

# A pragmatic randomised controlled trial of the cost-effectiveness of palliative therapies for patients with oesophageal cancer

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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**EudraCT/CTIS number**

**IRAS number**

**ClinicalTrials.gov number**

**Secondary identifying numbers**

## Study information

### Scientific Title

A pragmatic randomised controlled trial of the cost-effectiveness of palliative therapies for patients with oesophageal cancer

### Study objectives

The aim of the study is to assist health purchasers in deciding between different palliative therapies for patients with oesophageal cancer. Two new types of oesophageal stent will be compared to other widely used methods of palliation: Insertion of rigid oesophageal endoprotheses and non-stenting endoscopic treatments. A multi-centred pragmatic prospective trial involving six centres and 240 patients is proposed to compare costs and benefits to patients of these therapies in terms of relief of symptoms, incidence of early and late complications and improvement in swallowing ability and quality of life. The study will estimate the total treatment costs to the NHS and demonstrate any differences in clinical effectiveness as well as the most cost-effective palliative therapy for malignant dysphagia when all complications and cost of subsequent additional treatments are taken into account.

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

The study was approved by the Multicentre Research and Ethics Committee (MREC) on 8 October 1998 (ref: MREC/98/3/51)

### Study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Study setting(s)

Hospital

### Study type(s)

Quality of life

### Participant information sheet

### Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Cancer (neoplasms): Oesophagus

### Interventions

Oesophageal cancer. Two new types of oesophageal stent will be compared to other widely used methods of palliation: Insertion of rigid oesophageal endoprotheses and non-stenting endoscopic treatments.

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Applicable

**Primary outcome measure**

Relief of symptoms, incidence of early and late complications and improvement in swallowing ability and quality of life. The study will also estimate the total treatment costs to the NHS and demonstrate any differences in clinical effectiveness as well as the most cost-effective palliative therapy for malignant dysphagia when all complications and cost of subsequent additional treatments are taken into account.

**Secondary outcome measures**

Not provided at time of registration.

**Overall study start date**

01/10/1998

**Completion date**

30/09/2001

**Eligibility****Key inclusion criteria**

Patients with oesophageal cancer

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Not Specified

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

217

**Key exclusion criteria**

Not provided at time of registration.

**Date of first enrolment**

01/10/1998

**Date of final enrolment**

30/09/2001

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

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## Funder(s)

**Funder type**

Government

**Funder Name**

NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme - HTA (UK)

## Results and Publications

**Publication and dissemination plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**Intention to publish date****Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**IPD sharing plan summary**

Not provided at time of registration

**Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	HTA monograph	01/02/2005		Yes	No