



Save the Date!

COMET Dinner Meeting for Clinical Research Coordinators and Site Administrators. Tentative date set for mid May! Stay tuned for more details!

Have a question, comment or concern?

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Welcome to the CCTC Monthly Newsletter!

- The COMET Clinical Trials Consortium (CCTC) is a website dedicated to improving recruitment in oncology clinical trials in the Greater Toronto Area and surrounding regions
- In our newsletter, you shall find updates about membership, featured clinical trials and news about upcoming COMET events!

Key Features of the CCTC

- Free patient referral website for medical oncologists and other cancer care specialists
- Database of actively recruiting oncology clinical trials
- Discussion Forum for best practices in cancer care
- LinkingHealthProfessionals email provided to all members to stay in touch with the COMET community
- GPS system that matches patients with the closest clinical trial site to their home address

Membership Update

The COMET Clinical Trials Consortium currently has 114 members at 17 Oncology sites. There are currently 60 active trials on the website. Please view the chart below for a detailed breakdown of members and trials per site as of April 1, 2012:

Institution	Number of Members	Number of Active Clinical Trials
Credit Valley Hospital	12	6
Grand River Hospital	14	6
Humber River Regional Hospital	1	0
Lakeridge Health Oshawa	10	2
Markham Stouffville Hospital	1	0
North York General Hospital	7	2
Princess Margaret Hospital	14	22
Royal Victoria Hospital	7	9
Southlake Regional Health Centre	6	1
St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton	2	0
St. Joseph's Health Center	3	2
St. Michael's Hospital	9	5
Sunnybrook/Odette Cancer Center	12	15
Toronto East General Hospital	6	2
Trillium Health Centre	5	4
Windsor Regional Hospital	2	0
York Central Hospital	3	0
Total	114	76

Please help the CCTC increase patient referrals by accessing CCTC to connect with Principal Investigators and Clinical Research Coordinators!

Trial of the Month

Name: A randomized Phase II, double blind, trial of standard chemotherapy with metformin (vs placebo) in women with metastatic breast cancer receiving first or second line chemotherapy with anthracycline, taxane, platinum or capecitabine based regimens

Acronym: OZM-027

Primary Outcome: Progression free survival. [Time Frame: From date of randomization to first documented progression or death, whichever occurs first, assessed up to 3 years.]

Treatment Arms:

Arms	Assigned Interventions
<p>Active Comparator: Metformin</p> <p>Metformin plus standard chemotherapy (containing anthracyclines, platinum, taxanes or capecitabine; first or second line).</p>	<p>Drug: Metformin</p> <p>Metformin 850 mg bid in addition to standard chemotherapy (containing anthracyclines, platinum, taxanes or capecitabine; first or second line).</p> <p>Number of cycles: Until progression or unacceptable toxicity develops.</p>
<p>Placebo Comparator: Placebo</p> <p>Placebo and standard chemotherapy (containing anthracyclines, platinum, taxanes or capecitabine; first or second line).</p>	<p>Drug: Placebo</p> <p>Placebo bid in addition to standard chemotherapy (containing anthracyclines, platinum, taxanes or capecitabine; first or second line).</p> <p>Number of cycles: until progression or unacceptable toxicity develops.</p>

Study Location(s) in the Greater Toronto Area and Surrounding Regions:

Hospital	Principal Investigator	Clinical Research Coordinator
St. Michael's Hospital	Dr. Christine Simmons	Ms. Susan Sullivan