QIBA FDG-PET/CT Tech Ctte Update Call

March 2, 2012 at 9 am CST Call Summary

In attendance:

Richard Frank MD, PhD (co-chair) Richard Wahl, MD (co-chair) Keith Allberg

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Joe Koudelik Julie Lisiecki

Discussion regarding Year-3 NIBIB funded project ideas (Drs. Wahl and Frank)

- Mr. Buckler reviewed committee progress via an updated Gantt chart and demonstrated how the funded projects relate to the current groundwork tasks
 - Clinical performance vs. clinical utility projects discussed
- Small-scale trials discussed; may not possess sufficient performance characteristics to validate a biomarker
 - Question as to whether or not the sample is sufficient for a clinical reading with larger numbers
 - o Dr. Wahl looking for linkage between biomarker and outcomes
- Necessity of Field Testing discussed; more consideration needed due to high cost
 - Question was raised whether the group should presume that the Profile is correct and that a field test is not required.
- Gantt chart must be updated with the latest Round-2 funded projects
- Round-1 funded project updates:
 - o SARC 11 links scanner performance to drug therapy outcomes
 - Cannot have good utility if performance is not reliable
 - Category for road show project not visible on chart
- Group needs to determine how to assess vendor Compliance to the Profile
 - This does not address whether or not everyone can perform the task
 - o It outlines whether or not one can meet the criteria of the Profile

Suggestions for new projects

- Tumor Glycolytic Volume
- Consider central nervous system (new biomarker) brain uptake of FDG-PET; quantifying an amyloid agent and possibly pairing with a corresponding Profile
- Consider use of existing datasets, similar to SARC 11, and link data to outcomes where FDG-PET has been used respectively; clinical utility groundwork
 - o Work on reproducibility and additional analysis on datasets with cancer exploration
 - Amyloid PET agents are not useful unless they are quantitative

Next steps:

- Discuss final Profile edits on next call prior to release for Public Comment
- Latest version of Profile available on the QIBA wiki: http://qibawiki.rsna.org/index.php?title=FDG-PET tech ctte
- Dr. Kinahan to follow up with Dr. Shao regarding software tracking details
- Mid-March: 1st draft of NIBIB application renewal needed; Early April final draft of application needed

Next call: to discuss Profile at 9 am (CT), March 9th