

MESOTHELIOMA UK

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Newsletter

Welcome to the second Mesothelioma UK newsletter of 2010.

You will recall we have altered the format of our newsletter and instead of producing separate ones for different target groups we are producing just one newsletter that will be circulated every two months to patients, healthcare professionals, charities and support groups alike. Please feel free to print copies off to distribute or put in outpatient waiting rooms etc.

Funding for Mesothelioma UK from Macmillan Cancer Support (MCS) has now come to an end. We would not exist if it wasn't for them and we are tremendously grateful. Jane Rudge, MCS Senior Development Manager, will remain on the Steering Committee and we shall continue to benefit from Macmillan's experience and support with the work that we do. With regard to finances we have sufficient to keep us 'afloat' until April 2011 and we are gaining momentum with our fundraising. The Mick Knighton Mesothelioma Research Fund has been very generous. They have really got us through this first year - thank you so much. We really do need fundraising support. For more details about this see the fundraising newsletter sent out with this one.

Following the Secretary of State's announcement in February the National Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases initiative is to receive £3 million pounds from the insurance industry. How this money is going to be used to a) establish a UK NCARD and b) develop research grants exclusively for asbestos related diseases, is going to be thrashed out over the next few months. The British Lung Foundation is hosting a meeting of

invited people on 21st May to kick start the process. Exciting Times!!!

The first Mesothelioma UK/Royal Marsden School of Nursing 'Mesothelioma Care In Practice' module commenced last week with a 'full house' of 18 students. This pure Mesothelioma module - the first of its kind anywhere in the world, is delivered as an e-learning package as a stand-alone course or as part of the BSc [Hons] in Cancer Practice or Post-Graduate Certificate in Cancer Practice. This first course has one Australian student proving accessibility from anywhere in the world is possible. We were overwhelmed with applications and have started a waiting list for the next course!

There has been increased media interest in Mesothelioma over the last month with the deaths of Malcolm McLaren and Sir Alastair Aird. McLaren, apparently when he was in his 20's, was exposed to asbestos when he smashed through the ceiling of the Sex boutique in the Kings Road he was setting up with Vivienne Westwood. Sir Alastair's death, whose wife coincidentally is David Cameron's godmother, may according to the press, result in the Queen facing a compensation claim. He worked for many years as a royal aide to the Queen Mother and was based in Clarence House which was known to contain asbestos.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/features/jeremy-laurance-the-tragic-timebomb-that-took-malcolm-mclarens-life-1955041.html>
<http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/171277/Royal-aide-s-death-due-to-asbestos-in-Clarence-House>

Also in the news has been the story

about an experimental vaccine that has shown early promise against mesothelioma. This resulted in numerous calls to the helpline. The experimental vaccine is an example of dendritic cell (DC)-based immunotherapy, in which the body's own immune system is harnessed to target and destroy cancer cells. It was a small scale early phase study that looks promising but it will be many years before it could be translated into a treatment option. For more information please refer to Cancer Research UK's website.

<http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/news/archive/cancernews/2010-03-05-Experimental-vaccine-shows-early-promise-against-mesothelioma>

In terms of forthcoming events. Mesothelioma Nurse Action Team members please do try to attend our next meeting on 27th May in Birmingham. The agenda has been circulated so if you missed out give us a call. Frances Mackay and the Kent team have their excellent 1 day conference for healthcare professionals on 8th June and for those wishing to venture further the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation are holding their annual symposium 10-12th June in Washington D.C. ! More information about both at the end of this newsletter.

I think that's enough from me; there has been so much happening I could rattle on and on!

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter and reach the widest UK Mesothelioma audience, possible please forward your work or ideas on to us. Or if there is a particular topic or issue you would like us to cover please let us know.

Liz Darlison - Nurse Consultant

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Hand Held Fans Supplied by June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund

Hand held fans can be a useful aid for mesothelioma patients who experience shortness of breath. Other self-help techniques can be found on our website, www.mesothelioma.uk.com.

The June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund have kindly supplied Mesothelioma UK with some hand held fans to distribute to patients or to give to lung cancer nurse specialists to

pass on to patients. Fans will be provided free of charge. They can be obtained by contacting the Mesothelioma UK helpline on **0800 169 2409** or by emailing mesothelioma.uk@uhl-tr.nhs.uk

Travel Insurance for Mesothelioma Patients



Patients with Mesothelioma may often find it difficult to get travel insurance as many insurance companies will regard this as a pre existing condition. The Macmillan website has a list of companies that may provide insurance for people with this difficulty.

For the list please go to the link below:

<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/Cancerinformation/Livingwithandaftercancer/Practicalissues/Travel/Gettingtravelinsurance.aspx>

or go to the following link to order the free Macmillan Booklet entitled "Getting Travel Insurance when you have been Affected by Cancer"

<http://be.macmillan.org.uk/be/p-87-getting-travel-insurance-when-you-have-been-affected-by-cancer.aspx>

Help the BLF to Raise Awareness of Mesothelioma in the Media

In addition to your fantastic fundraising work, there is another way in which you can raise awareness of mesothelioma. To maximise publicity, patients and carers often act as case studies and carry out interviews with

journalists to show at first hand what it's like to live with the condition or care for someone with mesothelioma. Every year the British Lung Foundation asks for patients' help in telling their story. If you feel that you would like to

share your experiences and in turn help raise awareness, or if you want more information, please contact Hayley in the BLF Communications team on **0207 688 5565** who will be happy to help.

Government Changes to Lump Sum Payments

On the 25th February a package of measures was announced to help asbestos victims. They included changes to government lump sum rates.

Changes to lump sum rates

- All lump sum payments will be increased by 1.5%
- Payments to mesothelioma sufferers

From the 1st April 2010, the 2008 Diffuse Mesothelioma Scheme payments will be brought into line with payments made under the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers Compensation) Act 1979 (79 Act). This means

that mesothelioma sufferers who, for example, were self-employed or were environmentally exposed to asbestos, will receive exactly the same as those exposed to asbestos at work.

- Posthumous Payments

From the 1st April 2010, the 2008 Diffuse Mesothelioma Scheme posthumous payments will also be brought into line with 1979 Act posthumous payments, which will be increased by £5,000: a double benefit for

those claiming under the 2008 Scheme.

For mesothelioma posthumous payments only, an additional payment is made, which was £2,610 from 1st April 2009 and will be £2649 from 1st April 2010.

The tables below show payments from 1st April 2009 (blue) and from 1st April 2010 (black) for comparison. The tables show a considerable increase in payments.

by Tony Whitston
Greater Manchester Asbestos Victims Support Group

From 1 st April 2009 2008 Scheme for Sufferers	
37 and under	52,772
38	51,747
39	50,722
40	49,698
41	48,673
42	47,648
43	47,137
44	46,621
45	46,112
46	45,599
47	45,056
48	43,653
49	42,219
50	40,781
51	39,349
52	37,911
53	36,888
54	35,864
55	34,841
56	33,812
57	32,789
58	30,125
59	27,460
60	24,799
61	22,133
62	19,469
63	17,829
64	16,189
65	14,551
66	12,911
67	11,272
68	10,939
69	10,604
70	10,273
71	9,941
72	9,608
73	9,325
74	9,037
75	8,759
76	8,480
77 and over	8,197

From 1 st April 2010 Payments to Sufferers	
37 and under	75,176
38	73,714
39	72,255
40	70,796
41	69,336
42	67,876
43	67,147
44	66,413
45	65,687
46	64,957
47	64,226
48	62,185
49	60,143
50	58,095
51	56,053
52	54,006
53	52,548
54	51,089
55	49,632
56	48,167
57	46,708
58	42,915
59	39,117
60	35,327
61	31,530
62	27,734
63	25,397
64	23,061
65	20,729
66	18,393
67	16,057
68	15,582
69	15,106
70	14,634
71	14,161
72	13,686
73	13,283
74	12,873
75	12,478
76	12,081
77 and over	11,678

From 1 st April 2009 Posthumous Payments	
37 & under	23,953
38	23,362
39	22,774
40	22,185
41	21,595
42	21,007
43	20,444
44	19,874
45	19,313
46	18,751
47	18,189
48	17,496
49	16,804
50	16,112
51	15,423
52	14,732
53	14,165
54	13,603
55	13,039
56	12,473
57	11,911
58	10,351
59	8,787
60	7,226
61	5,662
62	4,098
63	3,651
64	3,207
65	2,752
66	2,306
67 & over	1,859

From 1 st April 2010 Posthumous Payments	
37 and under	39,122
38	38,281
39	37,442
40	36,603
41	35,764
42	34,925
43	34,122
44	33,310
45	32,513
46	31,711
47	30,910
48	29,923
49	28,938
50	27,952
51	26,971
52	25,987
53	25,178
54	24,378
55	23,575
56	22,768
57	21,968
58	19,746
59	17,517
60	15,292
61	13,065
62	10,836
63	10,201
64	9,569
65	8,921
66	8,285
67 and over	7,298

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MALCS - Mesothelioma And Lung Cancer Study (An NCRN Postal Survey – NCRN ID 1167)

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all current and past recruiters to MALCS and remind you all that we are still open for recruitment (to ongoing and new sites)

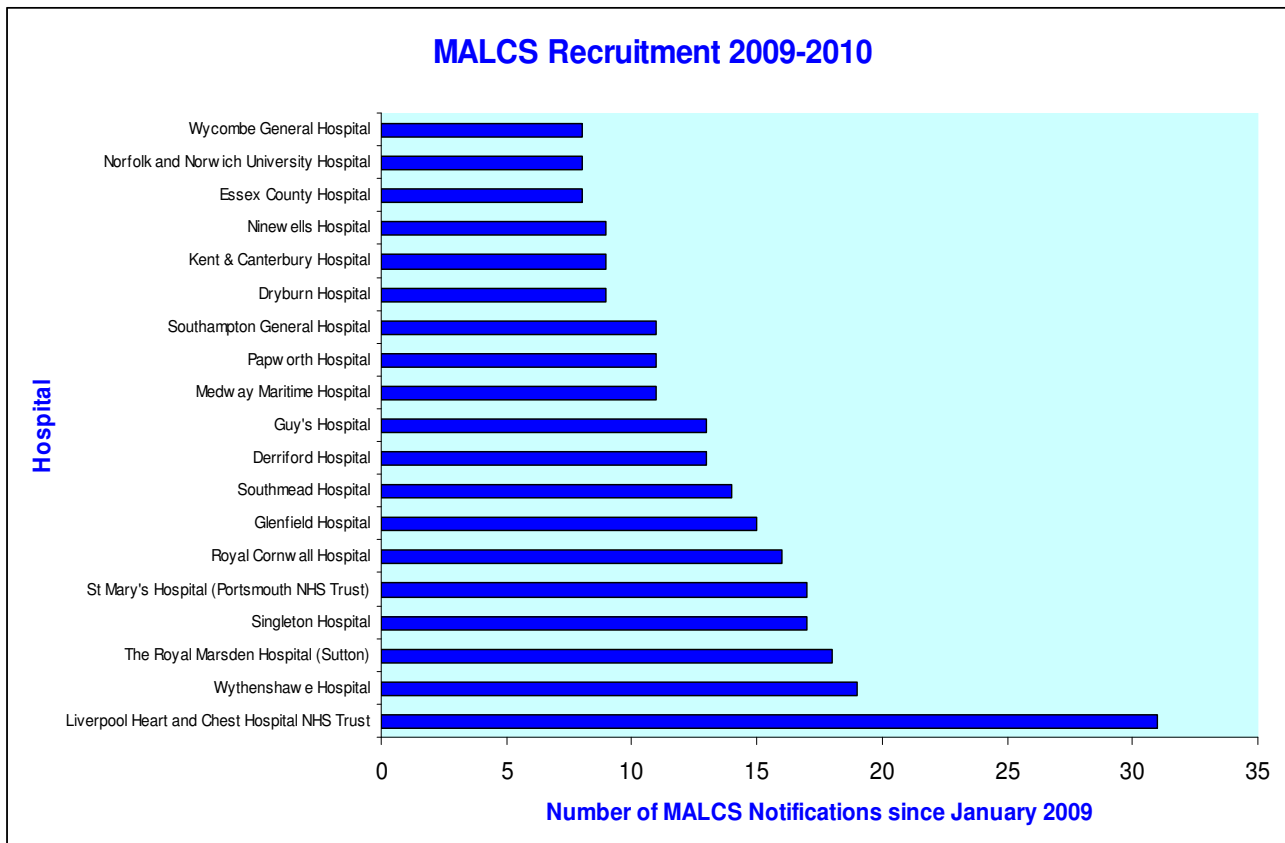
MALCS was set up to estimate the mesothelioma and lung cancer risks associated with specific occupations across Britain. Data is collected by postal questionnaire. Our analysis of the first 622

mesothelioma patients recruited to this study has recently been published in the British Journal of Cancer (Br J Cancer 2009;100(7):1175-83), and we wish to continue recruiting patients until 2015. This MREC approved study is SSA exempt, and attracts NCRN funding.

Since the second phase of recruitment began, we have

received completed questionnaires from 428 male resected lung cancer patients, 288 male mesothelioma patients and 124 female mesothelioma patients. We wish to recruit as many patients as possible to MALCS - the more we recruit, the more accurate our results - there is no recruitment ceiling.

Centres who have notified the MALCS team of at least 8 eligible patients since January 2009 are shown below:



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Please notify the MALCS study team of the following patients:

- Male mesothelioma patients born since 1940
- Male primary lung cancer patients born since 1940 who have had **ANY surgery to remove lung tissue** over and above a biopsy
- Female mesothelioma patients born since 1925

WE ARE STILL OPEN FOR RECRUITMENT – PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP US

**Boost your NCRN funding with this easy postal survey –
You identify the patients and we send out the survey – it really is that simple**

HOW TO RECRUIT PATIENTS:

1. Give the patient a patient information sheet and complete a 1-page notification form
2. Send the notification form to us at The Institute of Cancer Research (SAE's can be provided)

There is no monitoring and no further paperwork for you to do. When we receive the form, we write to the patient with the postal survey. The patient returns the survey directly to us at the ICR.

NCRN funding is awarded for every patient notified to us in this way (irrespective of whether they subsequently take part by returning the postal survey we send them).

For further information, please contact the MALCS study team

Telephone: 0208 722 4298 or by e-mail: MALCS@icr.ac.uk



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Website: www.mesothelioma.uk.com

TIPS - The Inhaled Particles Study (An NCRN interview study – NCRN ID 8123)

A complementary study to MALCS - please help with recruitment

The Institute of Cancer Research study team are now open again for recruitment to The Inhaled Particles Study (TIPS); a complementary study to MALCS. TIPS will evaluate the risk of mesothelioma to much younger (construction and other) workers. This study will also determine any possible risks from current environmental or DIY asbestos exposures. We are conducting occupational telephone interviews with pneumothorax patients who have had surgery to remove some lung tissue. We then ask for written permission to examine the

small piece of damaged lung removed at surgery to count asbestos fibre burden. This data will allow us to determine the extent of continuing asbestos exposure due to current working conditions and in the general population. In combination with results from MALCS, this will allow us to estimate the future mesothelioma risks due to current occupational and environmental asbestos exposure levels.

We have obtained MREC approval for TIPS and already have four centres participating in this study (Guys and St Thomas' Hospital, Birmingham Heartlands Hospital, The Royal Brompton Hospital and The

University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff). If you see surgically treated pneumothorax patients and are interested in participating in TIPS we would be delighted to hear from you. Ideally, we would like to recruit centres that see over 30 surgically treated pneumothorax patients per year. The TIPS study team can assist with LREC and R&D approval (the forms are already completed) and carry out all correspondence and interviewing. The role of each TIPS centre is to help source eligible pneumothorax patients and introduce the patient to the ICR study team.

Do you see pneumothorax patients?

If you would like to help us with TIPS, and you see surgically treated pneumothorax patients, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please tear off the slip below and return to the TIPS study team at the address given below. Alternatively, you can telephone / e-mail us with this information (or any other general enquiries):

Telephone: 020 8722 4298

E-mail: TIPS@icr.ac.uk



MesoVATS Trial

Prospective randomised controlled trial of VAT cytoreductive pleurectomy compared to talc pleurodesis in patients with proven or suspected malignant mesothelioma

We are delighted to be able to tell you that recruitment to the study is running at an average of 3.5 patients a month which is almost at our target of 4 patients a month. As you can see from the graphs below, in the last 12 month period (March 2009 - February 2010) we recruited 45 patients. This was far more than we have ever recruited in a similar period and very close to our target of 50 patients for the year. All this is due to a lot of hard work by you all. Many thanks.

We have two new surgical centres which have opened since our last newsletter - the Royal Brompton Hospital and Nottingham University NHS Trust. The Royal Brompton (local PI Mr Eric Lim) is already off the mark having recruited their first patient this month.

In addition, two centres are going through the R&D approvals system - Harefield Hospital and New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton. That will give us a total of 9 surgical centres. We look forward to them being up and running soon.

Dr Robert Winter who up until now has been Chief Investigator has decided to

step down in view of his new post as Medical Director of the East of England SHA. We are very grateful to him for all his hard work and contribution over the last few years. At the last Trial Steering Committee it was agreed that Dr Robert Rintoul will take over the role of Chief Investigator. We will shortly be submitting a protocol amendment to each of the sites to reflect this change.

Many thanks to all of you who have recruited recently - lets keep going! We believe that with the new and planned surgical centres open, we should be able to accelerate recruitment even further.

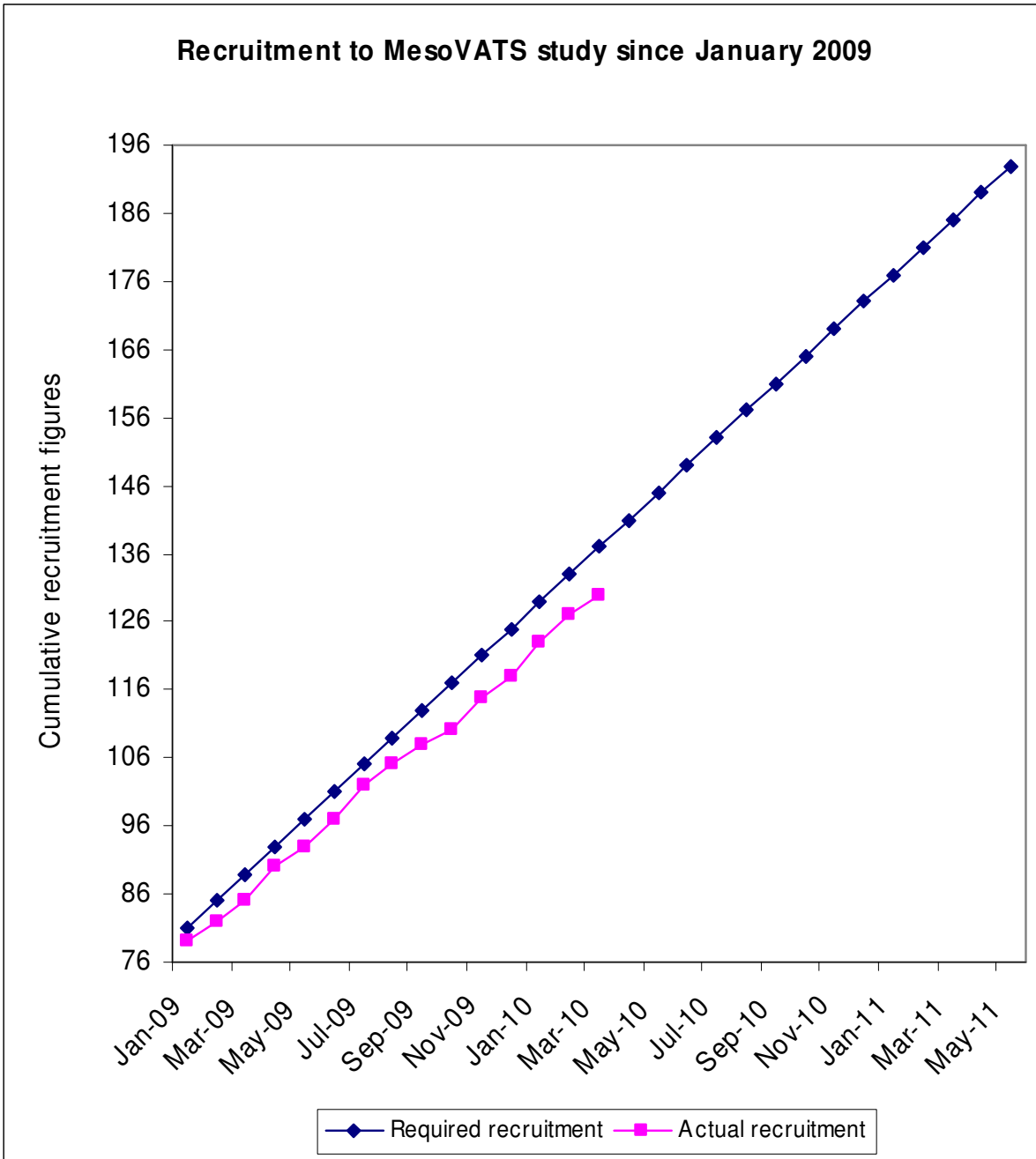
Recruitment Update

- To date 130 patients have been recruited and randomized out of a target number of 196. We are now two thirds of the way!

Basildon	11
Sheffield	22
Leicester	10
Guys	6
Papworth	80
Brompton	1

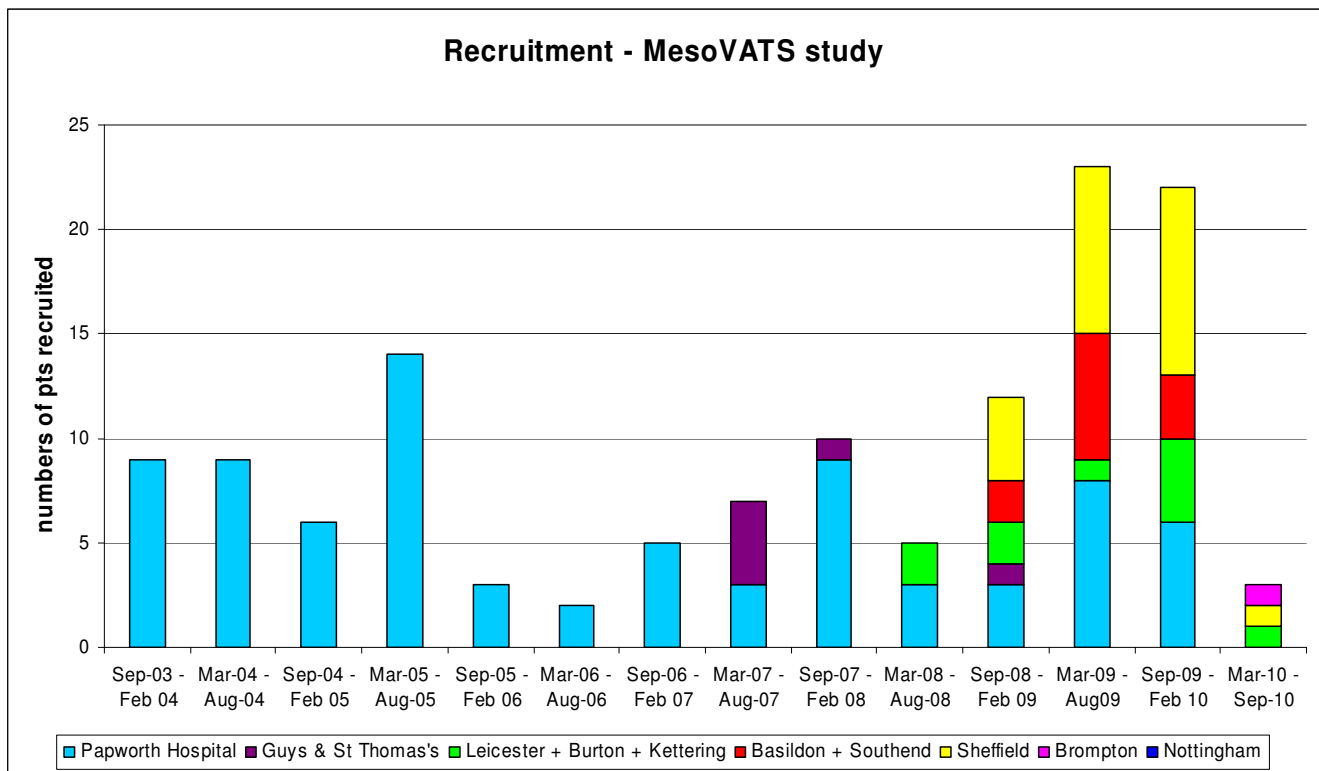
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News Release

Drug Safety and Monitoring Board Recommends Continuation of MSD Studies in Mesothelioma and Multiple Myeloma with Vorinostat *UK patient enrolment continues for VANTAGE 14*

12 March, 2010 - MSD has announced that an independent Data Safety and Monitoring Board has recommended the continuation of two key studies with vorinostat*. These studies are part of the VANTAGE (Vorinostat Clinical Trials in Haematological and Solid Malignancies) clinical trial programme:

- VANTAGE 14 is designed to evaluate the safety, tolerability and anti-tumour activity of oral vorinostat in patients with advanced malignant pleural mesothelioma who have failed or are intolerant to

prior chemotherapy

- MSD continue to encourage clinical recruitment in the UK
- This form of cancer represents an area of great unmet medical need, as patient populations in these trials have already taken a number of other therapies and, with few other treatment options, finding further treatment options for them is key

Patients or physicians who would like more information about enrolment in this study should contact:

VANTAGE 14 - call 01992 45 5000 mentioning study 014. Alternatively, access medicalinformationuk@merck.com or www.merckcancertrials.com and search for NCT00128102.

Liz Darlison, from Mesothelioma UK commenting on the Mesothelioma trial, "More than 2000 people a year are diagnosed with mesothelioma in the UK. Exposure to asbestos is responsible for up to 9 out of 10 mesothelioma cases. Pleural Mesothelioma remains a disease with few treatment options so we eagerly await the outcome of this trial"

Events for Action Mesothelioma Day 2 July 2010

A day when all over the country there are services/events dedicated to Mesothelioma victims.

British Lung Foundation

Get Your Action Mesothelioma Day Campaign Pack Here!

For this year's Action Mesothelioma Day, the British Lung Foundation's national campaign theme is 'Be Asbestos Aware'. The campaign will target people who are considering doing DIY in their home to make them more aware of the risks of exposure to asbestos and to advise them about what to do if they find it.

To help you to promote your Action Mesothelioma Day events the British Lung Foundation (BLF) has produced a campaign pack with template press releases and campaign key messages and statistics. To order a pack please contact Hayley in the BLF Communications Team on 0207 688 5565 or via email at hayley.richardson@blf-uk.org.

The BLF hopes you find these packs helpful and please share your events with Hayley in the BLF Communications Team so they can be promoted on the BLF website. There may also be an opportunities for events to publicised as part of the national campaign.

Keep up the good work!

Asbestos Action Tayside

Asbestos Action Tayside are running a conference on Mesothelioma Day for the sufferers and their families in the East of Scotland. We ran a similar event in May last year where we had several speakers including a chest consultant, a Macmillan nurse, a lawyer, a sufferer and a carer. We intend to run it along the same lines again this year but on 2nd July to coincide with Mesothelioma Day. The conference will be held in Dundee and we are planning to do something special to remember all of our members who have passed away from mesothelioma. We are still in the planning stage, but further information will be available soon.
Tel. 01382 225715

Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team

The QUAD, Market Place, Cathedral Quarter,
Derby, DE1 3AS
Theme: Palliative Care.

Relatives will write messages and memories on leaves to hang on a memory tree.

Speakers include: Lung Cancer Nurse Specialist
Derbyshire Carers Centre
Unite the Union
Tel. 01623 748161

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Cheshire Asbestos Victims Support Group / Merseyside Asbestos Victims Support

The Cheshire AVSG and MAVS will be holding a joint event at Liverpool Town Hall
All local civic dignitaries have been invited

Speakers:

Dr. Chris Warburton - Clinical Director for Respiratory Services

Maria Guerin - Lung Cancer Specialist Nurse

Adrienne Betteley - End of Life Care Programme Lead, Merseyside and
Cheshire Cancer Network

Tel. 01928 576641

Leicester Event

Service to be held in Leicester St Martin's Cathedral
21 St Martin's, Leicester, LE1 5DE

Doors open 10.00 – 10.30am to leave messages on remembrance tree

Reflection Service starts at 10.30am and dove release 10.05am

Tea, coffee and biscuits in the Cathedral

Tel. 0800 169 2409

Clydeside Action on Asbestos

Clydeside Action on Asbestos will be hosting a patient/carers day on Friday
2nd July at Glasgow city chambers. On the morning of the event there will be guest speakers
who will give a short talk and following this there will be an opportunity to ask questions.
In the afternoon there will be a series of workshops for those attending to participate in.

The event is free of charge to attend and lunch will be provided.

Tel. 0800 587 7517

Greater Manchester Asbestos Victims Support Group Action Mesothelioma Day

Release of Doves

12.30pm in Albert Square Manchester

In memory of all those who have died from mesothelioma

Public Meeting

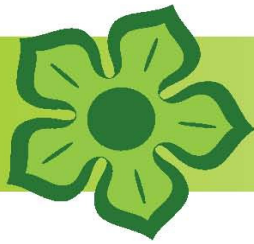
13.00 in Manchester Town Hall

“Palliative Care for Mesothelioma Sufferers”

Speakers: Dr. Helen Clayson (medical director St. Mary's Hospice Ulverston)

Hermione Ross (singer and campaigner on mesothelioma in Ireland)

Tel. 0161 6367555



MESOTHELIOMA UK

5th Patient & Carer Day 2010

**Saturday
2nd October
2010
Novotel London
St Pancras**

**To register please complete
and return the form on next
page or contact
Mesothelioma UK.
Alternatively, ask your
local specialist nurse or
Asbestos Support Group.**

The objectives for the day are to give:-

- Mesothelioma patients and carers the chance to meet and share experiences with others affected by the disease
- Up-to-date, unbiased information on the following:-
 - Treatment and Care
 - Symptom Management
 - Living with Mesothelioma
 - Clinical Research
 - Lobbying and Campaigning for Mesothelioma
 - Benefits and Legal Information
- Mesothelioma patients and carers the chance to raise issues and ask questions

Mesothelioma Patient Support Groups

Barrow Asbestos Related Disease Support (BARDS)

Tel: 01229 580305 or 01229 430111

Cumbria. For patients with asbestos related disease, their families and carers. Meets one day a month in St Mary's Hospice Social Care Centre, Lesser Kings Hall, Hartington Street, Barrow in Furness (next to Furness Gymnastics) 2pm - 4pm.

East London Mesothelioma Support (ELMS)

Freephone Helpline: 0800 8766773 Between 5pm - 10pm

East London (Newham, Tower Hamlets, Hackney) Services: Support, guidance and information for patients, carers, relatives and friends.

Hampshire Asbestos Support & Awareness Group (HASAG)

Contact Lynne on 07940 328637 or Diane on 07792 543426

Meets 2nd Thurs each month at 10:30 am at T & G (Transport & General), also known as UNITE, Transport House, 15/16 The Avenue, Southampton, S017 1XF. HASAG also meets on 4th Thurs of each month at 10:30am at The Hilton Portsmouth, Eastern Road, Farlington, Portsmouth, PO6 1UN. For sufferers of all asbestos related diseases and their families inc. the bereaved.

Mesothelioma Self Help Group

Tel: 0191 263 7386

(Mick Knighton Mesothelioma Research Fund). Aims to provide information and support to sufferers and their families. Offers a warm, friendly environment & welcomes

all whose lives have been affected by Mesothelioma. Meets at Sir G B Hunter Memorial Hospital in Wallsend on last Fri of each month 11am-1pm. Refreshments provided.

Medway/Swale Lung Cancer & Mesothelioma Support & Information Group

Contact Frances McKay, Macmillan Lung /Mesothelioma Nurse, Medway Maritime Hospital on 01634 825212,

Caroline Williams, Macmillan Lung Nurse, Medway Maritime Hospital on 01634 825391 or Pat Cameron, Domiciliary Team Nurse, Wisdom Hospice on 01634 830456 - Offers a

welcome environment with mutual support and info. for Lung Cancer/ Mesothelioma patients /carers. Meets 1st Tues of each month from 3pm-4.30pm at the Day Centre, Wisdom Hospice, St Williams Way, Rochester. Refreshments are available & transport can be provided.

Mesothelioma Support Group at Royal Marsden Hospital, Surrey

Contact Natalie Doyle on 0207 352 8171 Ext 1791 or Sonja Watson on 020 8661 3150

Hands of Time Mesothelioma Support Group

- meets 1st Tues of month 11am-1pm Richard Dimbleby Cancer Information & Support Service, 2nd Floor, Gassiot House, St Thomas Hospital, London, SE1 7EH. For patients/carers.

Refreshments provided. Contact Dimbleby Cancer Care on 0207 1885918.

Mesothelioma Support Group at Guy's Hospital, London

Contact Rachel Thomas 020 7188 4758

East Midlands Mesothelioma Support Group

Contact Mesothelioma UK on 0800 169 2409 Swindon & South West Support Groups

Contact Mrs Pat Lewis - telephone 01793 532995 for group for widows /partners of asbestos sufferers. Meets monthly for friendship. mutual support & practical help for those nursing a family member with asbestos disease. Contact Janice Howell on 01793 813616 - for group for pts and their partners. Meets for mutual information & support. Contact Maureen Seabrook 01822 880233 - Wives & Widows Group Exeter, meets monthly for friendship & mutual support.

in similar position. Meets 1st Weds of month 12.30pm-2.00pm at Coleman Street Chapel, Coleman Street, Southend. Light refreshments. Contact Jolly Barber, Jo Phelps or Michelle Palmer on 01702 435555 Ext 6835.

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Forthcoming Events for Health Professionals

**National Lung Cancer Forum for Nurses
7th Annual Lilly Workshop
13th – 14th May 2010**

Venue: Marriott Hotel, Birmingham City Centre

For more information please email: Nicola.Bell@bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk

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**Postgraduate Course in Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma
24th May 2010**

Venue: Clinical Education Centre, Glenfield Hospital, Leicester

Website: www.btoq.org

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**Mesothelioma the Next Decade
8th June 2010**

Venue: Hilton, Maidstone

For more information please contact Frances McKay on 01634 825212 or Caroline Williams on 01634 825391 Macmillan Lung/Mesothelioma Nurse Specialists

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**International Symposium on Malignant Mesothelioma 2010
9th June – 12th June 2010**

Venue: Washington DC USA

Website: www.curemeso.org/symposium

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**10th International Conference of the International Mesothelioma Interest Group
31st August – 3rd September 2010**

Venue: Kyoto, Japan

Website: <http://www.congre.co.jp/imig2010/>

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Macmillan Resources

Macmillan Cancer Line
0808 808 2020
Macmillan Benefits Line
0808 801 0304

Macmillan Website: <http://www.macmillan.org.uk>

Mesothelioma Discussion Forum

The Macmillan Cancer Support **Share** website section includes a discussion forum for anyone affected by Mesothelioma.

Website Link:

<http://share.macmillan.org.uk/share/forums/?tag=mesothelioma>

Cancer Information Centres

The Macmillan Cancer Support website includes a section where you can search for Information Centres in your area. The centres can offer benefits advice, complementary therapies, counselling and information.

Website Link:

http://www.macmillan.org.uk/Get_Support/Find_information/Find_cancer_information_centres.aspx

Starting a Support Group

You can also access useful information regarding self help and support groups including guidelines for setting up a cancer self help or support groups on the Macmillan Cancer Support website.

Website Link:

http://www.macmillan.org.uk/Get_Support/Cancer_support_groups/Resources.aspx

YouthLine

If you know someone between 12 and 21 years old and someone close to them has Mesothelioma and they need to talk they can call the Macmillan YouthLine on 0808 808 0800



Monday - Friday 9am - 9pm

Macmillan Cancer Support says we know the impact cancer can have. We are used to talking about it and we're good at listening. It's free, confidential and it won't show up on the phone bill.

Email youthline@macmillan.org.uk

If you would like to be removed from (or added to) the mailing list, please call the Helpline or complete the details below and forward to:-

Mesothelioma UK, Hospital Management Offices, Glenfield Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester, LE3 9QP

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Remove from mailing list

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Name:

Address or Email Address:

Helpline: 0800 169 2409 Fax: 0116 2502810

Email: mesothelioma.uk@uhl-tr.nhs.uk

Website: www.mesothelioma.uk.com