



Participant Consent Form

You are invited to participate in a research study entitled: Interobserver Variation in Radiation Oncologist-Generated Treatment Plans.

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Purpose and Objective of the Research:

The objective of this research is to describe the radiation treatment planning practices across veterinary radiation oncologists.

Procedures:

- Treatment plans generated by participants in the American College of Veterinary Radiology 2023 ProKnow Treatment Planning Competition will be analyzed
- Please feel free to ask any questions regarding the procedures and goals of the study or your role.

Potential Risks:

- There are no known or anticipated risks to you by participating in this research.

Potential Benefits:

- The findings of this study will be made available to all participants following the study through publication

Confidentiality:

- Although the data from this research project will be published and presented at conferences, the data will be reported in aggregate form so that it will not be possible to identify individuals. We will de-identify (i.e., permanently remove all direct and indirect identifiers from the data but maintain a master-list until publication that would allow for the re-identification of the data. Moreover, the master list will be stored separately from the data in a locked cabinet in the Principal Investigator's locked office so that it will not be possible to associate a name with any given set of responses.

- The web-based software used for the research is ProKnow, and their privacy policy is available here: <https://proknowsystems.com/privacy>.

Storage of Data:

- Electronic data will be stored on a password-protected computer during analyses and moved to a USask system for long-term storage (The PI's OneDrive).
- The data will be stored for five years post-publication.
- Once the data is no longer required and following the required storage period, the data will be destroyed beyond recovery.
- Identifying information, (e.g., Consent Forms, Master Lists) will be stored separately from the data collected and will be destroyed when data analysis is complete and it is no longer required.

Right to Withdraw:

- Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw from the research project for any reason, at any time without explanation or penalty of any sort.
- Your participation/non-participation in the research will not affect your performance in the competition
- Should you wish to withdraw, email Monique Mayer at monique.mayer@usask.ca, and your data will be deleted from the research project and destroyed.
- Your right to withdraw data from the study will apply until 1 month after the planning competition closes. After this, it is possible that some form of data analysis will have already occurred, and it may not be possible to withdraw your data.

Follow up:

- To obtain results from the study, please email Monique Mayer at monique.mayer@usask.ca. Study results are estimated to be available February 1, 2024.

Questions or Concerns:

- Contact the researcher(s) using the information at the top of page 1.
- This research project has been approved on ethical grounds by the University of Saskatchewan Behavioural Research Ethics Board. Any questions regarding your rights as a participant may be addressed to that committee through the Research Ethics Office: ethics.office@usask.ca; 306-966-2975 (participants can call this number collect); out-of-town participants may also call toll-free 1-888-966-2975.