

Newsletter May 2020

Optimal Personalised Treatment of early breast cancer using Multi-parameter Analysis



Recruitment update

Total recruitment is currently 2082 (1670 in Optima main and 412 in prelim)

*** 17 participants were recruited in April ***

East Surrey Hospital were top recruiters with 3 participants randomised.

25 participants have been randomised in May so far—great work from everyone

"this is a trial of de-escalation of chemotherapy so it seems even more relevant to do it"

OPTIMA PI



We're still staying at home...

In these unusual times, we appreciate that all of our research teams – throughout out 109 sites – have been working extra hard to keep everyone safe and well.

OPTIMA has continued to recruit through this challenging time and we are so grateful for all of your ongoing efforts.

The OPTIMA team are all working from home still and are trying our best to keep things running smoothly. Please remember that we are here to help—you can email us any time, and call us during office hours on our usual numbers.

Keep up the great work, and thank you again!

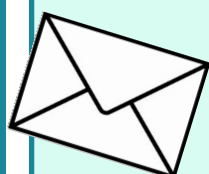
Regards, Georgi

Recruitment tip of the month: Using the OPTIMA web-site to support telephone and video consultations

Some recruiters have started carrying out consultations by telephone or video. If you usually talk through the study design with the help of the diagram in the PIS, how about sending your patient a link to the [PIS](#) on the [OPTIMA website](#) – that way you can continue to use the diagram. Your patients can find lots of other useful information on the [Taking Part in OPTIMA section](#).

Tissue Transit Envelopes

A friendly reminder that all tumour samples should now be sent to the new lab address:



HSL-Advanced Diagnostics
Ground Floor
60 Whitfield Street
London
W1T 4EU

Please ensure that all of your Tissue Transit Envelopes include the correct address.

Call for recruiters to audio-record telephone and video consultations.

I'd like to gain an insight into telephone and video recruitment as I'm wondering if there may be value in producing a specific recruiter tips sheet.

To get started, I need some recruiters to make recordings. I'll provide an audio-recorder and earpiece to pick up both sides of the conversation. Please get in touch today to find out more – carmel.conefrey@bristol.ac.uk

PLEASE HELP



OPTIMA Patient Interviews

We are still looking to interview patients who have declined participation in OPTIMA. Interviews explore patients' pathways and views on OPTIMA. We are particularly interested in hearing about the patient pathway in light of COVID-19.

Please consider asking any patient who declines if they would be willing to hear more about an interview. If they agree, please complete a "[Patient Interview Contact Details Form](#)" and register the patient with Warwick Trials Unit (form [QRS1](#)). A member of the QRS team will then get in touch with you and take it from there.

Reminder: patients registered with the QRS count for one accrual point!

Re-opening suspended sites

We have been informed by a number of sites that they have temporarily suspended recruitment. If your site has now re-opened to recruitment, please let us know!

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Total recruitment per site (as of 30th April 2020)

University Hospitals of North Midlands	63	Ostfold Hospital, Kalnes	14
Mount Vernon Cancer Centre	52	Royal Cornwall Hospital	13
Bristol Haematology & Oncology Centre	48	Royal Free Hospital	13
Addenbrooke's Hospital	47	St Mary's Hospital, Isle of Wight	12
Blackpool Victoria Hospital	46	George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton	12
University Hospital Coventry	45	Darent Valley Hospital, Dartford	12
Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre	43	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn	12
Velindre Cancer Centre	40	Bradford Royal Infirmary	11
Peterborough City Hospital	36	Lister Hospital	10
Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan	33	Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester	10
The Christie	33	University College London Hospital	10
University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay	27	University Hospital of North Tees	10
Wrexham Maelor Hospital, Wrexham	26	Worcestershire Royal Hospital	10
Derriford Hospital, Plymouth	26	Inverclyde Royal Hospital	9
Oslo University Hospital	26	Queens Hospital, Burton upon Trent	9
Torbay Hospital	25	Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	9
The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust	25	Belfast City Hospital	9
Salisbury District Hospital	24	Guys Hospital	9
Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital	23	Great Western Hospital, Swindon	9
Luton and Dunstable University Hospital	23	Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield	8
Glan Clwyd Hospital, Bodelwyddan	23	Airedale General Hospital, Keighley	8
Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton	23	Sunderland Royal Hospital	7
Weston Park Hospital, Sheffield	22	Bedford Hospital	7
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead	21	Whittington Hospital, London	7
Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley	20	Western General Hospital, Edinburgh	7
Macclesfield District Hospital	20	University Hospital Crosshouse	7
Hairmyres Hospital	20	Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil	7
Churchill Hospital, Oxford	20	Weston General Hospital, Weston Super Mare	6
Southampton General Hospital	20	St George's Hospital, London	6
Royal Shrewsbury Hospital	19	Sorlandet Hospital, Kristiansand	6
North Middlesex Hospital	19	Northern Lincolnshire and Goole	5
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham	19	Nottingham University Hospital	4
Darlington Memorial Hospital	19	Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary	4
Maidstone Hospital	19	Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon	4
Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley	18	Pennine Acute Hospitals, North Manchester	4
Wishaw General Hospital	18	East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust	4
East Kent Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	18	Basildon University Hospital	4
Milton Keynes University Hospital	18	King's Mill Hospital	4
Frimley Park Hospital, Surrey	18	New Victoria Hospital, Glasgow	4
Forth Valley Hospital	17	Ysbyty Gwynedd, Bangor	3
Royal United Hospital, Bath	17	Chesterfield Royal Hospital	3
Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust	17	Ulster Hospital	3
Barnet Hospital	16	Kidderminster Hospital	3
Leighton Hospital	16	Birmingham City Hospital	2
Clatterbridge Cancer Centre	16	Singleton Hospital, Swansea	2
Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital	15	Broomfield Hospital	2
Royal Gwent Hospital	15	Queen's Hospital, Romford	2
Stepping Hill Hospital	15	Doncaster Royal infirmary	2
Royal Glamorgan Hospital	15	Stavanger Hospital	2
Medway Maritime Hospital, Gillingham	15	University Hospital Ayr	1
York Hospital	14	Alexandra Hospital, Redditch	1
Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital	14	Royal Derby Hospital	1
New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton	14	Haukeland University Hospital	1