

# Prevention of lymphoedema after clearance by external compression

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## Plain English summary of protocol

<http://www.cancerhelp.org.uk/trials/a-trial-looking-at-preventing-lymphoedema-after-surgery-to-remove-lymph-nodes-under-arm-place>

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9074

# Study information

## Scientific Title

Prevention of lymphoedema after axillary clearance by early external compression: a multicentre randomised interventional treatment trial

## Acronym

PLACE

## Study objectives

The purpose of this multi-centre trial is to test the efficacy of external graduated compression garments in preventing the onset of lymphoedema 18 months after axillary node clearance for node positive breast cancer in women who develop an arm volume increase of 4-8.9% within the first six months post surgery.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

NW 8 Research Ethics Committee - Greater Manchester South on 21/05/2010, ref: 10/H1003/35

## Study design

Multicentre randomised interventional treatment trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Hospital

## Study type(s)

Prevention

## Participant information sheet

Not available in web format, please use the contact details to request a patient information sheet

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

Topic: National Cancer Research Network; Subtopic: Breast Cancer; Disease: Breast

## Interventions

Intervention:

Application of a graduated compression garment to the affected arm together with standard management for 12 months.

Control:

Standard management for arm swelling (written advice, arm elevation, and massage).

Total duration of trial: 12 months  
Follow up length: 12 months  
Study Entry: single randomisation only

### **Intervention Type**

Other

### **Phase**

Not Applicable

### **Primary outcome measure**

Incidence of lymphoedema (greater than 10% arm volume increase compared to contralateral arm) at 2 and 5 years after axillary node clearance (assessed by perometer scanning).

### **Secondary outcome measures**

1. Quality of life (TOI and FACT B+4)
2. Costs of individual strategies (EQ5D utility measures)
3. Incidence of infection/lymphangitis at 2 years after surgery
4. Arm movement

### **Overall study start date**

01/10/2010

### **Completion date**

01/04/2015

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

1. Women aged 18 - 90 years
2. Early breast cancer (no evidence of metastatic disease by local screening procedures), scheduled to undergo axillary node clearance
3. Consented to pre-surgical arm measurements by perometer and develop arm volume increases of 4 - 8.9% within 6 months after surgery
4. Willing to attend for follow-up visits per the trial schedule
5. Written informed consent to enter the PLACE trial

### **Participant type(s)**

Patient

### **Age group**

Adult

### **Lower age limit**

18 Years

### **Sex**

Female

## **Target number of participants**

Planned sample size: 270

## **Key exclusion criteria**

1. Any patients with no pre-surgical baseline measurements
2. Known distant metastasis
3. Inoperable breast cancer (T4 category or distant metastasis)
4. Node negative not undergoing axillary clearance
5. Previous axillary radiotherapy
6. Past history of breast/chest wall radiotherapy
7. Previous axillary clearance, either unilateral or bilateral
8. Participation in another clinical trial of local therapy that may affect the results obtained in this study
9. Pregnancy

## **Date of first enrolment**

01/10/2010

## **Date of final enrolment**

01/04/2015

## **Locations**

### **Countries of recruitment**

England

United Kingdom

### **Study participating centre**

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## **Sponsor information**

### **Organisation**

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Hospital/treatment centre

**Website**

<http://www.uhsm.nhs.uk/Pages/default.aspx>

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/00he80998>

## **Funder(s)**

**Funder type**

Government

**Funder Name**

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) (UK) - Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) Programme

**Alternative Name(s)**

National Institute for Health Research, NIHR Research, NIHRresearch, NIHR - National Institute for Health Research, NIHR (The National Institute for Health and Care Research), NIHR

**Funding Body Type**

Government organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

National government

**Location**

United Kingdom

## **Results and Publications**

**Publication and dissemination plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**Intention to publish date**

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

**IPD sharing plan summary**  
Not provided at time of registration