

Could you help us develop research for testicular cancer?

No research experience needed



We would like to talk to people with experience of testicular cancer (seminoma) – either as a **patient, family/friend, or carer**. Your thoughts and opinions are invaluable and will help us develop a **testicular cancer research trial**.

No previous experience of clinical research or patient and public involvement in research is needed. We will provide background information and any other support you may need to be able to contribute.

Currently, there are a number of treatment options used for people affected by testicular cancer (seminoma) depending on the stage of the disease, the risk of it returning (relapsing) and whether and where in the body it has spread. This can be chemotherapy, radiotherapy or surgery. These treatments are usually very successful but can be intensive and might lead to side effects (in the short term) or have implications for future health. It may be possible to use different approaches to reduce these problems whilst still ensuring the cancer is treated successfully. This is called “de-escalating” treatment and might include giving a different drug or dose, or a more targeted radiotherapy, or offering surgery to more people (to avoid use of drugs or radiotherapy). We are looking to find approaches that reduce the use of more intensive treatment whilst still ensuring high cure rates, for people with seminoma cancer. The study we are looking to design is called a “platform” trial, which means it includes a number of studies for people with cancer at different stages; each study will answer a specific question.



We would like to know how you feel about the different treatment approaches and what matters most to people having treatment for seminoma cancer. This will help to ensure that the trial is planned to answer the most important questions for patients. We also want to make sure that we are communicating the research background, along with the possible risks and benefits, in a clear and understandable way, so that everyone has the opportunity to take part. This includes underserved groups. We would like your help, as someone with experience of testicular cancer (seminoma), to make this happen.

If you are willing to share your thoughts and views, we would like you to join us for an **online discussion** lasting up to **60 minutes**. Reimbursement for your time is available as a **one-off payment of £35**. The discussion group will involve up to 12 people and will be hosted by the trial team (photos on the next page). The group discussion will be recorded for note-taking purposes only and recordings will be deleted afterwards. You will not be identifiable from these notes and you may use a pseudonym if you prefer.



Planned discussion groups will be held on:



Thursday 2nd May 18:00 – 19:00

Wednesday 8th May 13:00 – 14:00

If you are interested, or would like some more information or an informal chat about this opportunity, please contact us by emailing OTIS-icrctsu@icr.ac.uk.

The trial is being developed by the Clinical Trials and Statistics Unit at The Institute of Cancer Research, a college of the University of London. The lead researchers are Professor Robert Huddart, Dr Alison Reid (Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust), and Dr Fay Cafferty (Institute of Cancer Research).

Meet the Trial Team



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Any contact details you provide will be stored securely according to the ICR's privacy policy (<https://www.icr.ac.uk/legal/privacy>). Details will be shared with researchers based at the Royal Marsden and ICR and will only be used to arrange discussion groups and provide updates on this project.