

# What's on the HORIZON?

## Site Update Day 2017



We'd like to thank everyone who was able to attend our second **Site Update Day** in May. We hope you enjoyed the day and we were thrilled with the positive feedback received from attendees.

Team members from 25 sites across the UK joined us for collaborative discussions on the study, eligibility and how HORIZONS could be integrated into the patient pathway. We were delighted to be joined by PPI research partners who attended last November's Site Update Day.

Susan, one of our PPI partners, shared her thought-provoking experiences of taking part in one of our studies, CREW (our colorectal cancer study).

We also hosted a quiz on patient eligibility which our sites found helpful and engaging, causing much discussion.

Very well organised & informative day. Really good to be able to attend face-to-face & to meet the team. Thank you.

Lovely day, relaxed atmosphere and engaging slides / discussions



Well done to **Tracey Dobson** from **Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust**, who won our Site Update Day HORIZONS Quiz!

## Study Progress & Recruitment News

To date we have 31 sites open to recruitment and we are very pleased at our recruitment progress. We'd like to thank all our sites for their hard work! It is truly fantastic to see a continually high proportion of eligible patients are being approached (the average across all cohorts is 87%). Please keep it up!

Breast cancer	85% approached	Gynaecological cancers	91% approached	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	81% approached
	139 consented		172 consented		94 consented

### Recruitment milestones!

We are very pleased to announce some very recent major recruitment milestones:

**Congratulations to James Paget University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust** who recruited our **200<sup>th</sup> participant!**

**Congratulations to Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust** who recruited our **300<sup>th</sup> participant!**

**Congratulations to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (Ysbyty Gwynedd, Bangor)** who recruited our **400<sup>th</sup> participant!**

### New Sites for HORIZONS

As part of our aim to reach participants across the UK, we warmly welcome to HORIZONS our first 3 London sites:

**The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust  
St George's NHS Foundation Trust  
Barts Health NHS Trust**

We are looking forward to working with you in the next few months!

## Forthcoming protocol amendment

We have recently submitted Substantial Amendment 5 to REC/HRA which will include a number of protocol changes:

1. We will be **removing the Reduced Consent option** and, in turn, we plan to withdraw participants who were recruited to this consent option. We will be in touch with sites about the process of withdrawing participants once the amendment has been approved.
2. We will be removing **the Demographics for Decliners form** and replacing it with a **Decliners Log**. The Decliners Log will collect, as a tally, 3-4 demographic details of those who have declined to participate: Gender (for the NHL cohort), Age (in years), cancer number/FIGO stage and ECOG performance status.
3. We recognise that some sites will be sending documents to patients in advance of their appointment and so **the Site Invitation Letter will be changing** to indicate that research teams may contact eligible patients over the telephone.
4. We have **changed the questionnaire time points**: Participants will now complete questionnaires at Baseline (pre-treatment), 3 months, 12 months, 18 months, 24 months and then annually after.

This amendment will also include the **12 month follow-up questionnaire**, which will be sent to participants via the HORIZONS Co-ordinating Centre.

You will have the opportunity to review this amendment after HRA categorisation but please do get in touch if you have any questions about any of these forthcoming changes.

## Questionnaire return rates

HORIZONS is very pleased to report a continued high rate of baseline questionnaire completion and return (the average across all cohorts is **82%**). It is encouraging to see that our participants are highly engaged! Below is a breakdown across the cohorts:

Breast cancer	Gynaecological cancers	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma
85% returned	79% returned	83% returned

## How we support your teams

Please remember, that along with your Site Initiation Visit (SIVs), we can provide regular support to your team in various ways:

### Monthly cohort-specific teleconferences

We offer monthly cohort TC's which are open to all recruiting site teams to ring in to. These are an opportunity to discuss recruitment at site, look at recruitment trends, discuss any issues or successes with other teams, review eligibility queries and provide news on the study (e.g. upcoming amendments). Please email us if you would like more information.

### The HORIZONS Hub

Our website ([www.HORIZONS-hub.org.uk](http://www.HORIZONS-hub.org.uk)) includes resources which we hope you will find useful including our list of FAQs, a guide to completing our screening logs, and our pre-recorded SIV which we recommend for new staff members or as a refresher.

### We're always on hand!

Any member of your team is welcome to email or ring us at any stage with any queries and a member of the team will be happy to help. Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm, and we will inform you when the office is open during holiday periods.

## New team members

We are very pleased to introduce to you four new team members who have recently joined the Macmillan Survivorship Research Group (MSRG)!



**Helen Clegg**

MSRG  
Administrator

**Fabia Le Moignan**

Trial Co-ordinator,  
Movember Global  
Outcomes Study

**Nicole Tipler**

Trial Administrator,  
HORIZONS  
Programme

**Flavia Trigo**

Data Entry  
Administrator

## We need volunteers!



We are hoping to offer the option of **direct entry of CRF data using our secure online platform** via the HORIZONS hub website and **we need some willing volunteers to help test it!**

Please contact us if you would like to help test the **Online CRF system** or would like some more information.



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