

# A trial looking at Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO) Treatment for people who have long-term side effects following radiotherapy for pelvic cancer

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## Plain English summary of protocol

<https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/find-a-clinical-trial/a-trial-looking-at-high-pressure-oxygen-for-radiotherapy-side-effects>

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ClinicalTrials.gov number

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## Secondary identifying numbers

N/A

# Study information

## Scientific Title

Randomised double-blind phase III trial of hyperbaric oxygen therapy in patients suffering long-term adverse effects of radiotherapy for pelvic cancer

## Acronym

HOT II

## Study objectives

Curative radiotherapy is prescribed to an increasing number (12,000 per year) of UK patients with pelvic malignancies, and more individuals are living with a significant legacy of treatment related morbidity. The UK prevalence of radiation-induced bowel morbidity causing significant impairment of physical functioning is unknown, but the US estimate is one million individuals.

The primary goal of this trial is to test the clinical benefits of high pressure oxygen therapy in restoring normal bowel function to patients suffering chronic radiation-induced gastrointestinal complications following curative radiotherapy for pelvic cancers.

On 09/10/2008 the overall trial start date was changed from 01/08/2008 to 01/11/2008.

On 21/04/2015 the overall trial end date was changed from 01/08/2011 to 01/12/2013.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Central Office for Research Ethics Committees (COREC), 23/09/2008

## Study design

Multicentre double-blind randomised controlled phase III trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Hospital

## Study type(s)

Treatment

## Participant information sheet

<http://www.royalmarsden.nhs.uk/research/clinical-trials/Documents/hot-ii-patient-information-sheet.pdf>

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

Pelvic cancer

## **Interventions**

Treatment group:

Patients are compressed to 2.4 atmospheres (ATA) in a hyperbaric chamber and breathe 100% oxygen at pressure following a RN66 (Royal Navy) protocol. The total time at 2.4 ATA is 90 minutes. Each participant receives 40 pressure exposures (five days per week for eight weeks).

Control group:

Patients are compressed to 1.3 ATA in a hyperbaric chamber and breathe 21% oxygen (air). The total time at 1.3 ATA is 90 minutes. Each participant receives 40 pressure exposures (five days per week for eight weeks).

Total follow up for both treatment arms is 12 months.

## **Intervention Type**

Other

## **Phase**

Phase III

## **Primary outcome measure**

Patient self assessment using the modified inflammatory bowel disease questionnaire (IBDQ), completed by the patient before treatment, 3, 6, 9 and 12 months post-treatment.

## **Secondary outcome measures**

1. Physician assessment of bowel dysfunction using LENT SOMA scales of radiation injury, carried out before treatment, within two weeks of treatment finishing and at 12 months post-treatment
2. Patient self-assessments using European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer Quality of Life Questionnaire for Cancer patients (EORTC QLQ-C30) and defaecation problem subscale of the colorectal cancer-specific quality of life questionnaire module (QLQ-CR38), carried out before treatment, 3, 6, 9 and 12 months post-treatment
3. Photographic images of rectal mucosa taken via flexible sigmoidoscopy, taken before treatment, within 2 weeks of treatment finishing and at 12 months post-treatment

## **Overall study start date**

01/11/2008

## **Completion date**

01/12/2013

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

As of 09/10/2008, point five of the below inclusion criteria has been amended to:

5. Gastrointestinal symptoms attributable to prior radiotherapy (late effects in normal tissues subjective, objective, management and analytic scales [LENT SOMA] grade 1 with difficult intermittent symptoms, grades 2 - 3, plus patients with grade 4 rectal bleeding

At this time, the following criteria was also added:

8. Symptoms are not relieved by appropriate life-style advice and medication over a 3-month period

Initial information at time of registration:

1. Age over 18 years, either sex
2. Past history of a malignant pelvic neoplasm (T1-3 N0-1 M0)
3. Minimum 12 months follow-up post-radiotherapy
4. No evidence of cancer recurrence
5. Grade 1 - 3 gastrointestinal morbidity (late effects in normal tissues subjective, objective, management and analytic scales [LENT SOMA]) not present before radiotherapy
6. Physical and psychological fitness for hyperbaric therapy
7. Written informed consent and available for follow-up

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 Years

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

75

**Total final enrolment**

84

**Key exclusion criteria**

As of 09/10/2008, the following points were added to the exclusion criteria:

11. Surgery for rectal cancer
12. Prior treatment with even a single dose of bleomycin

Initial information at time of registration:

1. Prior hyperbaric oxygen therapy
2. Claustrophobia
3. Epilepsy
4. Chronic obstructive airways disease
5. Bullous lung disease
6. Acute or chronic pulmonary infection
7. Uncontrolled asthma
8. Untreated pneumothorax
9. Previous middle/inner ear operations (except grommets and similar procedures) and/or irremediable inability to equalise middle ear pressure
10. Contra-indication or other inability to undergo magnetic resonance imaging, if required to rule out malignancy

**Date of first enrolment**

27/06/2011

**Date of final enrolment**

15/10/2012

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

England

United Kingdom

Wales

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# Funder(s)

## Funder type

Charity

## Funder Name

Cancer Research UK (CRUK) (UK) (ref: C181/A9694)

## Alternative Name(s)

CR\_UK, Cancer Research UK - London, CRUK

## Funding Body Type

Private sector organisation

## Funding Body Subtype

Other non-profit organizations

## Location

United Kingdom

# Results and Publications

## Publication and dissemination plan

To be confirmed at a later date

## 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>	results	01/02/2016		Yes	No
<a href="#">Plain English results</a>			26/10/2022	No	Yes