

Recruitment update

250 participants have been recruited into OPTIMA.

39 participants were randomised in October which was our highest in-month total to-date!

Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre and University Hospital Coventry were joint top recruiters in October, each recruiting 3 participants.

Congratulations to **Stepping Hill Hospital** for recruiting 4 participants in under 2 weeks!

Tip of the Month: Give eligible patients the opportunity to make a decision about OPTIMA

Sometimes, a recruiter may not approach an eligible patient about OPTIMA as they are concerned about adding to a patient's anxiety. Perhaps, if you find yourself in such a situation, you might reflect on the following comments by a research nurse:

Sometimes we think it's too much information for them, but they will - the ladies will say, "No, really, it might have been a lot for me then, but I would have liked to have known that the opportunity was there for me to take part in it."

The message from patient advocates, is that eligible patients want to hear about and have the opportunity to make decisions about available trials.

5% Milestone

On the 31st October 2017 the **225th** participant was randomised into OPTIMA, this marked a milestone of reaching **5%** of our overall recruitment target!

'Recruitment clinic' teleconferences

On Wednesday 29th November 2017 we will be holding the first of what we plan to be a series of, teleconferences to enable sites to enter into discussion with one another and the OPTIMA team about any recruitment difficulties they may be experiencing and also to share best practice and different recruitment strategies. Ten sites have been invited to this first teleconference. We plan to hold further teleconferences in the future and invite all sites to attend in turn.

OPTIMA audio-recording – Please press record...

Please remember to ask your next potential OPTIMA patient if you can make a recording.

Audio-recordings offer a valuable insight into recruitment. The QRS team will use them to provide anonymised training and support for centres across the OPTIMA study.



RECORDING

Please contact Carmel Conefrey about recording. Carmel can be reached at T: 01179 287296 or E: carmel.conefrey@bristol.ac.uk

Number of patients randomised per site

Information correct as of 24/11/17

University Hospital Coventry	23	Royal Shrewsbury Hospital	3
Mount Vernon Cancer Centre	14	St Margaret's Hospital, Epping	3
University Hospitals of North Midlands	14	University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay	3
Blackpool Victoria Hospital	13	Velindre Cancer Centre	3
Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre	13	Bedford Hospital	2
Addenbrooke's Hospital	11	Birmingham City Hospital	2
Peterborough City Hospital	9	Chesterfield Royal Hospital	2
Luton and Dunstable University Hospital	7	Derriford Hospital, Plymouth	2
Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley	7	Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary	2
Wrexham Maelor Hospital, Wrexham	7	Inverclyde Royal Hospital	2
Barnet Hospital	6	Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	2
NHS Lanarkshire	6	Nottingham University Hospital	2
Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley	6	Prince Charles Hospital	2
Salisbury District Hospital	6	Queens Hospital, Burton upon Trent	2
The Christie	6	Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan	2
Macclesfield District Hospital	5	Western General Hospital, Edinburgh	2
Royal Free Hospital	5	Whittington Hospital	2
Lister Hospital	4	York Hospital	2
Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital	4	Ysbyty Gwynedd, Bangor	2
Stepping Hill Hospital	4	Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital	1
Torbay Hospital	4	Chase Farm Hospital	1
University Hospital of North Tees	4	East Kent Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	1
Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre	3	Forth Valley Hospital	1
Glan Clwyd Hospital, Bodelwyddan	3	Musgrove Park Hospital	1
Milton Keynes University Hospital	3	Royal Cornwall Hospital	1
New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton	3	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	1
Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital	3	Royal Hampshire County Hospital	1
Pennine Acute Hospitals	3	Sunderland Royal Hospital	1
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead	3		

Screening Logs

Thank you to everyone who has returned screening logs. We will continue to request these on a monthly basis. Screening log data plays an important role in focusing our efforts to support you with recruitment.

Contact us

If you have any questions or experience any difficulties with recruitment please don't hesitate to contact us, the OPTIMA team are very willing to help.

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