



SIOOPEN Flash News 24

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Dear SIOOPEN members,

We are happy to provide you with the 24th SIOOPEN Flash news. Key points:

- Update on high-risk neuroblastoma protocols
- SIOOPEN radiology and nuclear medicine collaborative project
- SIOOPEN funding
- Update on SIOOPEN Manager Post
- SIOP-E, ANR (including Board meeting) and SIOOPEN AGM meeting details

Best wishes,

Maja Beck Popovic, SIOOPEN President

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HR-NBL2 update

- There are on-going discussions and consideration of an amended HR-NBL2 trial protocol to:
 - Incorporate new treatment strategy for patients with an inadequate response to induction chemotherapy.
 - Finalise incorporation of lorlatinib into HR-NBL2 for patients with Alk mutation and amplification.

VERITAS update

- Due to less than expected recruitment, difficulties in provision with MIBG, the decision has been made to stop recruitment into the Veritas protocol. Patients with insufficient response at end of induction or refractory disease will be treated on HR amendment 2. The trial Independent Data Monitoring Committee has been informed about the decision.
- VERITAS trial committee will analyse and publish the results of the patients recruited and treated on the VERITAS to date.
- SIOPEN will reflect on the challenges of a trial including mIBG therapy in the design of future trials.



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SIOPEN Radiology and Nuclear Medicine Collaborative Project

- The committees are collaborating on a project aimed to:
 - Provide recommendations to standardise imaging acquisition and interpretation in HR-NBL2.
 - Increase use of hybrid imaging in neuroblastoma patients.
 - Enhance the standardisation of imaging and response assessment in HR-NBL2 protocol.

SIOPEN Funding – Financial Steering Committee

- The current income from EUSA will stop in 2027 and SIOPEN needs to secure alternative income streams.
- Financial Steering Committee are planning long-term financial strategy based on potential for a significant reduction in income from 2027, including decisions on the level of current funds which need to be kept in reserve for 2027 onwards.

SIOPEN Manager Post

- The closing date for applications was 15th April 2023.
- Short listing of the applicants and interviews will be arranged soon.



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SIOPE, ANR and SIOOPEN AGM meetings 2023

- **SIOPE meeting 2023, 8-12 May, Valencia, Spain.**
www.siopeurope.eu
- SIOOPEN session will be on Friday 12th May and include a trial update session in the morning and an educational and case presentation session in the afternoon.
- **ANR 2023, 15-18 May, Amsterdam, Netherlands.**
www.anr2023.org
- The SIOOPEN Board meeting will be held at 08:00-08:45 on 16th May 2023, during the ANR meeting.
- **SIOOPEN AGM 2023, 4-6 October 2023, Ljubljana, Slovenia.**





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