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### Summary

The Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG) Community Clinical Oncology Program (CCOP) is soliciting projects for applications centered on pilot studies designed to lead to Phase II or Phase III CCOP symptom management intervention trials or CCOP studies that improve understanding of the biological mechanism of RT-related symptoms.

As the RTOG CCOP looks to the future of a potentially merged cooperative group (**NSABP-RTOG-GOG** becomes **NRG** Oncology), concepts that are a collaboration between an RTOG investigator and either an NSABP or GOG investigator involved in either their CCOP or the equivalent to their Outcomes or Quality of Life Committee are highly encouraged and will be given preferential review. The RTOG member must be the PI and other group members may be listed as co-PI.

Funding can be requested for up to \$50,000. The grant period runs for one year and the project must start by **May 14, 2012**.

### Background

The RTOG CCOP focuses on mitigating RT-associated normal tissue toxicity, treating therapy related side-effects and improving quality of life. High priority areas for the RTOG CCOP are 1) Mucosal Protectants and Epithelial Injury; 2) Neurocognition; 3) Palliation and Quality of Life; and 4) Late Effects and Survivorship. Concepts in these areas are encouraged and are sufficiently broad to include other symptoms of interest such as pain, depression, fatigue, sleep disturbances, etc. Interventions may include medications, complementary and alternative therapies, or behavioral interventions. We encourage concepts that would provide pilot data for potential interventions including but not limited to:

- Feasibility of or compliance with the intervention
- DVH or biomarker correlates of outcomes
- Pre-clinical data to fill in gaps in knowledge regarding the intervention in irradiated animal models

### Instructions for Applicants

If your group has an interest in this application, please **submit a two page proposal to [kboparai@acr.org](mailto:kboparai@acr.org) by 5pm ET, Wednesday, March 21, 2012**. Investigators who submit promising proposals will be invited to present their research further during the RTOG semiannual meeting in Philadelphia, PA in June 2012. Proposal should include:

- Description of project, including summary of specific aims
- How the project will help lead to a Phase II or Phase III symptom management intervention trial
- RTOG resources required: biospecimen materials, statistical support, etc.
- Investigators who will participate in project
- Timeline [not included in the 2 page limit]
- NIH biosketch of PI [not included in the 2 page limit]
- Detailed budget [not included in the 2 page limit]

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