Radiosurgical Research Institute Inc

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Mission:
The Radiosurgical Research Institute is committed to the improvement of patient outcomes and the advancement of radiosurgical treatment through innovation, education, and quality research in collaboration with treatment centers around the world.

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1. What are we aiming to accomplish?

The Radiosurgical Research Institute will focus on 5 long-term goals starting in 2015 in order to further its mission: 1. Publish clinical and/or medical physics papers in leading, peer-reviewed journals. 2. Create a network of radiosurgical research centers and a sense of community among all medical professionals that strive to advance radiosurgical treatment. 3. Streamline the process of collecting, organizing and analyzing data from many sources in order to publish reliable, unbiased assessment, treatment, outcome and follow-up information. 4. Develop programs to meet the needs of our radiosurgical professionals including a knowledge sharing forum, radiosurgery community board, a newsletter, primary investigator discussion groups, radiosurgery fellowships, informational resources for patient education and recruitment. 5. Raise program and research funding with individual and business contributions, private and government grants, registry income, fundraising events and products.

2. What are our strategies for making this happen?

The Radiosurgical Research Institute has developed multiple strategies in order to achieve its goals in the coming year. We will focus on the following strategies in 2015: 1. Publish clinical and/or medical physics papers in leading, peer-reviewed journals: our strategy to accomplish this goal in 2015 will be to focus on retrospective studies using the data we have collected over the years in our organ and disease-specific database. We will focus on 2 areas of radiosurgical research to determine the clinical outcome and value of stereotactic radiosurgery in two commonly occurring disease settings. Additionally we will provide funding and support to research centers with studies near completion requiring assistance with final stages of a publication. 2. Create a network of radiosurgical research centers and a sense of community among all medical professionals that strive to advance radiosurgical treatment: RRI aims to launch its own website this year that will provide patients and the healthcare community information on who we are, how to get involved, research studies and radiosurgical centers in their area and results of radiosurgical research around the world. A newsletter outlining informative articles, data, events and current trials will be sent to subscribers interested in keeping informed of radiosurgical treatments and advancements. 3. Streamline the process of collecting, organizing and analyzing data from many sources in order to publish reliable, unbiased assessment, treatment, outcome and follow-up information: this year we will focus on publishing data we have collected over the years in our current robust database however we will also review and consider building a new platform in order expand our capabilities to easily transfer, share and summarize clinical and research data collected within our network of radiosurgical centers. 4. Develop programs to meet the needs of our radiosurgical professionals including a knowledge sharing forum, radiosurgery community board, a newsletter, primary investigator discussion groups, radiosurgery fellowships, informational resources for patient education and recruitment: we will focus our first year's activities in 2015 to define who we are, how we will work together with the radiosurgery community to determine their needs and best forms of communication in order to launch new data sharing methods, best practices and research studies open for other centers to participate and collaborate. We will launch our website, newsletter, informational resources and hub for research studies in order to facilitate collaboration. 5. Raise program and research funding with individual and business contributions, private and government grants, registry income, fundraising events and products: RRI will organize a research symposium and fundraising event in order to meet its fundraising goal for 2015. We aim to sponsor next year 1-2 fellowships with the funds raised in 2015.

3. What are our organization's capabilities for doing this?

For many years the clinical team at each radiosurgical center had little resources from which to draw information. Each center collected and submitted research data independently to peer-reviewed journals, contributed to text books, delivered oral and written presentations and conducted numerous studies to better understand the capabilities of radiosurgery. Their experience has proven the need for an organization to focus on this important work in this quickly developing field. There is currently no independent medical research organization focused primarily on radiosurgery. The Radiosurgical Research
Institute (RRI) was created to address this need. RRI has the capability to unite all radiosurgical centers in order to combine their efforts and data to form a research network of radiosurgical centers. RRI fosters collaboration, innovation and a sense of community among medical professionals in radiosurgery. It will be a trusted agent for reliable and unbiased information for healthcare professionals, their cancer patients and the public at large. The RRI research team consists of key opinion leaders with extensive radiosurgical research experience. The majority of professionals participating on RRI projects will primarily work for their clinical treatment organizations however RRI will utilize their expertise on a time and materials basis.

4. How will we know if we're making progress?

RRI is primarily a scientific research organization that defines success as publishing peer reviewed clinical and medical physics papers in the leading clinical journals. The expertise that is gained through this process will support the organization's mission of advancing radiosurgery for cancer patients as well as provide physician and patient education, public awareness and radiosurgical training. For 2015 our key performance indicators will be subscribers to our newsletter, followers on social media, collaborators requesting grant funding, visitors to our website, study trial uploads to our research website, donations made at our events, online and in response to our newsletter and more importantly the number of publications and presentations accepted by peer-review.

5. What have and haven't we accomplished so far?

Although we were formed in 2009, we hired our first employee in 2014 and started developing programs to further our mission in 2015 as a nonprofit, scientific research organization. Our activities and programs will start in 2015 and we will maintain a watchful eye on our key performance indicators and metric for achieving our goals. RRI will invest in projects, programs and initiatives that develop research tools and resources that accelerate scientific progress and drive results into improvements in radiosurgery for cancer patients around the world.