



NSCCG is a research study looking at the possible role of inherited factors increasing the risk of Colorectal Cancer. This study will aid our understanding of known genes that cause CRC and help in the identification of new ones.

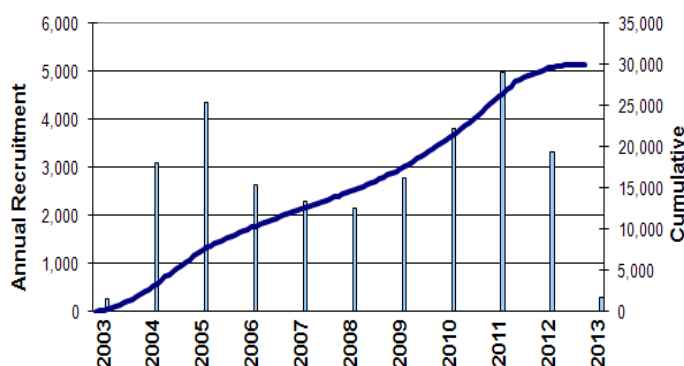
Recruitment totals to date

NSCCG has so far recruited 25,660 patients. Control recruitment has now closed at 4,314 controls.

The current study end date is September 2015.

Accrual Graph

NSCCG Total Accrual



Problems Recruiting?

The new requirements for registration are that a patient must have a “first degree” family history of colorectal cancer – i.e. Parents / siblings /child. This change clearly has an impact on the recruitment numbers at participating centres. Why is this the case?

Obviously tighter eligibility criteria will reduce the number of patients qualifying for the study. Often there are no patients and often patient notes do not mention family history. If there is no family history, has this status also been written down?

The key is to ascertain a patient’s family history status as early in the process as possible. Can this family history status be written down in a letter at presentation or your MDT meeting that states this clearly?

Some suggestions from one recruiting centre have been:

- ✓ Have you tried emailing all members of your team to remind them of eligibility and to document FH even if none?
- ✓ Ensure family history is written in the MDT proforma even when there is no FH. The MDT coordinator may be able to assist with this.
- ✓ Can the research nurse liaise with the CNS to ask patient about family history

Once a patient has been identified and has been consented, please do not let them slip through the net! A patient cannot be registered into the study without all Protocol required documents, and failure by the patient to return their questionnaire may prevent them joining the study.



A goodbye from Steve Penegar

While the NSCCG study continues and has a study end date of September 2015, I should mention that I will shortly be leaving the study at the end of October 2013. I have managed the NSCCG study for over 8 years and am extremely proud of what the study has become. The NSCCG study would be nothing without the support of all the recruiting centres, and I hope you will continue to recruit into NSCCG where possible.

I will be staying with the ICR and taking up the post of Clinical Trials Manager within the ICR-CTSU. I may well continue working with some of you on a future clinical trial, so I can only hope for similar success to that achieved by NSCCG.

A new coordinator will shortly be appointed and all correspondence for the NSCCG study **MUST ONLY** be sent to nsccg.study@icr.ac.uk , not my personal email account as I will be unable to help.

Study Documents (updated December 2012)

NSCCG Study Protocol	Version 10.0 November 2012
NSCCG Proband Consent Form	Version 3.0 November 2012
NSCCG Participant Information Sheet	Version 5.0 November 2012
NSCCG Proband Questionnaire	Version 6.0 November 2012
NSCCG Proband Registration Form	Version 3.0 November 2012
NSCCG Research Blood Form	Version 1.0 August 2003
NSCCG Proband Study Letter	Version 2.0 December 2010

2013 Eligibility Criteria Reminder

Patients:

- Patient has immediate family relative (parent, sibling, child) who has/had colorectal cancer
- Patient must be aged 59 or under at diagnosis
- Patient has been diagnosed with adenocarcinoma of the large colon (not Appendix or Anus) within the last 5 years

To register each patient we must have:

- 2 x 9ml EDTA blood sample
- A signed Proband consent form
- A completed registration form
- Completed Proband questionnaire
- Copy of histology report to confirm diagnosis



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