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

Dear CCTC Members,

Thank you for your continued support of the website and use of the e-referral clinical trial portal.

We welcome and encourage suggestions so we can continue to improve the service of the CCTC. Simply please send us an email. Our goal is to showcase as many oncology clinical trials that are open in Ontario, providing ready access for your patients.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christine Brezden-Masley

A Letter from the Project Manager, Alexandra Moskalewicz

Hello everyone,

Please feel free to share this newsletter with any cancer care colleagues that may be interested, as we are always happy to have new members join our network!

Our 'Trials of the Month', featured on page 2 of this newsletter and on our website, is a great place to bring more emphasis to a trial that you or your institution would like to increase recruitment for. Please contact me any time at cometrials@smh.ca to nominate a trial!

Kind regards,

Alexandra Moskalewicz

ARTICLE RECOMMENDATION

Hope for a cure and altruism are the main motives behind participation in phase 3 clinical cancer trials

Godskesen, T., Hansson, M.G., Nygren, P., Nordin, K., Kihlbom, U.

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Abstract: It is necessary to carry out randomized clinical cancer trials (RCTs) in order to evaluate new, potentially useful treatments for future cancer patients. Participation in clinical trials plays an important role in determining whether a new treatment is the best therapy or not. Therefore, it is important to understand on what basis patients decide to participate in clinical trials and to investigate the implications of this understanding for optimizing the information process related to study participation.

The aims of this study were to (1) describe motives associated with participation in RCTs, (2) assess if patients comprehend the information related to trial enrolment, and (3) describe patient experiences of trial participation.

Questionnaires were sent to 96 cancer patients participating in one of nine ongoing clinical phase 3 trials at the Department of Oncology, Uppsala University Hospital in Sweden. Eighty-eight patients completed the questionnaire (response rate 92%); 95% of these were patients in adjuvant therapy and 5% participated in clinical trials on palliative care.

Two main reasons for participation were identified: personal hope for a cure and altruism. Patients show adequate understanding of the information provided to them in the consent process and participation entails high patient satisfaction.

TRIALS SNAPSHOT

Trial Type	Any Malignancy	Breast	CNS	GI	GU	GYN	Head & Neck	Heme	Lung	Mel	Skin	Total
Imaging Study		1			2			1				4
Observational	1	3				1		1				6
Prevention				1				1				2
Radiation	1	1		3	4		1		6			16
Supportive Care	1	5										6
Surgical Therapy		1	1		1	1	1					5
Systemic Therapy	2	8		16	21	6	2	10	9	4	3	81
Therapeutic		1			3	1		2				7
TOTAL	5	20	1	20	31	9	4	15	15	4	3	127



TRIALS OF THE MONTH

Type	Acronym	Study Title	Description	Site(s)
Breast	NOLA ADJ	A Study Looking the Incidence and Severity of Diarrhea in Patients With Early-Stage HER2+ Breast Cancer Treated With Neratinib and Loperamide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HER2+ breast cancer previously treated with Trastuzumab Systemic Therapy 	Odette Cancer Centre
GU	IND.232	A Phase II Study of Durvalumab (MEDI4736) With or Without Tremelimumab in Patients With Metastatic Castration Resistant Prostate Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metastatic Castration Resistant Prostate Cancer Systemic Therapy 	Odette Cancer Centre London Health Sciences Centre
Heme	SPiReL	Phase 2 Study of an Immunotherapeutic Vaccine, DPX-Survivac With Low Dose Cyclophosphamide Administered With Pembrolizumab in Patients With Persistent or Recurrent/Refractory Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recurrent/Refractory DLBCL Systemic Therapy 	Odette Cancer Centre
GYN	Empower	An Open-Label, Randomized, Phase 3 Clinical Trial of REGN2810 Versus Therapy of Investigator's Choice Chemotherapy in Recurrent or Metastatic Platinum-Refractory Cervical Carcinoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recurrent or Metastatic Cervical Cancer Systemic Therapy 	London Health Sciences Centre
Lung	LUSTRE	A Randomized Trial of Medically-Inoperable Stage 1 Non-small Cell Lung Cancer Patients Comparing Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy Versus Conventional Radiotherapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inoperable Stage 1 NSCLC Systemic Therapy 	Kingston General Hospital London Health Sciences Centre
Mel	Melanoma Neoadjuvant	Study of Neo-adjuvant Use of Vemurafenib Plus Cobi-metinib for BRAF Mutant Melanoma With Palpable Lymph Node Metastases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BRAF Mutant Melanoma Systemic Therapy 	Odette Cancer Centre
GI	PHOCUS	A Phase 3 Randomized, Open-Label Study Comparing Pexa Vec (Vaccinia GM CSF / Thymidine Kinase-Deactivated Virus) Followed by Sorafenib Versus Sorafenib in Patients With Advanced Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC) Without Prior Systemic Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced HCC Systemic Therapy 	Odette Cancer Centre





MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

284 members
31 institutions
127 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	3
Kingston General Hospital	Kingston	4	19
Juravinski Cancer Centre	Hamilton	7	-
Lakeridge Health Corporation	Oshawa	21	-
London Health Sciences Centre	London	9	64
Mackenzie Health Hospital	Richmond Hill	6	-
Markham Stouffville Hospital	Markham	4	1
Michael Garron Hospital	Toronto	7	-
Mount Sinai Hospital	Toronto	2	2
North York General Hospital	Toronto	14	7
Odette Cancer Centre/Sunnybrook	Toronto	60	53
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	3	-
Southlake Regional Health Centre	Newmarket	19	6
St. Joseph's Health Centre	Toronto	4	-
St. Joseph's Healthcare	Hamilton	4	-
St. Michael's Hospital	Toronto	18	4
Sudbury Regional Hospital	Sudbury	1	-
Thunder Bay Regional	Thunder Bay	2	-
Toronto General Hospital	Toronto	3	1
Trillium Health Partners	Mississauga	17	-
William Osler Health Systems	Brampton	4	-
Windsor Regional Hospital	Windsor	1	-
Wingham and District Hospital	Wingham	1	-