

# Multifrequency bioimpedance in the early detection of lymphoedema

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## Plain English summary of protocol

<http://cancerhelp.cancerresearchuk.org/trials/a-study-looking-at-new-way-of-detecting-early-signs-of-lymphoedema-after-breast-cancer-surgery>

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Scientific

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## Additional identifiers

### Protocol serial number

8881

## Study information

### Scientific Title

Multifrequency bioimpedance in the early detection of lymphoedema after axillary surgery: an observational cohort study

## **Study objectives**

The purpose of this multicentre study is to test whether there is concordance between bioimpedance and perometer arm measurements and in particular, whether bioimpedance identifies patients who are developing lymphoedema at an earlier stage, before arm volume measurement by perometry shows significant increases in arm volume.

## **Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

## **Ethics approval(s)**

South Birmingham Research Ethics Committee, 19/03/2010, ref: 10/H1207/22

## **Study design**

Observational multicentre cohort study

## **Primary study design**

Observational

## **Study type(s)**

Screening

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

Lymphoedema in patients with breast cancer

## **Interventions**

Arm volume will be measured at baseline, 1, 3, and 6 monthly thereafter to 2 years, followed by annual measurements up to 5 years using perometer arm scanning and bioimpedance. Quality of Life questionnaires (FACT B+4 and EQ5D) and a lymphoedema questionnaire will be administered as baseline, 3, 6, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48 and 60 months.

Follow up length: 60 months

Study entry: registration only

## **Intervention Type**

Other

## **Phase**

Not Applicable

## **Primary outcome(s)**

Incidence of lymphoedema (greater than 10% arm volume increase compared to contralateral arm) at 2 and 5 years

## **Key secondary outcome(s)**

1. Comparison of multi-frequency bioimpedance with perometer measurement
2. Prediction of lymphoedema by multi-frequency bioimpedance at 24 months
3. Quality of life in each group
4. Multivariate model assessment of factors predicting lymphoedema at 24 months
5. Lymphoedema symptoms related to changes in arm volume and bioimpedance readings

**Completion date**

29/07/2015

## 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. Willing to consent to pre-surgical arm measurements by perometry and beaupericin (BEA)
4. Agreeable to follow-up for up to 5 years

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 years

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Any patients unwilling to consent to 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 or clearance
6. Past history of breast / chest wall radiotherapy
7. Previous axillary clearance; either uni- or bi-lateral
8. Pregnancy
9. External pacemaker / defibrillator

**Date of first enrolment**

29/07/2010

**Date of final enrolment**

29/07/2015

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

England

**Study participating centre**  
**South Manchester University Hospital**  
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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**  
University Hospital of South Manchester (UK)

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

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**  
Government

**Funder Name**  
National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) (UK) - Central Commissioning Facility (CCF)

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

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Government organisation

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National government

**Location**  
United Kingdom

## 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="#">Results article</a>	results	01/05/2015		Yes	No