

# A randomised controlled trial to assess the cost-effectiveness of intensive versus no scheduled follow-up in patients who have undergone resection for colorectal cancer with curative intent - pilot study

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## Plain English summary of protocol

<http://cancerhelp.cancerresearchuk.org/trials/a-trial-looking-at-followup-after-colorectal-surgery>

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## Additional identifiers

Protocol serial number

## Study information

### Scientific Title

### Acronym

FACS (Follow-up After Colorectal Surgery)

### Study objectives

**Aim:** To assess the cost-effectiveness of intensive versus no scheduled follow-up in patients who have undergone resection for colorectal cancer with curative intent.

**Objectives:**

1. To confirm the feasibility of recruiting 5000 participants from 20 centres to the trial in two years.
2. To assess the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of serial blood CEA measurement in detecting treatable recurrence and thereby improving 5 year survival.
3. To assess the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of hospital follow-up involving regular ultrasound and CT imaging compared with no imaging and follow-up in general practice in detecting treatable recurrence and thereby improving 5 year survival.

Details of this study can also be found at: <http://www.hta.ac.uk/1229>

The ISRCTN record of main FACS trial that followed this pilot study can be found at: <http://www.controlled-trials.com/ISRCTN41458548>.

### 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

Cancer (neoplasms): Rectum; Cancer (neoplasms): Colon

### Interventions

Monitoring of carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA) in primary care vs intensive imaging in hospital.  
Follow-up after 3 months.

See details of ISRCTN41458548: FACS main trial on <http://www.controlled-trials.com/isrctn/trial/ISRCTN41458548/0/41458548.html>

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Applicable

**Primary outcome(s)**

Not provided at time of registration.

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

Not provided at time of registration.

**Completion date**

29/02/2004

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

Patients who have undergone resection for colorectal cancer with curative intent.

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Not Specified

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

Not provided at time of registration.

**Date of first enrolment**

01/09/2002

**Date of final enrolment**

29/02/2004

**Locations****Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

England

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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**  
Department of Health (UK)

**ROR**  
<https://ror.org/03sbpja79>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**  
Government

**Funder Name**  
NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme - HTA (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?
<a href="#">Study website</a>	Study website	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes