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CANcer Diagnosis Decision rules

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As the Study Manager for CANDID I would like thank all of you for helping recruit to such a large multi-centre study. We will need all of you, and more, if we are going to stand any chance of reaching our recruitment target of 20,000 participants by the end of September 2015. We know we were delayed in starting and some practices have been slow to start recruiting, so please let the study team know if there is anything we can do to help you.

Through these newsletters we will keep you updated of any changes to the study and also let you know how recruitment is progressing. Future issues will include local updates, as well as whole study information.

Sue Broomfield

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We asked a recruiting GP to give their view of recruiting to the Study:

My practice was involved with CANDID with discussions around feasibility, particularly with regard to whether patients identified opportunistically could be reasonably expected to attend later in the day to see a nurse or GP who was conducting the research in the practice. We had concerns that the process of recruitment might be lengthy and interrupt a busy surgery and this would discourage GPs from recruiting. We were also concerned that actually broaching the subject of involvement in the research to patients might be too difficult given the sensitive nature of a potential diagnosis of cancer.

In fact our experience so far has been that patients are happy to be involved. I think the feeling that they are active participants is viewed positively. All our GPs are involved in recruiting patients, thus avoiding two consultations, and although these are early days there don't seem to be too many problems.

If I see a patient who is eligible for the research I invite them to consider the study, and if they are positive about this I then give them the patient information leaflet and ask them to read it in the waiting room, during which time I get on with my surgery for 10 minutes or so. I than call them back in and complete the consent process, CRF and take blood. This does take extra time – about 15 minutes - but the number of eligible patients so far has been low, and so the overall impact on work load is not great and can be accommodated without too much difficulty. The web based CRF with the facility to cut and paste clinical information can serve as a consultation note, rather than duplicating observations made before recruiting the patient into the study.

Dorset GP and PCRN Clinical Champion

We are keen to share experiences of the study, so if any of you would be happy to let us know how you have found it (good or bad), please contact me and we will try and use it in future newsletters.

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We will be changing one of the EDTA vacutainers in the sample collection pack from a 10ml to a 3ml tube. These will still fit in the SpeciSafe packaging.

We are introducing an additional sheet on the process for taking the blood samples as we are aware that we will have a large number of very busy people taking samples for the study.

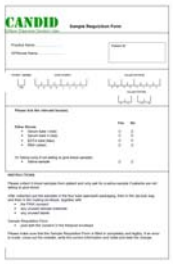
This will be placed in future sample packs and itemise

- what needs to be completed
- where each form needs to be sent.

Hopefully that will make it easier for everyone.

Changes to study materials

There will be some modifications to both the sample requisition form and the trial request form to rectify problems we have had with some of the early samples. These new forms will be used as soon as we have exhausted the current stock.



Known CRF website issues

NHS number entry—we have had problems with the validation for these since a software update. Apologies to anyone who had problems entering data because of this; it should now be fixed.

Failure to save—please ensure you resolve all error messages and click the submit button before closing the website or we lose all the data.

Recruitment Update: We have fully recruited 63 participants (baseline data and consent) since we started on 6th August. An additional 14 have agreed to take part but we have not had a consent form at the time of writing this. This is below target but hopefully this will improve as the other 5 academic centres start to recruit in the near future.

STOP PRESS: Lifestyle Questionnaire website should be available soon……..