

Development and pilot testing of the Question Prompt List (QPL) intervention to meet information needs of advanced cancer patients

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Plain English summary of protocol

<http://cancerhelp.cancerresearchuk.org/trials/a-study-looking-new-way-helping-people-advanced-cancer-get-the-information-they-need-qpl-pilot-study>

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Study information

Scientific Title

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Acronym

Question Prompt List

Study objectives

Information provision persists as a primary unmet need in advanced cancer. Some interventions can be costly (e.g. group intervention or personalised, tailored interventions). This intervention has been demonstrated, in its original Australian format, to improve the number of questions asked and to reduce unmet information needs. We intend that a cheap, feasible, acceptable and potentially efficacious intervention (based on the Australian intervention) modeled to the UK setting from the Australian example will be designed, and a full randomised controlled trial (RCT) protocol will be generated that can provide patient and carer based outcomes to assess efficacy. Further, having piloted the intervention, a learning effect among clinicians in a subsequent full trial may be minimised. The patient-centred, low-cost, easily produced and disseminated intervention could be easily incorporated into advanced cancer care services.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

MREC approved (ref: 09/H1102/21)

Primary study design

Observational

Study design

Multicentre observational process of care qualitative study

Study type(s)

Quality of life

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Topic: National Cancer Research Network; Subtopic: All Cancers/Misc Sites; Disease: All

Interventions

The Questionnaire Prompt List (QPL) is an innovative intervention designed to address these unmet needs among patients and carers. It is brief, patient/carers-centred and controlled by them, very low cost, and proven to be efficacious. It provides patients and carers with a list of topics and specific questions that they may wish to raise with their clinician should they wish, and offers both wording and topics to facilitate ability to pose questions of current or potential future concern.

Follow up length: 1 month

Study entry: registration only

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

30/04/2010

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Phase I:

1. 20 adult patients and 20 informal carers aged 18 years or older, either sex
2. A diagnosis of an advanced progressive malignancy
3. Under care of KCH acute inpatient palliative care/GSTT home palliative care
4. Sufficient spoken English to engage in a qualitative interview

Patient and carer dyads are not necessary.

Phase II:

1. 30 adult patients aged 18 years or older, either sex
2. A diagnosis of an advanced progressive malignancy
3. Sufficient ability to speak and read English to utilise the intervention and engage in research interviews

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 Years

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

1. Aged under 18 years
2. Insufficient Spoken/written English

Date of first enrolment

10/08/2009

Date of final enrolment

30/04/2010

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre

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Sponsor information

Organisation

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (UK)

ROR

<https://ror.org/01n0k5m85>

Funder(s)

Funder type

Charity

Funder Name

Dimbleby Cancer Care (UK)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration