

# A randomised study of timing of thoracic irradiation in small cell lung cancer

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
Not provided at time of registration

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## Additional identifiers

ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT)  
NCT00003364

**Protocol serial number**  
TR8SCLC

## Study information

**Scientific Title**  
A randomised study of timing of thoracic irradiation in small cell lung cancer

**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)**

Treatment

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

Lung (small cell) cancer

**Interventions**

All patients receive chemotherapy, CAV (cyclophosphamide, Adriamycin, vincristine) followed by EC (etoposide, cisplatin). This sequence is repeated three times. Each course is given at 3 week intervals.

Patients are randomised to receive loco-regional irradiation as follows:

1. Early Radiotherapy Group: Loco-regional radiotherapy, 40 Gy given in fifteen fractions over 3 weeks with septrin prophylaxis. Radiotherapy to be given simultaneously with the first course of EC chemotherapy.
2. Late Radiotherapy Group: Loco-regional radiotherapy, 40 Gy given in fifteen fractions over 3 weeks with septrin prophylaxis. Radiotherapy to be given simultaneously with the third course of EC chemotherapy. If there is no evidence of progression following chemotherapy patients receive prophylactic brain irradiation (PCI), 25 Gy in ten fraction over 2 weeks.

**Intervention Type**

Drug

**Phase**

Not Applicable

**Primary outcome(s)**

Not provided at time of registration

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

Not provided at time of registration

**Completion date**

31/01/2002

# Eligibility

## Key inclusion criteria

1. Histological or cytological proven small cell anaplastic carcinoma of the lung
2. Limited disease, that is, disease within the hemithorax, mediastinum or ipsilateral supraclavicular nodes
3. Measurable or evaluable disease
4. Fit to receive treatment
5. Aged <75 years
6. Life expectancy of more than 8 weeks
7. Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status 0-3
8. No prior treatment with radiotherapy or chemotherapy
9. No history of prior malignancy, unless the patient has been without evidence of disease for at least 3 years or the tumour was a non melanoma skin tumour

## Participant type(s)

Patient

## Healthy volunteers allowed

No

## Age group

Adult

## Sex

All

## Key exclusion criteria

1. Patients with pleural effusions are not eligible
2. Patients with evidence of extensive disease are not eligible

## Date of first enrolment

01/01/1989

## Date of final enrolment

31/01/2002

# Locations

## Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

## Study participating centre

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## Sponsor information

### Organisation

Cancer Research UK (CRUK) (UK)

### ROR

<https://ror.org/054225q67>

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Charity

### Funder Name

Cancer Research UK

### Alternative Name(s)

CR\_UK, Cancer Research UK - London, Cancer Research UK (CRUK), CRUK

### Funding Body Type

Private sector organisation

### Funding Body Subtype

Other non-profit organizations

### Location

United Kingdom

## Results and Publications

### Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

Not provided at time of registration

### IPD sharing plan summary

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
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<a href="#">Results article</a>	6 results	20/08/2006	25/01/2019	Yes	No
<a href="#">Participant information sheet</a>	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes
<a href="#">Plain English results</a>			28/10/2021	No	Yes