external beam therapy with photons. Heavy ion therapy, radiopharmaceutical therapy, flash therapy, and brachytherapy fall in the scope of the QIRT WG so long as quantitative imaging is employed. And all forms of imaging are within the scope of this group if quantifiable measurement is possible in a way that can be correlated with a clinical outcome or biological response.

The focus of the group is to bridge gaps between individuals and groups so as to promote innovative, collaborative, impactful science. Like other groups, QIRT WG members discuss new ideas and network on grantsmanship, which lead to the generation of grant proposals, clinical trials, white papers and editorials. Mentorship of new investigators is also important to QIRT as this field develops and matures.

Goals

1. To foster collaboration among scientist across multiple fields and areas of experti specifically and generally in the area of quantitative imagine and radiation therapy respectively.
2. To generate new knowledge to improve cancer patient outcomes via grants and and to consolidate collaboration efforts into a robust body of scientific knowledge.

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Facts & Enrollment Information

QIRT WG Chairpersons

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Teleconference Schedule

- The QIRT WG meets virtually via the WebEx platform up to once a month – every third Monday at 11am EST.
- The group membership is approximately 60.

Activities and Accomplishments

1. Exchange of significant information and resources.
2. Development of new collaborations
3. Liaison with [IROC](#), [QIN](#) and other imaging-related calls and meetings

Interested in becoming a member of the QIRT Working Group?

Please Contact the Working Group Coordinator:

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