ILCOP Webconference – Active Treatment Rates
Monday 13 July 2011, 3pm

Attendance:
Dr Ian Woolhouse – ILCOP Clinical director.
Clare Morris – NCAT
Dr Andrew Bates – Clinical oncologist
Facilitators: Lisa Martin and Senai Jimenez.

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Participants were shown Active Treatment data which showed variation between clinical teams. Possible reasons for this variation were discussed and noted below. The issues highlighted **in bold** were seen as issues that could potentially be Quality Improvement projects for Lung Cancer teams.

1. **Variables affecting access to treatment**
   - Availability of oncology sessions
   - Centres with oncology on site likely to have higher rates
   - Lack of access to radiotherapy/ Clinical Oncologists

2. **Selection of patients at MDT:**
   - **Oncologists seeing borderline people can ensure that all patients are given a fair access to treatment**
   - **N2 patients to have radiotherapy field considered, PET scans (as per guidelines)?**

3. ***People* related factors at MDT:**
   - **Treatment decisions are related to type of oncologist who attends MDT**
   - **NCAG report affects some oncology decisions (SCLC) - SCLC being more aggressive (putting risk/benefit to patients)**
   - Confidence level of oncologist
   - Oncologist's actual specialism (cancer body site)?
   - More than one oncologist?

4. ***Information* related factors at MDT:**
   - **Would be helped by having ready access (electronic) 'live' at MDT (like Adjuvant On-line for breast)**
   - P/S can be misleading (data needs to be accurate)
   - Patients to be presented by people that have met them or 'hedging bets' (P/S 1-2)

5. **Diagnostics**
   - **More EGFR testing/quick turnaround time for test results**
   - Pathology confidence – differentiating type of non-small cell

6. **Outside of MDT**
   - **CNS support - felt to impact on patients decisions about treatment**

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