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Who does the RPC Monitor?

The Radiological Physics Center web page continue to be enhanced. For some time now we have maintained a list of the institutions monitored by the RPC on our web page, accessible to anyone without requiring a password. The list may be found by clicking the button labeled "Institutions Monitored by RPC" that appears on our homepage (<http://rpc.mdanderson.org>).

The RPC presently monitors nearly 1,400 institutions who participate in NCI sponsored clinical trials. Therefore, the list is broken up into more than 160 pages. However, the list may be downloaded in PDF format, sequenced in alphabetical order or by zip code.

In addition, it is possible to filter the list by entering any portion of several fields including the institution's name, RTF # (to be discussed later) or address.

A short portion of the list is reproduced below. The list includes the institution's name, the RTF # and the institution's address.

INSTITUTION_NAME	RTF_NO	STREET	CITY	S/P*	COUNTRY	ZIP_CODE
Victoria Cancer Center	2649	2410 Lee Avenue	Victoria	Br. Columbia	CANADA	V8R 6V5
Vanderbilt University	2650	1301 22nd Avenue South	Nashville	TN	USA	37232
Vassar Brothers Hospital	2651	45 Reade Place	Poughkeepsie	NY	USA	12601
Venice Oncology Center	2653	901 S Tamiami Trail	Venice	FL	USA	34285
Philadelphia Veterans Hosp.	2655	39 Woodland Avenue	Philadelphia	PA	USA	19104
Veterans Administration Hosp	2655	39 Woodland Avenue	Philadelphia	PA	USA	19104
San Juan Veterans Hosp.	2656	10 Casia Street	SAN JUAN	PR	PUERTO RICO	00921-3201
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Allen Park V.A.	2657	4646 John R.	Detroit	MI	USA	48201
Veterans Administration Hosp.	2657	4646 John R.	Detroit	MI	USA	48201
Miami Veterans Hospital	2659	1201 N. W. 16th St	Miami	FL	USA	33125
Veterans Administration Hosp.	2659	1201 N. W. 16th St	Miami	FL	USA	33125
Veterans Administration Hosp.	2660	915 N. Grand Blvd.	St Louis	MO	USA	63106
Albany Veterans Admin. Hosp.	2662	113 Holland Ave	Albany	NY	USA	12208
Samuel S Stratton VA	2662	113 Holland Ave	Albany	NY	USA	12208
Stratton VA	2662	113 Holland Ave	Albany	NY	USA	12208
Veterans Administration Hosp.	2662	113 Holland Ave	Albany	NY	USA	12208

The Radiotherapy Facilities number (RTF #) was developed by the RPC to provide a unique numbering system for radiation therapy facilities participating in clinical trials. None of the other numbering systems (NCI, study groups, etc.) list all radiation therapy facilities, or identify individual physical locations in the way that the RTF # does. We have found the RTF # to be extremely useful in helping us identify and distinguish between institutions with similar names.

In the list the institution's name is a link that opens a new page that displays the institution by all names known to the RPC. For example, the institution with RTF # 2662 is known as the Albany Veterans Administration Hospital, Samuel S. Stratton VA, Stratton VA, and Veterans Administration Hospital. Consequently, the institution appears on the list four times, but with the same RTF #.

The institution-specific page also lists the machines installed at the institution that are monitored by the RPC. In the case of RTF # 2662, the list shows a Clinac 2100 and a Clinac 6/100.

Study groups and quality assurance offices have been given passwords to enable them to display any credentials awarded to the institution for participation in specific clinical trials. On the advice of our Clinical Advisory Committee, the RPC does not make this information available to the general public. Individuals may confirm the credentials awarded to their own institution by contacting the RPC.

The RPC asks that AAPM members review this list and confirm the accuracy of the information for their own institutions. Any errors or corrections can be forwarded to the RPC by telephone (713/745-8989) or e-mail (rpc@mdanderson.org).

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