

“Radiation Therapy & Patient-Centered Outcomes among Lung Cancer Patients”

January 1, 2015 Newsletter



Happy New Year from Dr. Slatore, Dr. Thomas, and the research team!
We hope you had a wonderful holiday!



Here is a brief study update.

We are happy to announce that we have hired a new dedicated study coordinator. Julia Putman will begin on January 15th. Welcome Julia! Until then, please continue to direct all questions and potential participants to Sara Golden.

If you have any questions about this change, feel free to contact Christopher Slatore (christopher.slatore@va.gov) at 503-220-8262, ext. 52018 or Sara Golden (sara.golden1@va.gov) at 503-220-8262, ext. 54434.

Study Enrollment

Here are our current study stats (as of Friday January 1, 2015):

Site	IRB Status	Total # Consented	Total # Radiation	Total # Surgery
Portland VAMC	Approved	36	20	16
OHSU	Approved	20	1	19
Kaiser	Approved	1		1
Legacy	Approved	4	4	
PeaceHealth	Approved	4	1	3
Providence	Pending			
Tuality	Pending			
Total all Sites:		65	26	39

Keep up the good work everyone!

Systematic review

Matched-pair comparisons of stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT) versus surgery for the treatment of early stage non-small cell lung cancer: A systematic review and meta-analysis

Binglan Zhang, Fuping Zhu, Xuelei Maa, Ye Tian, Dan Cao, Songe Luo, Yu Xuan, Lei Liu, Yuquan Wei



Food for Thought

The authors of a systematic review published online in September, 2014 aimed to compare the efficacy of stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT) with surgery for early stage non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). Using six studies, the authors found that surgery was associated with better overall survival. The three year overall survival odds ratio for surgery was 1.82 [confidence interval 1.38, 2.40]. Local control, cancer-specific survival, disease-free survival, and distant control odds ratios were not significant. This review emphasizes the need for a randomized controlled trial for SBRT vs surgery in early stage NSCLC patients.

We would love to hear your opinions on this important topic. Please feel free to contact Christopher Slatore (christopher.slatore@va.gov) at 503-220-8262, ext. 52018 or Sara Golden (sara.golden1@va.gov) at 503-220-3490 with any feedback.

We look forward to continuing to work with all of you on this study. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to facilitate recruitment or ongoing study procedures.

Best Regards,

Dr. Slatore, Dr. Thomas, and Sara Golden