Inter-institutional clinical studies have been proposed to investigate the efficacy and safety of high-dose, hypo or single fraction, image-guided radiotherapy of spinal and paraspinal disease. A workshop will be held at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center on March 5 - 7 2009 to initiate such studies.

A Physics Symposium will be held to review the physics tasks necessary to support such an inter-institutional collaboration.

Time: Thursday March 5 from 1 pm to 5 pm

Place: Rockefeller Auditorium – Room RRL 120,
        430 East 67th Street
        New York NY 10065

CME Credit has been arranged

Program

1:00 pm    Welcome: Michael Lovelock Ph.D.      MSKCC
1:05 pm    Keynote speaker: Josh Yamada M.D.    MSKCC

Clinical programs
A presentation of the spine programs from each of the participating clinics: equipment used, dosimetric and geometric QA procedures, dose, fractionation and cord tolerances used, number of patients treated etc.

1:30    Almon Shiu Ph.D.                      MDACC
1:50    Richard Popple Ph.D.                  University of Alabama Birmingham
2:10    Toufik Djemil Ph.D.                   Cleveland Clinic
2:30    Stanley Benedict Ph.D.                University of Virginia
2:50    Sonja Dieterich Ph.D.                 Stanford
Physics Studies and Plan of Action
There are a number physics challenges in the proposed collaboration. How these will be addressed, and some of the related research goals and plans of action will be discussed.

3:15 Spinal cord tolerance studies
Paul Medin Ph.D. (UT Southwestern)

3:35 Aggregation of dosimetric data and outcome analysis
Andrew Jackson Ph.D. (MSKCC)

3:55 Database plans
Djemil (Cleveland Clinic) / Lovelock (MSKCC)

4:05 Plan quality
Stanley Benedict (Virginia)

4:20 Dosimetric and Geometric accuracy, Possible phantoms studies
Shiu (MDACC) / Dieterich (Stanford)

5:00 Wrap up

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