



Recruiting Cats with High-grade Lymphoma of the Abdominal Cavity

Do you own a cat, or have a patient that has recently been diagnosed with high-grade lymphoma confined to the abdominal cavity? Would you like to help make a difference for not only your cat, but perhaps many others affected by this form of cancer?

Why Cats and Why Lymphoma?

In cats, lymphoma most often develops in organs within the abdomen. Because lymphoma is a systemic disease, treatment has historically consisted of systemic chemotherapy. Unfortunately, cats treated with chemotherapy have a relatively poor and limited duration response to this treatment, with only 30-65% of cats responding to therapy for durations lasting 6-10 months. Combining chemotherapy with other forms of therapy may prove beneficial in improving outcome in cats with lymphoma.

The NCSU-CVM Animal Cancer Program is recruiting cats affected intra-abdominal lymphoma to study the effects of abdominal cavity radiation therapy following induction chemotherapy. The study is a multicentric study, conducted at NCSU-CVM by Laurel Williams, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology) and other satellite clinics.

What are the benefits to enrolling my cat?

Each pet owner will receive the following for enrolling their cat in the study:

- ❖ *A stipend of \$1,300 towards the costs of radiation therapy (the total cost without this stipend is approximately \$1,800)*
- ❖ *Payment of complete blood counts, serum biochemistry panels and urinalysis performed on the first and last days of radiation therapy*
- ❖ *The benefit of contributing towards improved medical options for other cats affected by this form of cancer.*

What am I responsible for?

Each pet owner will be responsible for all costs associated with diagnostics done during the pet's initial evaluation, and for all post-treatment monitoring.

Additional questions?

For more information or for consideration of your pet, please contact the North Carolina Animal Cancer Program at 919-513-6690 or e-mail clinical research technician julie_osborne@ncsu.edu. We look forward to speaking with you...together we can make a difference. Thank you for your assistance!

