

COGNO: Cooperative Trials Group for Neuro-Oncology

Information Sheet for Prospective Members

Group Information

COGNO is a newly formed national neuro-oncology co-operative trial group based at the NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre, located at the University of Sydney. COGNO's mission is:

“The achievement of better health outcomes for patients and those affected by brain tumours through clinical trials research”.

The Group's aims include:

- (1) To promote the use of clinical trials in evaluating current therapies, new treatments and supportive interventions for brain tumours and to improve the impact of new clinical trials on future clinical practice.
- (2) To engage members of the medical/scientific community through participation to assist in the conduct, evaluation, promotion and development of clinical trials in brain tumours.
- (3) To promote the incorporation of translational studies into new clinical trials in brain tumours.
- (4) To freely publish the results of research and clinical trials and to make available for general use, on the same terms to all interested bodies, licences for Australian and New Zealand patents issued in the course of research and clinical trials.

The group is coordinated through the NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre, located at the University of Sydney. The group structure includes a Management Advisory Committee, Scientific Advisory Committee, and an Annual Scientific Meeting Committee. The Operations Executive of the group includes Professor Mark Rosenthal (COGNO Chair, Royal Melbourne Hospital), Professor John Simes (COGNO Deputy Chair, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital) and Dr Liz Hovey (COGNO Secretary, Prince of Wales).

Membership Information

Membership of the group is free. Interested parties should be proposed and seconded by current COGNO members. Interested parties who don't know two current members should contact COGNO to determine the closest current members in your area. Received applications for membership are then ratified by the COGNO Executive. The signature of a proposer is required for all membership forms, however for interested parties who cannot also provide the signature of a seconder, the COGNO Executive may act as a seconder, at the Executive's discretion.

Members will be advised once their application has been ratified. On an ongoing basis, members will receive membership newsletters by email detailing the group's activities, including opportunities to be involved in COGNO trials and trial development, and information on the annual scientific meeting.

Should you require more information, please contact cogno@ctc.usyd.edu.au. We look forward to receiving your completed membership form.

COGNO Membership Application Form

Please complete to indicate your interest in joining as a COGNO member
and fax back to COGNO on **02 9562 5094**.

I would like to join the membership of the **COGNO Group**.

Please provide your preferred contact details:

Title (circle one): Ms Mrs Mr Dr A/Prof Prof

Full name: _____

Specialty/Craft Group: _____

Institution/Organisation: _____
(please list all)

Address: _____

Postal address: _____
(if different to above)

Email: _____

Telephone: () _____

Facsimile: () _____

Signature of applicant: _____

Proposed by (existing COGNO member):

Name: _____

Signature of proposer: _____

Seconded by (existing COGNO member):

Name: _____

Signature of seconder: _____

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Date Received: _____ / _____ / _____

Date Ratified by Executive: _____ / _____ / _____