Q. Do you have a list of the currently accruing RTOG Foundation studies?
A. All studies listed on the RTOG Foundation Studies webpage are actively accruing RTOG Foundation studies.

Q. What is the relationship between the RTOG and the RTOG Foundation?
A. The RTOG Foundation had its origins in 1997 when the RTOG Fund under the auspicious of the American College of Radiology, the grant holder for the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG), was created for the purpose of receiving and allocating corporate and private donations to allow the Group to sustain and expand important activities critical to its research mission. In August 2013 the RTOG Foundation incorporated as a non-profit foundation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in July 2014 RTOG Foundation, Inc. received its 501(c)3 non-profit status from the Internal Revenue Service.

The RTOG Foundation continues the NCI-funded research of the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group through its membership in NRG Oncology. In addition it has developed a portfolio of industry-funded research partnerships that seek to further our understanding of effective therapies to improve the survival and quality of life of patients with cancer.

RTOG Foundation has maintained its relationships with the core members from the legacy Radiation Therapy Oncology Group and is able to access new members through its membership in NRG Oncology. Today RTOG is a dynamic multidisciplinary research group with vigorous participation by physicians and other investigators at many of NCI’s designated cancer centers, major community centers, and many of the major academic and regional centers of Canada. RTOG also has a strong international presence with access to sites on four continents. This participation includes leadership from medical oncologists, surgical oncologists, pathologists, and laboratory scientists as well radiation oncologists.

Q. I tried to access the RTOG foundation trials on the RTOG web site but was not permitted access to the trials. I do have a user name and password for the RTOG web site. How do I access these trials/information?
A. Access is granted per study to participating sites (those who have an executed Master Service Purchased Agreement and Study-Specific Statement of Work) or sites interested in participating with an executed Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement on file.

Q. Do you have a handbook or further information of the process for running foundation trials (oversight, reporting, auditing etc.)?
A. An RTOG Foundation operations manual is in the final stages of the development process and will be made available soon. However, study-specific manuals are available which explain the oversight, reporting and monitoring/auditing requirements for each trial.
Q. Please clarify how this mechanism differs from RTOG/NRG?
A. RTOG Foundation trials are conducted outside of the NRG Oncology NCI portfolio and infrastructure. For example, regulatory collection occurs at RTOG Headquarters and not through the CTSU.

Q. What are site responsibilities (i.e. are sites required to maintain a specific number of registrations)?
A. At the present time, RTOG Foundation studies are not membership based. There are no minimum accrual requirements. Data submission quality and timeliness is monitored and sites are regularly audited.

Q. Will my site receive NRG credit for participation?
A. Since RTOG Foundation trials are conducted outside of the NRG Oncology NCI portfolio and infrastructure, your site will not receive NRG credit for participation on RTOG Foundation studies.

Q. Does the foundation apply for the Canadian Clinical Trials Application (CTA) with Health Canada? For trials involving drugs Canadian sites cannot participate unless there is a CTA in place.
A. Yes, when a trial is open to sites in Canada the RTOG Foundation will apply for the CTA with Health Canada for trials involving drugs.