



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

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Once again, thank you for supporting the CCTC. We look forward to providing you up-to-date clinical trials information that is seamless and fast. By increasing our provincial clinical trials enrollment, this has the potential to benefit patients and allow for more clinical trials to be considered in Canada.

If you have any concerns or improvements of the website, please let us know. This is designed for you and your patients.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christine Brezden-Masley

**A Letter from the Project Manager,
Daniel Lindsay**

Hello everyone,

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

Be sure to follow our twitter page [@COMET_Trials](https://twitter.com/COMET_Trials) for the latest updates regarding open trials.

Kind Regards,

Daniel Lindsay

ARTICLE RECOMMENDATION

The Role of Clinical Trial Participation in Cancer Research: Barriers, Evidence and Strategies

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ABSTRACT:

Fewer than 1 in 20 adult cancer patients enroll in cancer clinical trials. But although barriers to trial participation have been the subject of frequent study, the rate of trial participation has not changed substantially over time. Barriers to trial participation are structural, clinical, and attitudinal, and differ according to demographic and socioeconomic factors. In this paper, we characterize the nature of cancer clinical trial barriers, and we consider global and local strategies for reducing barriers. We also consider the specific case of adolescents with cancer, and show that the low rate of trial enrollment in this age group strongly correlates with limited improvements in cancer population outcomes compared to other age groups. Our analysis suggests that a clinical trial system that enrolls patients at higher rates produces treatment advances at a faster rate and corresponding improvements in cancer population outcomes. Viewed in this light, the issue of clinical trial enrollment is foundational, lying at the heart of the cancer clinical trial endeavor. Fewer barriers to trial participation would allow trials to be completed more quickly and would improve the generalizability of trial results. Moreover, increased accrual to trials is important to patients, since trials provide patients the opportunity to receive the newest treatments. In an era of increasing emphasis on a treatment decision-making process that incorporates the patient perspective, the opportunity for patients to choose trial participation for their care is vital.

TRIALS SNAPSHOT

Trial Type	Any Malignancy	Breast	GI	GU	GYNE	Head & Neck	Heme	Lung	Mel	Skin	Total
Imaging Study		1		2			1				4
Observational	1	3	1	1			1				7
Prevention			1				1				2
Radiation	1	3	3	4		1		5			17
Supportive Care	1	5									6
Surgical Therapy		1		1	1	1					4
Systemic Therapy	3	9	17	14	7	3	14	8	3	1	79
Therapeutic				2			2				4
TOTAL	6	22	22	24	8	5	19	13	3	1	123



TRIALS OF THE MONTH

Type	Acronym	Study Title	Description	Site(s)
Breast	MonarchE	A Randomized, Open-Label, Phase 3 Study of Abemaciclib Combined With Standard Adjuvant Endocrine Therapy Versus Standard Adjuvant Endocrine Therapy Alone in Patients With High Risk, Node Positive, Early Stage, Hormone Receptor Positive, Human Epidermal Receptor 2 Negative, Breast Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HER2 Negative • Systemic Therapy 	North York General Hospital
GU	PCS IX	The Role of Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy in the Management of Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer With Oligometastases: An Adaptive Phase II/III Randomized Trial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metastatic Prostate Cancer • Radiation Therapy 	London Health Sciences Centre
Heme	LY.17	A Multi-Stage Randomized Phase II Study of Novel Combination Therapy in the Treatment of Relapsed and Refractory Aggressive B-Cell Lymphoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B-Cell Lymphoma • Systemic Therapy 	Kingston General Hospital
Mel	STOP-GAP	A Randomized Phase III Trial of the Duration of Anti-PD-1 Therapy in Metastatic Melanoma (ME13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage III/IV Melanoma • Systemic Therapy 	London Health Sciences Centre
Lung	CheckMate 907	An Open-label, Single-arm Phase II Safety Study of Nivolumab in Participants With Advanced or Metastatic Non-small Cell Lung Cancer Who Have Progressed During or After Receiving at Least One Prior Systemic Regimen (CheckMate 907: CHECKpoint Pathway and nivolumab Clinical Trial Evaluation 907)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-small Cell Lung Cancer • At least one ineffective anti-cancer therapy 	Kingston General Hospital
GYNE	CX.MET	The Potential for Metformin to Improve Tumor Oxygenation in Locally Advanced Cervix Cancer: A Phase II Randomized Trial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cervical Cancer • Standard chemoradiation therapy 	London Health Sciences Centre
GI	FRACTION-GC	A Phase 2, Fast Real-time Assessment of Combination Therapies in Immuno-ONcology Study in Participants With Advanced Gastric Cancer (FRACTION-Gastric Cancer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Gastric Cancer • Systemic Therapy 	Odette Cancer Centre



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29 institutions
123 accruing trials



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INSTITUTIONS

Institution	Location	Members	Trials
Cambridge Memorial Hospital	Cambridge	3	3
Grand River Hospital	Waterloo	7	1
Humber River Regional Hospital	Toronto	5	2
Kingston General Hospital	Kingston	4	37
Juravinski Cancer Centre	Hamilton	6	-
Lakeridge Health Corporation	Oshawa	20	-
London Health Sciences Centre	London	10	55
Mackenzie Health Hospital	Richmond Hill	6	-
Markham Stouffville Hospital	Markham	4	-
Mount Sinai Hospital	Toronto	2	1
North York General Hospital	Toronto	13	5
Odette Cancer Centre/Sunnybrook	Toronto	63	48
Ontario Institute for Cancer Research	Toronto	4	-
Ottawa Hospital	Ottawa	2	-
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre	Toronto	24	1
Quinte Health Care	Belleville	1	-
Rouge Valley Health System	Ajax	3	-
Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre	Barrie	23	14
Scarborough General Hospital	Toronto	3	-
Southlake Regional Health Centre	Newmarket	20	6
St. Joseph's Health Centre	Toronto	3	-
St. Joseph's Healthcare	Hamilton	4	-
St. Michael's Hospital	Toronto	10	4
Sudbury Regional Hospital	Sudbury	1	-
Thunder Bay Regional	Thunder Bay	2	-
Toronto General Hospital	Toronto	3	1
Trillium Health Partners	Mississauga	18	2
William Osler Health Systems	Brampton	3	-
Windsor Regional Hospital	Windsor	2	-