

PROTON THERAPY COOPERATIVE GROUP

Organizing Meeting, September 18, 1985
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A meeting was held September 18, 1985 at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary to organize a cooperative group in the field of low-LET charged-particle beam therapy. The results of the meeting are:

- 1) Name of Organization: Proton Therapy Cooperative Group.
- 2) Membership: Open to all interested persons.
- 3) Purposes:
 - a. To provide a means of communication among those working in the field through meetings, newsletters, and other means.
 - b. To provide a central communication point for funding agencies and other supporting people or groups.
 - c. To provide criteria for helping in the preparation and evaluation of facility and accelerator designs and to help in the preparation of proposals.
 - d. To provide expert help in the evaluation of proposals
 - e. To provide a means of communication with those outside the field, especially in medicine.
 - f. To provide help in commonality of design in clinical trials involving multi-institutional protocols.
- 4) Organization:
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Steering Committee
Membership: Chairperson, Secretary, Chair and Vice-Chair of Standing Committees.
 - d. Standing Committees:
 - I. Clinical Applications,
 - II. Facility Design.
 - III. Accelerator Design.The Steering Committee will prepare charters for standing committees.
 - e. Proposal reviews to be carried out by ad-hoc committees appointed by the Steering Committee.
 - f. Steering Committee to serve 3-year terms and to be elected by majority vote of membership present at the annual meeting. The initial Steering Committee is to develop a method of staggering terms to provide continuity.
 - g. Decisions of the Steering Committee can be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members voting.
 - h. Membership on standing committees is open to all. Overlap of membership is encouraged.
 - i. Members are responsible for their own travel and other costs.
- 5) Initial Officers:

Chair: Herman Suit
Secretary: Michael Goitein
Clinical Applications:
Chair: John Archambeau
Vice-Chair: Joseph Castro
Facility Design:
Chair: James Slater
Vice-Chair: Richard Wilson
Accelerator Design:
Chair: Stanley Schriber
Vice-Chair: Richard Gough
- 6) Initial Meetings:
 - a. Possible standing committee meetings: Oct 24-25, O'Hare Hilton
 - b. Annual Meeting: January, probably at Fermilab.