



Could you help shape research into treatments for urinary tract and bladder cancer?

We're looking for a public contributor to join our research team on the AURORA clinical trial.

What are we doing?

Urinary tract squamous cell carcinoma (UTSCC) is a rare cancer of the urinary tract, including the bladder. At present there are no treatments that are proven to extend survival in this disease. The AURORA trial is testing whether an immunotherapy called atezolizumab can improve outcomes for patients.

How could you help?

We're looking for a public contributor with personal experience of UTSCC or bladder cancer, or a family member of someone with the disease, to join the Independent Data Monitoring Committee (IDMC).

The IDMC reviews patient data that is collected during a clinical trial. They look for any safety or quality of life concerns and have the power to suggest changes or even stop the trial if they think participants are at risk. They are independent of the main trial team.

This role will involve:

- Attending a short training programme to learn about the trial and the IDMC.
- Attending their first IDMC meeting in October 2023 and then meeting approximately every 6-12 months by video call, including a short call with the statistics team ahead of each meeting to review the IDMC report.
- Providing feedback on the process of being a public member on an IDMC.
- No statistical or data background is needed, but the role does involve looking at tables of data. You will be given training and support from our statistics team.

How will we support you?

You will be provided with an outline of the trial and invited to a series of short introductory meetings with the trial team to go through the process of the IDMC. The trial team, statistics team and Patient and Public Involvement Coordinator will support you throughout your role. You will be reimbursed for your time in line with NIHR guidelines and SCTU PPI Payment Policy.

If you are interested in this role or have any other questions, please email Robin Wickens, AURORA Trial Manager – aurora@soton.ac.uk