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A randomised study to evaluate the impact of malignant ascites on well-being and the role of breathing exercises in delaying the reaccumulation of recurrent ascites

Submission date
19/08/2002

Recruitment status
No longer recruiting

Registration date
19/08/2002

Overall study status
Completed

Last Edited
31/10/2019

Condition category
Cancer

[_] Prospectively registered
[_] Protocol
[_] Statistical analysis plan
[_] Results
[_] Individual participant data
[_] 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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Additional identifiers

Protocol serial number
OV4

Study information

Scientific Title

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Study objectives
Not provided at time of registration

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)
Not Specified

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Ovary cancer

Interventions
Following the first ascitic tap patients are randomised to either:
1. Group A: No initial intervention, on recurrence requiring a second ascitic tap patients are taught breathing exercises and required to wear a form of abdominal binder. Treatment to continue until reaccumulation of ascites.
2. Group B: Patients are taught breathing exercises and required to wear a form of abdominal binder. On recurrence requiring a second ascitic tap patients are given daily diuretic therapy with frusemide and spironolactone until reaccumulation of ascites.

Intervention Type
Other

Phase
Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)
Not provided at time of registration

Key secondary outcome(s))
Not provided at time of registration

Completion date
01/05/1997

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
1. Recurrent abdominal ascites that are a result of relapsed primary resistant cancer of the ovary
2. The ascites is asymptomatic and requires drainage
3. Patients must not be in sub-acute or complete bowel obstruction
4. Performance status <3
5. Life expectancy of at least 12 weeks
6. No longer receiving chemotherapy
7. Adequate haematological profile and biochemistry

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Not Specified

Sex
Female

Key exclusion criteria
Not provided at time of registration

Date of first enrolment
01/01/1992

Date of final enrolment
01/05/1997

Locations

Countries of recruitment
United Kingdom

England

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Sponsor information

Organisation
Smith and Nephew Foundation (UK)

ROR
https://ror.org/03agge938

Funder(s)

Funder type
Research organisation

Funder Name
North West Thames Research and Development (UK)

Funder Name
Smith and Nephew Foundation (UK)

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