

Recruitment update

We have a total of 219 participants recruited into OPTIMA. We recruited 29 in September and the good news is we've already exceeded that in October month with 33 patients randomised so far! We know how hard you are working to screen and recruit eligible patients, please keep going!

University Hospital Coventry were 'recruiters of the month' for September, they randomised 4 participants during the month.



Tip of the month: Find out what your surgical colleagues say to patients about adjuvant treatment

The conversation that a surgeon has with a patient, who is potentially eligible for OPTIMA, about adjuvant treatment can impact recruitment. Ask your surgeon to keep the introduction open, i.e. referring to a discussion with the oncologist to consider further treatment options and to avoid referring to chemotherapy specifically.

Recruitment can be more challenging if a patient arrives in clinic thinking that they will have chemotherapy.



NCRI Cancer Conference

Warwick Clinical Trials Unit will be at the NCRI Cancer Conference in Liverpool from the 5th to 8th November 2017. Please come and visit us on stand 69.

Screening logs - what we do with the data?

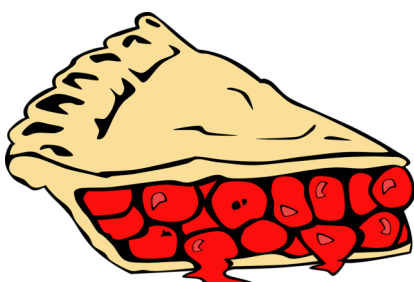
We analyse screening log data to get a clearer picture of what is going on with recruitment on a site by site and trial-wide basis. We then use this information to focus our efforts to support you with recruitment, this is especially important in a big multi-centre trial like OPTIMA.

So please return an accurate screening log each month. Please complete for all patients identified by your MDT as potentially eligible, as they are thought to have ER positive and HER2 negative disease and who would ordinarily be offered adjuvant chemotherapy (except for those who are offered multi-parameter testing (e.g. Oncotype DX) as standard of care).

The OPTIMA trial office are happy to answer any queries.



Please keep audio-recording your recruitment appointments... it's as easy as pie!



What do we do with the recordings?

They come to Bristol and a QRS researcher listens to them in order to identify how patients interpret the information.

We use the findings in feedback and training events and other support activities. We also offer individual feedback.

All information about recruiters, patients and sites is anonymised.

Please contact Carmel Conefrey about recording.

Number of patients randomised per site

Information correct as of 26/10/17

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

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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THANK YOU for all your hard work and continued support for the study!

