

Announcements

QUALITY CONTROL OF STEROID RECEPTOR ASSAYS

In 1979 the EORTC Breast Cancer Cooperative Group initiated an inter-laboratory quality control program for estradiol and progesterone receptor analyses in human breast cancer biopsies (*Eur J Cancer* 1980, 16, 1513-1515). Lyophilized tissues and cytosols are used as reference preparations in this program because of the stability of steroid receptors in this type of material.

From June 1982 these lyophilized control samples will be available on demand from our department at a cost of \$100 per shipment. Different samples will be prepared 3 times per year. Each shipment will contain 4 vials with lyophilized reference preparations containing widely varying receptor values (both receptor-positive and negative). Each vial will contain sufficient lyophilized material to prepare at least 5.0 ml of cytosol.

The same samples will be assayed by a group of well-acknowledged laboratories from several countries to establish a range of reference values for each control sample analyzed.

For further information about this service, please write to:

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EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR RESEARCH ON TREATMENT OF CANCER

EORTC SYMPOSIUM ON PARANEOPLASIA: BASIC CONCEPTS AND CLINICAL ASPECTS

Brussels, Belgium, 5-6 November 1982

Chairmen: J. Waldenström (Malmö) and H. J. Tagnon (Brussels)

Invited speakers will lecture on: endocrine paraneoplasia; neurological paraneoplasia; coagulopathies; non-hormonal tumor markers.

In addition, free communications of 10 minutes each are accepted. An abstract must be sent before 30 September 1982 to:

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Seating is limited and preregistration is recommended. The registration fee is 3000 Belgian francs. For further information and registration contact Dr. M. Staquet at the above-mentioned address (telephone: (2) 538-57-90; telex: 22773).