

EuroClonality WORKSHOP: “Clonality assessment in Pathology” February 11-13, 2019

Introduction

Clonality testing is at present an established tool in the diagnosis of malignant lymphomas. Between 5-15% of samples submitted to pathology laboratories which are suspected to be malignant lymphomas can benefit from clonality testing, provided that this is performed in laboratories with sufficient expertise. With the introduction of a new and complete set of primer sets for the full program of clonality testing by the BIOMED-2 group in 2003, a major step in standardization and quality improvement was set. At the moment many laboratories throughout the world are introducing the technology, resulting in questions on pitfalls in technique and the interpretation of the results.

EuroClonality/BIOMED2 workshops

Therefore, the EuroClonality/BIOMED-2 consortium in 2006 decided to organize annual workshops for laboratories that have introduced clonality testing using the EuroClonality/BIOMED-2 primers and protocols in order to further improve the quality and reliability of the technique and the evaluation of the clonality data in routine practice. Since the vision of the foundation EuroClonality is that clonality testing can only be performed reliably when there is close interaction between the molecular biologist and the (hemato)pathologist, these workshops are organized for such partners.

The workshops are for a maximum number of 16 persons and use cases from the Nijmegen group as well as cases from the participants on a hands-on basis, using multiheaded microscopy for pathology evaluation and raw data from clonality tests for interpretation.

We therefore invite persons to the workshop:

- who use the EuroClonality/BIOMED-2 primers and protocols
- who are able to bring cases for evaluation during the workshop
- who participate *as combination of pathology and molecular biology*: only a combination of two persons per institute will be accepted for the workshop.

With this background, we are convinced that the workshops are a very fruitful experience that will lead to improved diagnosis of malignant lymphomas and thereby better care for our patients.

Participation

The registration form, including personal details and description of the cases to be presented should be received by the Workshop Secretariat (workshop@euroclonality.org) no later than *October 15, 2018*. Without submission of cases via the registration form, your registration cannot be accepted. Based on the submission of cases, the registrants will be informed about their provisional acceptance for the workshop before November 16, 2018. The registration fee for participation in the workshop is € 250, which should be paid after provisional acceptance for the workshop and before *December 3, 2018*. Participants will be finally accepted only when the registration fee has been received by the Radboudumc before December 3, 2018. Participants will be informed about their final acceptance no later than *December 21, 2018*.

Information on the program, travel to Nijmegen and accommodation will be provided upon acceptance of the registrants.

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