

Trial Update



Welcome to this edition of the POSNOC newsletter! Thank you to all of you for your commitment to POSNOC helping us to reach our recruitment targets for the first six months. The trial is now supported internationally by the Australia and New Zealand Breast Cancer Trials Group (ANZBCTG) and ANZ sites will be opened to recruitment later this year. The recent publication of the available information on radiotherapy practice within the ACOSOG Z11 trial and the accompanying editorial add to other well publicised concerns about Z11 and reaffirm importance of POSNOC.

Looking ahead, we have an arduous task as we start climbing the steep phase of the recruitment curve. Together with our shared belief and passion for the trial question, we can achieve this target for the next six months which is our major milestone (end of feasibility phase). *Amit Goyal*

SHORE-C Update

Uploading patient contact details at randomisation

All patients currently participating in POSNOC have given consent for their contact details to be held by SHORE-C, for the purpose of posting follow up quality of life questionnaires directly to their homes. When taking consent to upload contact details, please ask the patient to provide their **preferred daytime telephone number** (landline, mobile, or both) to enable SHORE-C to contact them in the event of any quality of life data queries. *Kathryn Monson*

Data Entry

A gentle reminder that data should be entered onto the eCRF within 5 days. A report will be sent out to sites in the next few days detailing any outstanding data queries.

OSNA Sites

For all patients enrolled into the trial but during surgery are found to be ineligible, please ensure you remember to complete the baseline eCRF.

Monthly Screening Logs

The new screening log has been issued to every open site and training has been delivered, please get in touch if your site has not received your new and improved screening log. Hopefully everyone will agree the new log is easier to use and make uploading easier for all.

POSNOC DVD

The POSNOC DVD is now available on YouTube

www.youtube.com/posnoctrail

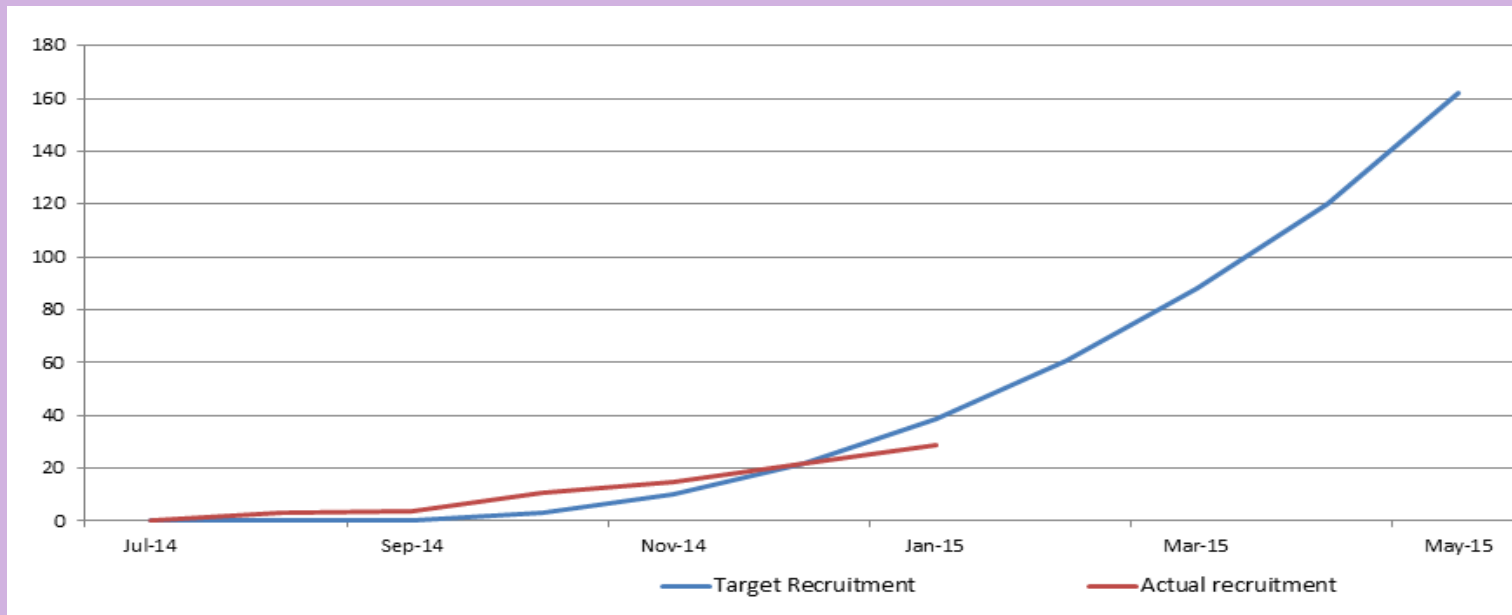
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Recruitment



Congratulations to every site which recruited on the build up to Christmas we hope you enjoyed your chocolates! It really helped us to achieve December's target. We know recruitment has been slow for some sites and we appreciate the challenges associated with this trial. Please get in touch if you feel yourself or your site would benefit from additional training, this can be as little as an informal phone call or a day's communication training with Shore-C. We are happy to help you determine your requirements.

Top Recruiters

Site Name	Total
Royal Derby Hospital	8
Belfast	4
Royal Bolton Hospital	3
Edinburgh	2
Leeds	2
North Staffordshire	2
Oxford University Hospitals	2
Rotherham General Hospital	2
Addenbrookes	1
Darent Valley	1
Inverclyde Royal Hospital	1
Maidstone	1
Medway NHS Foundation Trust	1
Newcastle Royal Victoria	1
Royal Gwent Hospital	1
South Manchester	1
Grand Total	33

Congratulations

To all the sites which have recruited their first patient since the last newsletter. Another competition is planned for Easter so get ready, more details will follow soon.

Recruitment Tips

Amit and Kathryn kindly put together a document on Recruitment Tips, here are a few selected tips we think are very helpful:-

- Identify who will discuss the trial at key clinic appointments and who will cover for absences.
- Introduce the trial as early as possible in the treatment pathway
- Ensure the Breast Care Nurses are on board and mention the trial when asked
- All staff who will approach or discuss POSNOC with potential participants will find it helpful to watch the DVD. Individual chapters provide details on key aspects of the trial using plain language and graphics to complement the patient information leaflet.

POSNOC Site Update

We have opened a total of 33 sites, which completed Wave 1. Wave 2 site initiations have begun and further sites will be opening very soon. Wave 2 is split into A & B with 10 sites in each.



Wave 2 sites
 Initiated—not yet open
 Open

- Planned Wave 2 Sites**
- Bradford Teaching Hospitals
 - City Hospital, Birmingham
 - Queen Elizabeth Birmingham
 - New Cross Hospital
 - Guys and St Thomas
 - Royal Marsden Hospital
 - Royal Lancaster Infirmary
 - Macclesfield Hospital
 - Royal Cornwall Hospital
 - North Manchester General Hospital
 - Cumberland Infirmary & West Cumberland Hospital
 - Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals
 - Glan Clwyd Hospital
 - Wrexham Maelor Hospital
 - Ysbyty Gwynedd
 - Chesterfield Royal Hospital
 - Doncaster Royal infirmary, Bassetlaw Hospital
 - Amersham Hospital
 - Yeovil
 - Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals

Telephone Drop In Conferences

Starting next month, we will be holding bi-monthly drop in telephone conferences, these are aimed at giving you a place where you can network and share good practice and experiences. They are not mandatory and will be an open forum for any topic.

The are scheduled for the 2nd Monday and last Friday of every month. Here are the dates for the next 4 months.

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