

the POSNOC study

Site Newsletter - May 2018



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

We are still the largest UK led international breast cancer surgical trial

A message from our Chief Investigator...

"We are celebrating recruitment of more than 1000 patients! I am grateful to everyone for contributing to this landmark achievement. The recruitment period has been extended to August 2021 so that we can reach the target sample size of 1900.

You can now include patients who undergo upfront sentinel node biopsy before neoadjuvant chemotherapy if they are found to have one or two macrometastases. Additionally, we are aware that there are access issues to radioisotope for sentinel node biopsy and therefore have allowed all techniques for sentinel node mapping.

POSNOC was cited at the last San Antonio meeting as the 'confirmatory trial' in the plenary presentation on axillary management by Tari King (Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center).



Amit Goyal

Thank you all for making POSNOC the largest UK led breast cancer surgical study!"



POSNOC is now recruiting up until the year 2021



Participants currently recruited into the trial

AUGUST 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Great news! During April the 1000th participant was recruited onto the POSNOC trial. This major achievement was performed by Karen Callum at Raigmore Hospital. We would like to use this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your input and commitment to the trial. Without all of your efforts we would not have been able to reach this milestone recruitment figure -

Thank you!



Substantial Amendment 05

Hopefully you will all be aware that Substantial Amendment 05 has now been REC and HRA approved. All R&D departments have been informed and the amendment itself will be implemented 23 May 2018. An instruction sheet has now been added to the LBCQ to help ensure that the questionnaires are being completed accurately by participants. The wording and layout of the LBCQ has been revamped in order to make it more user friendly. Therefore the wording of the eCRF has also been amended, but rest assured it will still capture the exact same data. We have also created large pull down banners to be placed in the waiting rooms at sites. This will hopefully help improve recruitment and increase overall awareness of the POSNOC study. Thanks to the sites who have expressed an interest in these and we will get them sent out shortly.

Recruitment Extension!

We are pleased to announce that POSNOC has now received approval to extend recruitment. The study will now recruit up until 31 August 2021 with the all trial activities completing in December 2026. The extension has been approved by the funder and the HRA. Due to a delay with the funder and following a revamp of site contracts in line with new GDPR guidelines, there has been a delay in circulating new contractual information but this should be with all sites shortly.

Online Community Space

We have now launched the POSNOC Google+ Community for POSNOC research staff. This online community will serve as a place where you can discuss all aspects of the trial, ask questions and share ideas with your peers. We want to encourage all site staff to engage with community and freely communicate with colleagues across the country about all things POSNOC. Whilst we are in the process of updating the trial website the NCTU team will also utilise the community to keep you updated on trial progress and share key documents.

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