



## November 2017 Newsletter

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### A Letter from the Founder, Dr. Christine Brezden- Masley

Dear CCTC Members,

Since the launch of the CCTC in 2011, the consortium has remarkably expanded to over 260 members across 31 institutions, including 12 of the major cancer centres in Ontario.

We greatly value any input, feedback, and suggestions in order to make your experience with the site as user-friendly as possible. E-mail us at [cometrials@smh.ca](mailto:cometrials@smh.ca) and we will be more than happy to assist.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christine Brezden-Masley  
Founder, CCTC

### A Letter from the Project Manager, Nicole Veloce

Hello CCTC Members,

Thank you to all our members for your continued support.

Please feel free share CCTC with your oncology colleagues. We are always happy to have new members join the CCTC network! CCTC is continuing to grow with 270 members and 31 institutions.

If you have an accruing trial you would like to highlight, please email [cometrials@smh.ca](mailto:cometrials@smh.ca) to nominate it to be one of our next *Trials of the Month*.

As always, please contact me at [cometrials@smh.ca](mailto:cometrials@smh.ca) any time with questions, comments or concerns.

Kind Regards,

Nicole Veloce  
Project Manager, CCTC

## ARTICLE RECOMMENDATION

### What advanced cancer patients with limited treatment options know about clinical research: a qualitative study.

Garrett SB, Koeng CJ, Trupin L, Hlubocky FJ, Daugherty CK, Reinert A, Munster P, Dohan D  
Supportive Care in Cancer, 25:10.  
DOI: 10.1007/s00520-017-3734-4 , Published May 2017

**Purpose:** Discussions between oncologists and advanced cancer patients (ACPs) may touch on the complex issue of clinical trial participation. Numerous initiatives have sought to improve the quality of these potentially difficult conversations. However, we have limited data about what ACPs know about clinical research as they enter such discussions as, to date, such research has focused on the period following informed consent. This study examines ACPs' understanding of clinical research in the treatment period before consent..

**Methods:** We conducted in-depth interviews with adult ACPs with limited treatment options at four clinics in an academic medical center. So as not to influence patients' perspectives, interviewers probed patients' knowledge of clinical research only if the patient first brought up the topic. Interviews (40-60 min) were audio-recorded, transcribed, and analyzed thematically and via quantitative content analysis by an interdisciplinary team.

**Results:** Of 78 patients recruited, 56 (72%) spontaneously brought up the topic of clinical research during interview and are included in this analysis. Qualitative thematic analysis and quantitative content analysis revealed that patients' knowledge varied in terms of (1) accuracy and (2) specificity (level of detail). ACPs who spoke with high specificity were not always accurate, and ACPs with accurate knowledge included both high- and low-specificity speakers.

**Conclusions:** ACPs' knowledge of clinical research is variable. Patients who can discuss the technical details of their care may or may not understand the broader purpose and procedures of clinical trials. Understanding this variability is important for improving patient-provider communication about clinical research and supporting efforts to provide individualized care for ACPs.

## TRIALS SNAPSHOT

Trial Type	Any Malignancy	Breast	CNS	GI	GU	GYN	Head & Neck	Heme	Lung	Mel	Skin	Total
Imaging Study	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Observational	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	6
Prevention	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Radiation	-	3	-	3	5	-	1	-	6	-	-	18
Supportive Care	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Surgical Therapy	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Systemic Therapy	1	8	1	12	17	6	2	9	10	7	1	74
Therapeutic	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	3	-	-	-	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>120</b>



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### TRIALS OF THE MONTH

Type	Acronym	Study Title	Description	Site(s)
Breast	<a href="#"><u>OPAR</u></a>	A Phase II Randomized Trial of Radiation Fractionation Schedules for Once-a-Day Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjuvant</li> <li>• Radiation Therapy</li> </ul>	London Health Sciences Centre Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre
GU	<a href="#"><u>OZM-053</u></a>	A Phase II, Multi-Centre Study, of Stereotactic Radiotherapy for Oligo-Progression in Renal Cell Cancer Patients Receiving 1ST Line Sunitinib Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renal Cancer</li> <li>• Advanced</li> <li>• Radiation Therapy</li> </ul>	London Health Sciences Centre Odette Cancer Centre
Heme	<a href="#"><u>ACE LYM 308</u></a>	A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Multicenter Study of Bendamustine and Rituximab (BR) alone Versus in Combination with Acalabrutinib (ACP-196) in Subjects with Previously Untreated Mantle Cell Lymphoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-Hodgkin's lymphomas</li> <li>• Untreated</li> <li>• Systemic Therapy</li> </ul>	Odette Cancer Centre
GYN	<a href="#"><u>ORZORA</u></a>	An Open Label, Single Arm, Multicentre Study to Assess the Clinical Effectiveness and Safety of Lynparza (Olaparib) Capsules Maintenance Monotherapy in Platinum Sensitive Relapsed Somatic or Germline BRCA Mutated Ovarian Cancer Patients Who Are in Complete or Partial Response Following Platinum Based Chemotherapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ovarian Cancer</li> <li>• Adjuvant</li> <li>• Systemic Therapy</li> </ul>	London Health Sciences Centre
Lung	<a href="#"><u>MEDI4736</u></a>	A Randomized Trial of Durvalumab and Tremelimumab ± Platinum-Based Chemotherapy in Patients With High-Risk Metastatic (Stage IV) Squamous or Non-Squamous Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-Small Cell</li> <li>• Metastatic</li> <li>• Systemic Therapy</li> </ul>	Kingston General Hospital Humber River Regional Hospital
Mel	<a href="#"><u>Masterkey.265/KEYNOTE-034</u></a>	A Phase 1b/3, Multicenter, Trial of Talimogene Laherparepvec in Combination With Pembrolizumab (MK-3475) for Treatment of Unresectable Stage IIIB to IVM1c Melanoma (MASTERKEY-265/KEYNOTE-034)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melanoma</li> <li>• Stage III/IV</li> <li>• Systemic Therapy</li> </ul>	Kingston General Hospital London Health Sciences Centre
GI	<a href="#"><u>EPOCH</u></a>	A Phase III Clinical Trial Evaluating TheraSphere® in Patients With Metastatic Colorectal Carcinoma of the Liver Who Have Failed First Line Chemotherapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colorectal Carcinoma of the liver</li> <li>• Metastatic</li> <li>• Systemic Therapy</li> </ul>	London Health Sciences Centre



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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

**270 members**  
**31 institutions**  
**120 accruing trials**



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## INSTITUTIONS

Institution	Location	Members	Trials
Cambridge Memorial Hospital	Cambridge	3	4
Grand River Hospital	Waterloo	9	1
Humber River Regional Hospital	Toronto	5	5
Kingston General Hospital	Kingston	4	25
Juravinski Cancer Centre	Hamilton	7	-
Lakeridge Health Corporation	Oshawa	21	-
London Health Sciences Centre	London	9	63
Mackenzie Health Hospital	Richmond Hill	6	-
Markham Stouffville Hospital	Markham	4	1
Mount Sinai Hospital	Toronto	2	5
North York General Hospital	Toronto	13	5
Odette Cancer Centre/Sunnybrook	Toronto	53	38
Ontario Institute for Cancer Research	Toronto	4	-
Ottawa Hospital	Ottawa	2	-
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre	Toronto	23	1
Quinte Health Care	Belleville	1	-
Rouge Valley Health System	Ajax	3	-
Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre	Barrie	23	16
Scarborough General Hospital	Toronto	2	-
Southlake Regional Health Centre	Newmarket	19	11
St. Joseph's Health Centre	Toronto	4	-
St. Joseph's Healthcare	Hamilton	4	-
St. Michael's Hospital	Toronto	14	4
Sudbury Regional Hospital	Sudbury	1	-
Thunder Bay Regional	Thunder Bay	2	-
Toronto General Hospital	Toronto	3	1
Toronto East General Hospital	Toronto	6	-
Trillium Health Partners	Mississauga	17	-
William Osler Health Systems	Brampton	4	-
Windsor Regional Hospital	Windsor	1	-
Wingham and District Hospital	Wingham	1	-