



Recruitment update:

In September, **34 new participants** were recruited into OPTIMA.

Total recruitment to date: 3987

OPTIMA Main - 3575 participants

OPTIMA prelim - 412 participants

The count down is on!

With just over 15 months of recruitment left, we are now less than 1000 patients away from our total recruitment target.

This is an amazing achievement and we want to say a massive thank you to all of our hard working recruiting teams, and the patients who make this study possible.

Recruitment countdown:



TOP TIPS

for Tissue Transit Documents

Together with the central lab, we have come up with a list of the most common queries relating to the Tissue Transit paperwork (i.e.. Tissue Transit form and Pathology reports).

1. **We require TNO (trial number) and patient initials written on every page of the Pathology reports.** This is so we are assured the reports are for the correct patient.
2. **Ensure that all reports are fully redacted.** We are not permitted to receive any patient identifiable information.
3. **Please ensure that you send copies of all histology reports.** This includes the core biopsy report and reports for any axillary management. This is critical for eligibility checks.
4. **Check you're using the right version of the Tissue Transit form.** The current version for UK Sites is v10.0.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October marks breast cancer awareness month and the Trials Unit held a fundraiser in aid of Wear it Pink.

Breast Cancer Now's wear it pink day is one of the biggest fundraising events in the UK.

The CTU raised over **£170** for the charity,

and our OPTIMA Koala, **Otto**, also got involved!



If in doubt, redact it and send it!

Further tips and guidance can be found on the back of the Tissue Transit Form.



Recruitment per recruiting Site (as of 25 October 2023)

Oslo University Hospital, Norway	133	University Hospital Crosshouse	20
Blackpool Victoria Hospital	123	Lister Hospital	19
Velindre Cancer Centre	120	The Whittington Hospital	19
The Christie NHS Foundation Trust	93	Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital	19
University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust	85	George Eliot Hospital	19
Mount Vernon Cancer Centre	81	Darlington Memorial Hospital	19
Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre	81	St George's Hospital	19
Royal Albert Edward Infirmary	80	University Hospital of North Norway, Norway	19
Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre	75	Singleton Hospital	18
Inverclyde Royal and Royal Alexandra Hospital	75	The Royal Glamorgan Hospital	17
Addenbrooke's Hospital	73	Worcestershire Royal Hospital	16
Weston Park Hospital	66	Aberdeen Royal Infirmary	16
University Hospital Coventry	65	Royal Cornwall Hospital	15
Ostfold Hospital, Norway	65	Royal Hampshire County Hospital	15
NHS Lanarkshire	61	Western General Hospital	15
University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay	54	Royal Gwent Hospital	15
Macclesfield District Hospital	52	Stepping Hill Hospital	15
East Surrey Hospital	52	Basildon University Hospital	15
Wrexham Maelor Hospital	51	Stavanger Hospital, Norway	15
Peterborough City Hospital	51	Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital	14
East Kent Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	50	Royal Derby Hospital	14
Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital	48	Southend University Hospital	14
Glan Clwyd Hospital	48	Bedford Hospital	13
Derriford Hospital	47	St Mary's Hospital	13
Maidstone Hospital	47	Hinchingbrooke Hospital	13
Luton and Dunstable University Hospital	46	Weston General Hospital	13
St Margaret's Hospital	46	Nordland Hospital, Norway	13
Sorlandet Hospital, Norway	46	Airedale General Hospital	12
Salisbury District Hospital	45	University Hospital of North Tees	10
Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Sweden (Coordinated by Norway)	45	Prince Charles Hospital	10
New Cross Hospital	44	Telemark Hospital, Norway	10
Russells Hall Hospital	43	Royal Surrey County Hospital	10
Torbay Hospital	43	Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	9
Guys Hospital	43	Worthing Hospital	9
New Victoria Hospital	42	Royal Sussex County Hospital	9
Forth Valley Hospital	41	University Hospital Ayr	8
Frimley Park Hospital	40	King's Mill Hospital	8
Belfast City Hospital	39	Sunderland Royal Hospital	7
Medway Maritime Hospital	33	Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	7
North Middlesex Hospital	31	Stoke Mandeville Hospital	7
Musgrove Park Hospital	31	Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary	6
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham	31	Doncaster Royal infirmary	6
Royal United Hospital	31	Tameside General Hospital	6
Royal Shrewsbury Hospital	30	Ulster Hospital	5
Royal Free Hospital	29	Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust	5
Southampton General Hospital	29	Princess of Wales Hospital	5
Barnet Hospital	28	Nottingham University Hospital	4
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead	28	East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust	4
Churchill Hospital	28	Kidderminster Hospital	4
Leighton Hospital	28	Alexandra Hospital	4
The Great Western Hospital	28	Ysbyty Gwynedd	3
The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn	27	Chesterfield Royal Hospital	3
Clatterbridge Cancer Centre	26	Queen's Hospital, Romford	3
York Hospital	25	Haukeland University Hospital, Norway	3
Milton Keynes University Hospital	23	Wycombe Hospital	3
Charing Cross Hospital	23	Hereford County Hospital	3
Bradford Royal Infirmary	22	Birmingham City Hospital	2
Queens Hospital, Burton upon Trent	21	Broomfield Hospital	2
Darent Valley Hospital	21	St Olavs Hospital, Norway	2
Chase Farm Hospital	20	Alesund Hospital, Norway	1
University College London Hospital	20		