



NCG-KCDO EMR Requirement (NER)-Radiation Oncology Module

(Version 1.0)

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FOREWORD

The National Cancer Grid (NCG) Electronic Medical Records (EMR) initiative has been well received by the NCG Hospitals and our community of healthcare professionals and stakeholders. The enthusiasm and support we have garnered for this initiative reflect a shared commitment to advancing cancer care through technology and collaboration.

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the EMR initiative, we have established distinct subcommittees to focus on specific areas of improvement. These subcommittees bring together subject matter experts in oncology from several NCG hospitals across the country to build the features and functionalities in EMR systems.

The Radiotherapy module has been developed in close collaboration with radiotherapy oncologists from across the NCG, leveraging their insights and expertise to ensure its effectiveness and usability. This module aims to streamline the radiotherapy process, providing oncologists and radiation therapists with the tools they need to deliver optimal care to patients with cancer

This collaborative effort has been informed by thorough industry research, ensuring that the NCG helps EMR vendors build solutions aligned with best practices and meet the diverse needs of our stakeholders.

We share the pre-final version of the Radiotherapy module and welcome feedback, suggestions and guidance from the healthcare professionals involved in treating patients with cancer, healthcare technology companies and providers. Your inputs will help develop EMRs with strong cancer care workflows which in turn will ensure better care, outcomes and value-based care for patients with Cancer across India.

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1. NCG EMR INITIATIVE OVERVIEW

The National Cancer Grid Koita Centre for Digital Oncology (NCG KCDO) launched an initiative to empanel Electronic Medical Records (EMR) vendors and help develop high quality EMR solutions that are appropriate for use in hospitals providing cancer care. This marks a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to promote digital health and enhance cancer care across the country. Launched with the aim of standardizing and improving clinical practices in oncology, it is a collaborative approach involving leading healthcare institutions, clinicians, and technology partners.

In March 2023, NCG KCDO released the NCG EMR Requirements (NER) – a comprehensive set of EMR requirements needed for effective management of patients with cancer. The NER is a blueprint for the development and implementation of robust EMR systems which will serve general hospitals well, but are also tailored specifically for oncology practices. The NER document is a result of intense deliberations over several months between healthcare professionals involved in cancer care and technology experts, and is available as a digital public good at <u>NCG-KCDO EMR Initiative</u>.

To further support the development of the empanelled EMR systems, the NCG is developing detailed requirements and features in specific areas of oncology including radiotherapy, chemotherapy and surgical oncology. This document details the radiotherapy requirements and features, based on best practices developed at several leading NCG centres.

2. EMR FEATURE BUILDING

A. Radiotherapy Module Overview

Building on the features outlined in the NER (NCG EMR Requirement), the Radiotherapy Module is designed to streamline and optimize the radiotherapy treatment process for patients with cancer. The Radiotherapy Module is designed to enhance the quality, safety, and efficiency of radiotherapy treatment within the NCG network, ultimately improving outcomes for cancer patients and advancing the field of oncology care.

Key features of the Radiotherapy module include:

2.1 Intent of Treatment Management: The Radiotherapy Module provides robust functionality to document and manage the intent of treatment for each patient.

2.2 Role of Treatment Definition: Within the module, the role of treatment for each patient is clearly defined, detailing the specific modalities and techniques planned for delivery.





2.3 Treatment Planning and Scheduling: One of the core functionalities of the Radiotherapy Module is the seamless integration of treatment planning and scheduling.

2.4 Dose Calculation and Optimization: The module incorporates advanced dose calculation and optimization tools to ensure accurate and effective delivery of radiation therapy.

2.5 Toxicity Monitoring and Management: Comprehensive toxicity monitoring and management functionalities are integrated into the Radiotherapy Module, allowing clinicians to systematically assess and document treatment-related toxicities throughout the course of therapy. This includes capturing acute and late toxicities, grading their severity according to established criteria.

2.6 Delivery Tracking and Verification: The module facilitates real-time tracking and verification of treatment delivery, ensuring adherence to prescribed treatment plans and protocols. This includes recording treatment fractions delivered, verifying patient positioning and setup accuracy using image-guided techniques, and documenting any deviations or interruptions in treatment delivery for review and analysis.

2.7 Management of Treatment Interruptions: In cases where treatment interruptions occur due to unforeseen circumstances or patient-related factors, the Radiotherapy Module provides functionality to manage and track these interruptions effectively.

2.8 Follow-Up Plan Documentation: Finally, the module supports the documentation of comprehensive follow-up plans for patients completing radiotherapy treatment.

B. Methodology

The methodology used to build the Radiotherapy Module within the NER (NCG EMR Requirements) document encompasses a systematic and collaborative approach, involving key stakeholders and leveraging best practices across NCG hospitals. Recognizing the need, NCG KCDO formed a subcommittee which consisted of radiation oncologists from leading NCG hospitals across the country. The Radiotherapy Core Team developed the Radiotherapy Module based on their expertise, market research, and discussions with clinical and technology professionals.

The Radiotherapy module is characterized into 4 parts:

RT- Part A: Common data elements- This section standardizes the collection and storage of essential data elements related to radiotherapy treatment, including patient diagnosis, treatment history, treatment intent and patient consent.

RT- Part B: EBRT Module- The section is dedicated to the planning and delivery of external beam radiotherapy treatments (EBRT). It includes tools for treatment planning, dose calculation, and treatment delivery tracking, allowing healthcare providers to precisely target and administer radiation therapy to cancerous tissues while minimizing exposure to surrounding healthy tissues.

RT- Part C: Brachytherapy Module- The section focuses on the planning and delivery of brachytherapy treatments. This module provides tools for treatment planning, source placement





optimization, and dose calculation, enabling healthcare providers to deliver highly targeted radiation therapy with precision and accuracy.

RT- Part D: Discharge Summary- This section facilitates the timely and comprehensive documentation of patient discharge information following any radiotherapy treatment. It includes templates for summarizing treatment course, outcomes, follow-up recommendations, and any relevant instructions or medications.

3. RT- Part A: Common Data Elements

Radiotherapy Module (Common)			
SNo	Data Elements	Clinician's Response	Remarks for Vendors
Α	Patient registration number		Auto populate from EMR
В	Type of registration	□ New □ Revisit	
С	Patient referred from	In-houseOutside	
D	Visit Number/Episode number		Auto Populate in numeric form as per the visit
1	Diagnostic Investigation	ons/ Imaging	
L			
А	CT scan	□ Yes □ No	
В	PET CT	□ Yes □ No	
С	MRI	□ Yes □ No	
D	Others, please specify		Open Text box
2	Diagnosis		
Α	Treatment Site		Auto Populate from EMR
В	Subsite		Auto Populate from EMR
С	Laterality	 □ Left □ Right □ Central □ Bi-lateral 	Choose one





D	Staging	□ TNM □ Others	Rows II-VI to appear if the user chooses TNM dropdown Row I to appear, if the user chooses 'others' dropdown
I	If others		Open text box
II	Tumor Staging (Clinical)	□ T0 □ T1 □ T2 □ T3 □ T4 □ Tx	Choose one
ш	Nodal Staging (Clinical)	□ N0 □ N1 □ N2 □ N3 □ Nx	Choose one
IV	Metastatic Staging (Clinical)	□ M0 □ M1 □ Mx	Choose one
v	Tumor Staging (Pathological)	 T0 T1 T2 T3 T4 Tx Others 	Choose one
VI	Nodal Staging (Pathological)	□ N0 □ N1 □ N2 □ N3 □ Nx	Choose one
VII	Metastatic Staging (Pathological)	 M0 M1 M1a M1b M1c Mx 	Choose one
E	Histopathology	 Adenocarcinoma Squamous Carcinoma Adenosquamous Carcinoma Small Cell Carcinoma Others Undifferentiated 	Choose one





F	Grading	 Well-Differentiated Moderately Differentiated Poorly Differentiated Indifferentiated 	Choose one
3	Tumor Board		
0			
A	Past Tumor board decision		To be enabled only if there was a tumor board held earlier. To auto populate from VTB/MDT Module.
В	Was the past Tumor board decision followed?	□ Yes □ No	To be enabled only if past tumor board discussion was recorded.
I	If no, reason why past tumor board decision was not followed		This row to be enabled only if the user chooses 'No' as an answer to 5B
С	Assign patient to Tumor board	□ Yes □ No	Default option should be 'No'
D	If Yes, Schedule the patient for Tumor board discussion	DD/MM/YYYY	Calendar view, link to VTB / MDT Scheduler
E	Question for Tumor Board discussion		Free text Box. Mention reason and question for discussion
4	Chemotherapy Details		medical oncology module. e Summary- Chemotherapy
A	Type of chemotherapy	 Neoadjuvant Adjuvant CT Alone 	Choose one
В	No of Cycles received with dates (Start date and end date)		
С	Chemotherapy Regimen details		
D	Chemotherapy Drugs		
E	Chemotherapy Schedule		
F	Toxicity Monitoring Remarks		





5	Treatment		
A	Intent	CurativeNon-Curative	Choose one
В	Role of Radiotherapy	 Neoadjuvant Concurrent Adjuvant RT Alone Prophylactic Palliative 	 Choose one- Options to reflect as per the response selected in 5A. For Curative, following options to reflect Neoadjuvant/Concurrent/RT Alone/Prophylactic Non-Curative, Only Palliative option to be made visible.
С	Type of Radiotherapy	 EBRT Brachytherapy Both 	If EBRT is chosen, go to Part B. If Brachytherapy is chosen, go to Part C. If both is chosen, then first visit Part B (EBRT) and then Part C (Brachytherapy).
D	Patient Consent taken	□ Yes □ No	Click photo and upload image of the consent form with date/ Configure as per NCG Center
E	Patient consent taken date	DD/MM/YYYY	Calendar view
Go to Part B (EBRT) or Part C (Brachytherapy) or both sections based on response to 5C			





4. RT- Part B: EBRT Module

EBRT Module			
SNo	Data Elements	Clinician's Response	Remarks for Vendors
5	Treatment If multiple options are chosen in row A, then repeat the entire set (Item A through Item M)		
		1	r
A	Simulation Intent with auto date and time	 Primary Adaptive Re-Planning Secondary 	Choose Multiple option
В	Simulation Imaging	CT CT/MRI CT/PET X-RAY Clinical	Choose one
С	Patient Position	 Supine Prone Lateral Others 	Choose one
D	Special Techniques	 SRS SRT DIBH DEBH Gating Tracking Fiducials 	Choose one
E	Total Radiotherapy Dose cGy		Choose highest, 4 digit validation (Numeric)
F	Total Number of Fractions		
G	Fractionation Schedule	 Alternate Day Daily Once Weekly Others 	
Н	SIB/Sequential Boost		
I	Dose Per Fraction		Auto Calculate, Formula= Total Radiotherapy dose(5E) /Total Number of Fractions(5F)
J	Name of Machine		Configure by Center





К	Radiotherapy Start Date	DD/MM/YYYY	Date format and Calendar View
L	Peer review	□ Yes □ No	
М	If Yes, Comments		Open Text Box, to appear if user chooses 'Yes' in Row L- Peer review
6	Procedure Details		
A	Treatment Machine	 Cobalt LA CyberKnife Mr Linac Proton 	Choose one
В	Systemic Therapy	 Chemotherapy Targeted Therapy Immunotherapy Combination 	Choose one
I	If Combination, Please Specify which two therapies		Free text box, Enabled only when the response to 6B is 'Combination'
С	Radiotherapy Technique	 Single Portal 2 Dimensional 3DCRT IMRT/VMAT 	Choose one
D	Dose Constraints Achieved	□ Yes □ No	
E	If No, Comments		Open text box, enabled only when the response to 6D is 'No'.
7	Treatment Planning		
А	Treatment Verification	Yes No	
В	Verification Type	CBCT EPID	
С	Verification Frequency	 Daily Once Weekly Thrice Weekly 	Choose one
D	Adaptive radiation	□ Yes □ No	





E	If Yes, Reason	 Tumor Related Patient Related Treatment Related 	Enabled only when the response to 7D is 'Yes'. Choose one
8	Approvals		E-Signature
	· · · ·		
A	Name and Signature- RO (Radiation Oncologist)		
В	Name and Signature- MP (Medical Physician)		
С	Name and Signature- RTT (Radiotherapy Technician)		
9	Toxicity Monitoring		
A	Early Reaction	□ Yes □ No	Row B-D to appear when the response to 9A is 'Yes'. Please provide option to record multiple toxicities. One toxicity to be captured from row B-D. In case of multiple toxicities, repeat rows B-D.
В	Toxicity Grading System	□ RTOG □ CTCAE 5.0	
С	Toxicity Adverse Event- Area		Include all areas of toxicities listed in CTCAE. Example- Skin, Heart, Ear, Lung
D	Grade	 Grade 0 Grade 1 Grade II Grade III Grade IV Grade V 	Please write the entire explanation as per the grade. Example- Grade 0- No change in baseline Grade 1- Follicular, faint or dull erythema
E	Do you want to continue with the treatment	 Stop the treatment Suspend the treatment Continue with the same treatment 	Choose one to continue
F	Reason to suspend/Stop the treatment		Open text box, EMR to convey the red flag to medical oncologist if there is any suspension/stop/resume and vice versa
G	Resume date	DD/MM/YYYY	Calendar view





Н	Radiotherapy Completion Date	DD/MM/YYYY	Date format and Calendar view
10	Current Chemotherapy	Details	
A	Concurrent Chemotherapy	□ Yes □ No	Auto populate from the Medical Oncology Module, If chosen yes, go up to Serial no 6-procedure details and confirm the treatment.
В	No of Concurrent Chemotherapy Cycles Given		In numeric, to auto populate from Medical Oncology Module
С	Chemotherapy Drugs		From the Medical Oncology Module
D	Chemotherapy Schedule	 Weekly 3 Weekly Others 	From the Medical Oncology Module
E	Toxicity Monitoring Remarks		From the Medical Oncology Module
11	Treatment Completion		
А	Radiotherapy Completion	Planned Unplanned	
В	Reason for Unplanned Radiotherapy Completion		Open text box, to appear if the response to 11A is 'Unplanned'. Also, convey the red flag to medical oncologist
С	Clinical Response at Completion	CR PR SD PD	Criteria – WHO/RECIST- Either one of it. Choose one.
D	Weight at Completion (In Kg)		
E	Overall Treatment time (In days)		Radiotherapy Completion date minus Radiotherapy start date= number of days
F	Treatment Gap	□ Yes □ No	
G	Treatment Gap time/duration		Calendar date from and to date
Н	Reason for Gap	 Poor Compliance Treatment related Toxicity Machine Breakdown 	Choose one





		□ Others	
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12	Follow up		
А	Follow up date	DD/MM/YYYY	Calendar view
В	Follow up time		Link to appointment calendar
С	Follow up Imaging advised	 CT scan PET CT MRI Others 	Choose one
D	Post Completion treatment Plan		Free text box
E	Advice on completion		To configure as per list provided by NCG Center
13 Go to Part D (Discharge Summary)			





5. RT- Part C: Brachytherapy Module

	Brachytherapy Module			
SNo	Data elements	Clinician's Response	Remarks for Vendors	
	_			
5	Treatment			
A	Clinical Assessment		Open text box	
	Details		Open text box	
В	Plan of treatment		Open text box	
	l	•		
6	Previous EBRT Details			
Α	Intent	□Curative	To auto populate in case the pt	
		□ Non-Curative	is in-house	
В	Total Radiotherapy Dose		Choose highest, 4digit numeric validation	
С	cGy Total Number of			
Ŭ	Fractions			
D	Fractionation Schedule	 Alternate Day Daily 	Choose one	
		Once Weekly Others		
E	Dose Per Fraction		Auto Calculate, Formula= Total	
			Radiotherapy dose(6B) /Total Number of Fractions(6C)	
F	Dose to OAR 1		Auto Populate from Treatment	
			planning system	
G	Dose to OAR 2		Auto Populate from Treatment	
			planning system	
Н	Dose to OAR 3		Auto Populate from Treatment planning system	
I	Dose to OAR 4		Auto Populate from Treatment	
			planning system	
7	Procedure Details			
	Data of Drags dure		Calandar view	
A	Date of Procedure	DD/MM/YYYY	Calendar view	
B	Anaesthesia Type		Free text box	
C	Implant/ Template Used EUA Findings, If any		Free text box Free text box	
D	EUA FINUINgs, IT any		FIEE LEXT DOX	





E	No Of tubes/ Needles Used		Free text box- In Numeric
F	No of Planes Used		Free text box- In Numeric
G	Remarks, If any		Free text box
	·		
8	Treatment Planning		
A	Imaging for Planning	□ CT □ X-RAY □ MRI	Choose one
В	Total Radiotherapy Dose cGy		Choose highest, 4digit Validation- Numeric
С	Total Number of Fractions		
D	Fractionation Schedule	 Alternate Day Daily Once Weekly Others 	Min 6 hours gap between fractions
E	Dose Per Fraction		Auto Calculate, Formula= Total Radiotherapy dose(8B) /Total Number of Fractions(8C)
F	Dose to OAR 1		
G	Dose to OAR 2		
Н	Dose to OAR 3		
I	Dose to OAR 4		
J	GTV Volume/ Coverage		
К	CTV Volume/ Coverage		
		1	
9	Approvals		E-Signature
A	Name and Signature-RO (Radiation Oncologist)		
В	Name and Signature-MP (Medical Physician)		
С	Name and Signature-RTT 1 (Radiotherapy Technician)		
D	Name and Signature-RTT 2 (Radiotherapy Technician)		
10	Treatment Completion		
А	Imaging for Planning	□ СТ	Choose one





		🗆 X-RAY				
В	Total Radiotherapy Dose					
	cGy					
С	Total Number of					
	Fractions					
D	Fractionation Delivered		Date and Time			
E	Dose per Fraction		Auto Calculate, Formula= Total			
			Radiotherapy dose(10B) /Total			
			Number of Fractions(10C)			
F	Add any remarks related		Free text box			
	to procedure/treatment					
11	Follow up					
А	Follow up Imaging	🗆 CT-Scan	Multiple Choice possible			
	advised	🗆 PET CT				
		Others,				
В	Post Completion		Fire a band la su			
	treatment Plan		Free text box			
С	Advice on completion		To configure as per list provided			
			by NCG Center			
12	12 Go to Part D (Discharge Summary)					





6. RT- Part D: Discharge Summary

Discharge Summary- Automated							
SNo	Data elements	Clinician's Response	Remarks for Vendors				
	1						
1	Primary details						
	1	1	1				
Α	Name		Auto Populate from EMR				
В	Age		Auto Populate from EMR				
С	Gender		Auto Populate from EMR				
D	Co morbidities		Auto Populate from EMR				
E	Contact No		Auto Populate from EMR				
F	Any Remarks		Auto Populate from EMR				
G	TNM Staging		Auto Populate from EMR				
Н	Laterality		Auto Populate from EMR				
I	Histopathology		Auto Populate from EMR				
J	Date of latest pretreatment Imaging with report		Auto Populate from EMR				
н	Intent		Auto Populate from Common RT Module				
к	Role of Radiotherapy		Auto Populate from Common RT Module				
L	Date of surgery		Auto Populate from EMR, if the pt underwent surgery prior to RT				
М	Surgical Histopathology report		Auto Populate from EMR, if the pt underwent surgery prior to RT				
N	Weight at completion		NA if brachy is chosen				
			1				
2	Previous Chemotherapy Details		(Rows A-E to be repeated if both NACT and CTRT are used)				
А	Concurrent Chemotherapy		From the Medical Oncology Module				
В	No of Concurrent Chemotherapy cycles Given		In numeric, to auto populate from Medical Oncology Module				
С	Chemotherapy Drugs		From the Medical Oncology Module				





C)		emotl hedule	notherapy dule			I			From the Medical Oncology Module		
E	E Toxicity Monitoring Remarks					F	From the Medical Oncology Module					
3	3 Radiotherapy Summary/ Brachytherapy- On treatment											
Visit #/ Episode No			RT Date	Total RT dose cGy	Total no of Fractions		Fractionation Schedule	Early Reaction		Follow up date	Follow up time	Remarks related to Procedure/treatment
1	1											
2												
4. Toxicity Summary					Auto populate from toxicity monitoring in EBRT (Include Past toxicities too)							
Visit No/Toxicity GradingEpisode NoSystem			Toxicity adverse event G		Gra	Grade						
1												
2												
3												

5	Treatment Interruption					
A	Treatment Gap	NA in case of Brachytherapy				
В	Treatment Gap	NA in case of Brachytherapy				
	time/Duration					
С	Reason for Gap	NA in case of Brachytherapy				
6	Follow Up Auto populate					
A	Follow up Imaging advised					
В	Post completion					
	treatment plan					
С	Advice on completion					





7. Appendices

Appendix 1- Glossary of terms

	Abbreviations				
NCG	National Cancer Grid				
EMR	Electronic Medical Record				
NER	NCG EMR Requirements				
LEAP	Leading EMR Adoption Program				
EBRT	External Beam Radiation Therapy				
VTB	Virtual Tumor Board				
MDTB	Multi-Disciplinary Tumor Board				
СТ	Chemotherapy				
RT	Radiotherapy				
TNM	Tumor Node Metastases (Cancer Staging)				
SRS	Stereotactic Radiosurgery				
SRT	Stereotactic Radiotherapy				
DIBH	Deep Inspiration Breath-hold				
DEBH	Deep Expiration Breath-hold				
SIB	Simultaneous Integrated Boost				
cGy	CentiGray- A unit of absorbed radiation dose equal to one- hundredth of a Gray,				
	or 1 rad				
LA	Linear Accelerator				
MR LINAC	Magnetic Resonance Linear Accelerator				
3DCRT	3D Conformal Radiation Therapy				
IMRT	Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy				
VMAT	Volumetric Modulated Arc Therapy				
CBCT	Cone Beam Computed Tomography				
EPID	Electronic Portal Imaging Device				
RTOG	Radiation Therapy Oncology Group				
CTCAE	Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events				
CR	Complete Response				
PR	Partial Response				
SD	Stable Disease				
PD	Progressive Disease				
TSH	Thyroid Stimulating Hormone				
OAR	Organs at Risk				
EUA	Examination Under Anaesthesia				
GTV	Gross Tumor Volume				
CTV	Clinical Target Volume				
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging				





CT-Scan	Computed Tomography Scan		
NACT	Neo-adjuvant Chemotherapy		
CTRT	Chemoradiation		

Appendix 2- NER Document

1. <u>ncg-emr-requirements-ner.pdf (kcdo.in)</u>