

Subcommittee Name: Skull Base / CNS / Sarcoma Subcommittee

Co-chairs

Name	Country	Term started	Term ends*
Arpit Chhabra	USA	2025	2028
Dan Trifiletti	USA	2026	2029
Maciej Pelak	Europe	2026	2029

** The term of office is 3 years and may be renewed once, for a maximum total service of 6 years. It is recommended that the 3 co-chairs come from 3 different continents (America, Asia, Europe). To ensure continuity, it is recommended that the co-chairs step down on a staggered basis following their first three-year term.*

Subcommittee Achievements (e.g. white papers, publications, workshops, ...) – max 2,000 characters including spaces

During the 64th Annual PTCOG Conference in Deauville, France (8-13 June 2026), the Skull Base / CNS / Sarcoma Subcommittee held a dedicated plenary session to review priorities, identify collaborative opportunities, and engage members in multi-institutional research. The discussion resulted in three concrete project concepts for further development: (1) a skull base chordoma/chondrosarcoma treatment-planning comparison study, potentially using ProKnow; (2) a cardiac sarcoma proton therapy project; and (3) a multi-institutional evaluation of brain necrosis rates in skull base and intracranial tumors. Initial member interest was identified, providing a foundation for project-specific working groups. The subcommittee also refreshed its co-chair leadership structure for 2026-2029, supporting continuity and broader participation across the group.

Do you maintain a mailing list of subcommittee members (Yes/No)? Yes

Should the subcommittee continue its work (Yes/No)? Yes

If yes, please describe the planned activities and goals for the next 3 years – max 2,000 characters including spaces

1. Skull base chordoma/chondrosarcoma treatment-planning comparison study: establish a multi-institutional working group; refine study aims, standardized cases/contouring and plan-comparison metrics; evaluate the feasibility of ProKnow or another shared platform; and progress toward abstract/manuscript submission. This builds on the concept presented by JW Snider at PTCOG 64.

2. Cardiac sarcoma proton therapy project: organize interested centers, define eligibility and core clinical/dosimetric data elements, develop a retrospective multi-institutional protocol, and pursue presentation/publication.

3. Brain necrosis in skull base/intracranial tumors: assess participating-center interest and data availability; develop common definitions and data elements; address data-use/data-sharing requirements; and, if feasible, initiate a pooled multi-institutional analysis.

Across all projects, goals are to increase member participation, establish project-specific working groups with clear leads/timelines, facilitate data sharing and methodological consistency, and produce collaborative PTCOG abstracts, presentations, and peer-reviewed publications.

Please circulate this form to all subcommittee members and once agreed upon by the subcommittee submit it to: secretariat@ptcog.online (cc: m.durante@gsi.de) within:

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