Welcome to the May 2018 issue of our EQUATOR Oncology Current Awareness Bulletin.

We hope that this bulletin will help to keep you up-to-date with the latest issues in the reporting and methods in oncology research by highlighting links to interesting research papers, editorials, comments and other resources related to cancer research. Topics covered in this issue include statistical issues, trial guidance and trial outcomes.

We welcome your feedback and involvement! Please share your comments and any problems you have encountered in the planning or reporting of cancer research with project lead Angela MacCarthy (angela.maccarthy@cs.m.ox.ac.uk).

The bulletin is a work in progress - look out for changes over the coming issues! Please feel free to pass this bulletin on to colleagues.

With best wishes from the EQUATOR Oncology Team

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****NEW publication from EQUATOR Oncology****

The EQUATOR Oncology team has just published an article in the British Journal of Cancer entitled Reporting guidelines for oncology research: helping to maximise the impact of your research (https://www.nature.com/articles/bjc2017407.epdf). This paper introduces reporting guidelines, which are tools that help researchers to write up their research for publication clearly and completely. It summarises generic reporting guidelines useful for cancer researchers and also the 39 oncology-specific reporting guidelines available in the EQUATOR Network reporting guideline database.

An editorial published in the same journal calls for action by journal editors and cancer associations in light of the issues raised in our paper (https://www.nature.com/articles/bjc2017427).

We have also published a news item on the EQUATOR website to disseminate details of the paper (http://www.equator-network.org/2018/02/23/15811/).

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Reporting guideline

Editorial about this new guideline
**Clinical Trials**

Clinical benefit and value of cancer treatments

Clinical trial design

Clinical trial endpoints/patient-reported outcomes/ outcomes


Clinical Trials – Quality of life scores

Clinical Trials – adverse event data

Clinical trials – availability and enrolment
Thomas SM, Malvar J, Tran H, Shows J, Freyer DR. A prospective, observational cohort study


Clinical trials – precision medicine

Statistical controversies in clinical research series – Annals of Oncology
Rockhold FW. Statistical controversies in clinical research: data access and sharing-can we be more transparent about clinical research? Let’s do what’s right for patients. Ann Oncol. 2017;28(8):1734-7. PMID: 28383637

Observational studies

Open access to journal articles in the field of oncology

Please visit the EQUATOR website (http://www.equator-network.org/) to browse the 39 oncology-specific reporting guidelines currently available: http://www.equator-network.org/?post_type=eq_guidelines&eq_guidelines_study_design=0&eq_guidelines_clinical_specialty=oncology-2&eq_guidelines_report_section=0&s=

Visit the EQUATOR Oncology web page (http://www.equator-network.org/library/equator-oncology/) for further information and other interesting and useful references.

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