Investigating the protocols for radiotherapy to the breast: an evaluation of treatment morbidity, accuracy and efficiency

Submission date	Recruitment status	Prospectively registered
23/01/2004	No longer recruiting	Protocol
Registration date	Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan
23/01/2004	Completed	Results
Last Edited	Condition category	[] Individual participant data
19/02/2018	Cancer	[] Record updated in last year

Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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Type(s)

Scientific

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Protocol serial number N0461053544

Study information

Scientific Title

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Study objectives

The principal research questions:

- 1. Does a reduction in the central lung depth of a tangential breast field correspond to a clinically measurable difference in patient reported respiratory symptoms?
- 2. What are the treatment and patient related factors that influence patient reported respiratory symptoms?
- 3. Does the method of skin marking affect the accuracy and reproducibility of the radiotherapy treatment?
- 4. Does the method of skin marking affect patient reports of perceived body image.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Breast cancer

Interventions

Patients that consent to participate are randomised to one of two lung depth groups and one of two skin marking categories.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)

- 1. Quality of life, assessed using EORTC QLQ C- 30 pre treatment and ten week post treatment
- 2. Treatment accuracy assessed by measuring radiation field placement in relation to the patient's' anatomy on three portal images taken during the treatment course. Measurements are compared with dimensions calculated during the patient's' initial treatment planning session.

Key secondary outcome(s))

Not provided at time of registration

Completion date

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

All patients diagnosed with stage I and II breast cancer referred for adjuvant radiotherapy under three specialist breast oncologists (at Cookridge Hospital, Leeds)

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Sex

Female

Key exclusion criteria

Does not meet inclusion criteria

Date of first enrolment

10/01/1999

Date of final enrolment

12/01/2001

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre Cookridge Hospital

Leeds United Kingdom LS16 6QB

Sponsor information

Organisation

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

NHS Executive Northern and Yorkshire (UK) (ref: RRCC715F Probst)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type Details Date created Date added Peer reviewed? Patient-facing?

Participant information sheet Participant information sheet 11/11/2025 11/11/2025 No Yes