

## Welcome

Welcome to TROG Community News: your quarterly newsletter featuring our latest cancer research. TROG is the peak body in radiation oncology research in Australia and NZ. You can also receive the regular email version of

this newsletter in your inbox by visiting [trog.com.au/CommunityNews](http://trog.com.au/CommunityNews). By receiving this, you're helping us raise awareness of our work - **thank you!**

~ Farshad Foroudi, TROG President

**Our mission:** We conduct world-class research involving radiotherapy to improve outcomes and quality of life for people affected by cancer.



## Real-life stories

### Prostate cancer trial 'sparks' shorter treatment time for men

*Steve McCluskey from NSW is one of the first people in the world to access a novel, Australian-developed technology called Kilovoltage Intrafraction Monitoring (KIM), as part of the **TROG SPARK** prostate cancer trial, which will cut his treatment time from 40 visits down to just five.*



reduced number of hospital visits will make his life a lot easier.

"I am a great believer in new technology and I loved the

idea of only having five visits with minimal chances of major side effects. I cannot wait to get the treatment behind me as quickly as possible and get on with my life," he said.

Associate Professor Jarad Martin is the clinical Co-Chair of SPARK and said it was an exciting treatment option for men, which could eventually become the global standard of care for many other cancers.

"Radiotherapy is already a safe and effective treatment option for men with prostate cancer. SPARK is another step in us exploring new ways to make a good treatment even better," A/Prof Martin said.

SPARK will recruit 48 patients from around Australia and researchers expect the efficacy of the KIM technology to be known in late 2017.

## Research update

### Cancer groups collaborate to educate on International Clinical Trials Day

To mark 2016 International Clinical Trials Day on May 20, the Cancer Cooperative Trials Groups (CCTG) of Australia, for the first time, have come together to release a Fact Sheet providing information for people interested in taking part in a clinical trial.

The information resource is the result of close collaboration and consultation between a group of consumers, togeth-

er with 14 cancer trials groups based in Australia and New Zealand and aims to encourage participation in clinical trials.

Chair of the CCTGs Executive Officers Network and CEO of TROG Cancer Research, Joan Torony, said, "International Clinical Trials Day provides the opportunity to reflect on the importance of clinical research to the community for obtaining

the evidence to translate ideas and discoveries into clinical practice."



"Without participants in a clinical trial, developments in the health area would not be possible and no advancement to improve, cure or prevent disease would be possible."

Patients who are interested in participating in a cancer clinical trial are advised to speak to their healthcare team to see if there is a trial suitable for them.

**Read more at [trog.com.au](http://trog.com.au)**

## TROG news

### The latest in cancer treatment research

#### Art 4 a good cause

The inaugural **Art4TROG** fundraising exhibition was held during May and featured a diverse collection of works from established and emerging Hunter artists who have been touched by cancer. The event was a success, **raising over \$5,000 for TROG!**

The aim of Art4TROG, which



took place at Newcastle Art Space from May 5-22, was to raise both funds for the TROG 07.01 DCIS breast cancer trial and awareness of our radiotherapy clinical trials research.

We are grateful to the 17 emerging and established artists from the Hunter area who participated in the exhibition, creating an array of works based on their experiences with cancer and donating a portion of any proceeds from the sale of work to TROG.

The silent auction held on the opening night was also successful, with generous bids placed on all items, including a limited edition Charles Blackman print and a portrait sitting

with Archibald Prize finalist, Jocelyn Maughan.



We look forward to Art4TROG in 2017!

#### Download our trials app

Our free mobile app, 'TROG ClinTrial Refer', puts information about all our cancer research trials at the fingertips of patients and their families.

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