



The National Brain Tumour (NBT) Study is a research study looking to establish a DNA resource from individuals with primary brain tumours. This study will aid our understanding of possible genes related to the disease and help in the identification of new ones. Furthermore the Glioma International Case Control (GICC) addition to the study will assist us in learning more about the genetic and environmental risk factors in glioma development. The information acquired from the study will hopefully lead to improved treatments and preventative strategies.

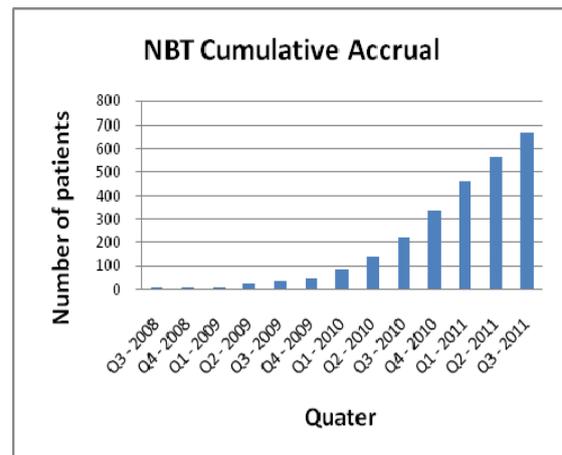
Important Christmas closure dates

The office will be closed over Christmas and New Year. In order to prevent blood samples being delayed or stuck in the post during this period we ask that **NO blood samples be sent to us after Friday 16th December 2011.**

The office reopens again on Tuesday 3rd January 2012 for business as usual.

Study News

2011 has seen the NBT Study reach approximately 750 recruited patients from the 35 participating sites across the United Kingdom.



2011 has been the strongest year so far for the NBT Study and we hope that recruitment figures continue to grow exponentially as there is still a long way to go until we reach our target of 5000 patients. The current study end date is 01 April 2015.

GICC

In 2011 the Glioma International Case Control study was introduced to the NBT Study as an amendment. This addition to the study is to aid

us in obtaining epidemiological information from glioma patients, and thus there is a replacement registration form and questionnaire. Thank you to the sites that have already agreed to participate in this part of the study. We would be extremely grateful if you could push this part of the study going forward as it is currently our main focus; and increasing our recruitment numbers with the additional epidemiological information is vital to our research. For the sites that still wish to participate in the GICC part of the study, please let us know as your support would be very much appreciated.

Outstanding paperwork

We currently have over 50 patients awaiting entry into the NBT Study due to outstanding paperwork. Unfortunately, these patients can only be registered into the study and put onto the UKCRN accrual once we receive all the correct documentation. So please try to include as many of the documents as possible when you return the blood samples to us in the FREEPOST self addressed padded envelope. Around 80% of the unregistered patients are due to missing Questionnaires. Please ask participants to ensure they return their questionnaires using our FREEPOST address so that we may complete their registration.



Supplies

When requesting supplies please be as specific as possible as to what you need. So if you don't need, for example, padded envelopes please do let us know and we can hold those back from the supply pack. Also, if you need Monovette blood tubes instead of Vacuette tubes, please say so.

Thank you!

Lastly, we would like to say a massive thank you to all of the participating study centres for their ongoing support and efficiency over the last year. This study would not be possible without your help and we are extremely grateful. We wish you all a wonderful and safe festive season and hope that 2012 is a successful year for the NBT Study.

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR
INVALUABLE HELP & WE WISH
YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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