

the POSNOC study

SITE NEWSLETTER - TENTH EDITION

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POSitive **S**entinel **NO**de: adjuvant therapy alone versus adjuvant therapy plus **C**learance or axillary radiotherapy



Recruitment

1900
Goal



The last few months have been absolutely fantastic and we have all of you to thank for this. It is amazing to see the recruitment thermometer get closer and closer to the target of 1900 participants!

A massive thanks to all of you that dedicate a lot of time and effort in recruiting, entering data, completing central monitoring queries and all the other tasks we require.

POSNOC is a huge trial and we received a message from the NIHR recently how impressed they are with POSNOC recruitment figures.

Here is to 2019 where we hope to keep on with the tremendous recruitment efforts.

1237
Current
Recruitment



Achievements of the year



Quickest completion of annual checks

St Thomas Hospital
(on the same day as requested!)

Most randomisations in a day

Hayley Webb, Kings Lynn
(3 participants!)

Highest recruiting site

Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn

Well done Queen Elizabeth Hospital!



2019 a big year for 36 month follow up visits



A lot of sites will have participants due their 36 month follow up visit in 2019 (three whole years, where does the time go!?).

Why not kill two birds with one stone and conduct the POSNOC 36 month follow up visit at the same time as the participants yearly mammogram? We will be shortly sending a reminder to all sites that have participants coming up to the 36 month follow up visit so keep your eyes peeled!

Christmas closures for NCTU

The Nottingham Clinical Trials Unit is closed for the Christmas break from Friday 21 December, returning to normal business on Wednesday 02 January 2019.

URGENT IT ISSUES - for any urgent IT requests (e.g. unable to randomise) please e-mail ctu-it@nottingham.ac.uk and mark your email as urgent. This mailbox will be monitored by the NCTU daily (Monday to Friday) during the Christmas break.

SAE reporting - please continue to report SAEs as normal by fax on 0115 748 4091 or email to NCTU-SAE@nottingham.ac.uk

If you do not receive a confirmation of receipt for the SAE please send an email to the SAE email inbox (above). SAEs will be monitoring by the NCTU periodically during the Christmas break.

A year through POSNOC...

January

- Protocol v4 was circulated which included 2 new pathways!
- An extension to recruitment until the year 2021 was granted by the NIHR!
- Professor Malcolm Reed gave a presentation at the UK Interdisciplinary Breast Cancer Symposium in Manchester



March

- The LBCQ format was updated and an instruction sheet included to make it clearer for participants
- A pull down was sent to sites for use in their clinics to promote the POSNOC trial

April

- 1000th participant recruit by Karen Callum at Raigmore Hospital!

July

- 1100th participant recruit by Sanal Jose at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital!

September

- Shabina returned from maternity leave to manage the POSNOC trial

December

- Beki gave birth to baby Ella on 11/12/18!



May

POSNOC Google+ Community was created as a tool for research staff to obtain the latest news and updates and discuss the trial

November

- Blackpool Victoria Hospital opened as a new site
- 1200th participant recruited by Manish Kothuri
- Radiotherapy guidelines were updated to v3

Wishing you all a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Prosperous New Year!**