



# BCCOM Project

(Breast Cancer Clinical Outcome Measures Project)



West Midlands Cancer Intelligence Unit (WMCIU)

Newsletter

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Welcome to our third BCCOM newsletter. You will find inside a brief update on the project as well as important dates for you diary.

**A full annual report on the data collected during the last 2 years of the audit will be published in October 2007.**

A new member has joined the BCCOM steering group

The BCCOM Steering Group is delighted to introduce a new member. **Dr Adrian Harnett** is currently working as a Clinical Oncologist at Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital NHS Trust. Speaking about his role in the Steering Group, Dr Harnett said:

*"I am committed to clinicians knowing how their practice fits in to National Standards, what the (or their) strengths and weaknesses are, and where patients may be under or over treated. I am keen to analyse and refine treatment strategies. I felt it was important to join the group to give an oncologist's perspective. With the large and increasing number of cases per year entered on to the database, I wanted to give input into the analysis and trends in adjuvant treatment."*

## Announcing the launch of BCCOM Year 4!!

Deadline	Launch of BCCOM Year 4 Action	Who?
30-Nov-07	Last opportunity, for surgeons to sign the form authorising cancer registries to release data (NOTE: surgeons who signed the consent form last year need not sign again)	Surgeons
31-Jan-08	Provide breast surgeons who have signed the BCCOM consent form with data for the patients they treated in 2005	BCCOM project team
Feb-Apr 08	Check, amend if necessary and sign off data	Surgeons
01-Apr-08	Deadline for checked or un-checked data to be sent back to WMCIU	Surgeons
11-Jun-08	Presentation of progress report on the BCCOM Project Year 3 at the ABS at BASO conference	BCCOM steering group

Presentation of BCCOM results in 2007	Date
Nottingham International Breast Cancer Conference, Nottingham	18-20 September 2007
International Association of Cancer Registries, Ljubljana	18-20 September 2007
National Cancer Research Institute Conference, Birmingham	30 Sep - 3 October 2007
UK Association of Cancer Registries Conference, Birmingham	30-31 October 2007
ABS at BASO & BASO ~ ACS Joint Scientific Conference, London	26-27 November 2007

View the presentation given at the ABS at BASO Annual Meeting on

23 May 2007

<http://www.dinkcs.co.uk/baso07/baso07.html>

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## BCCOM Results

Primary symptomatic breast cancers diagnosed in 2002 were eligible for inclusion in the first round of the BCCOM audit (Year 1), cases diagnosed in 2003 for BCCOM Year 2 and cases diagnosed in 2004 for BCCOM Year 3.

- As seen in Table 1, an average of 200 consultant surgeons took part in each round of the BCCOM Project.
- Information collected by BCCOM Year 3 includes tumour details and treatment for 117 male breast cancers.
- 38% of the patients diagnosed with symptomatic breast cancer in 2004 were aged 70 or more.

Please note: - Data can still be submitted to BCCOM Year 3 [[Deadline = 24 August 2007](#)]

*Table 1: Participation by region*

Data submitted to BCCOM (by Cancer Registry area)	Number of surgeons taking part in BCCOM			Number of cancers submitted to BCCOM		
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3 (as of 06/07/2007)	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3 (as of 06/07/2007)
East Anglia	15	9	13	1,691	997	1,329
Northern Ireland	8	6	6	640	367	432
North Western	14	14	15	1,091	524	1,120
Northern & Yorkshire	29	33	24	2,419	2,029	1,673
Oxford	14	16	8	1,341	1,442	684
Scotland	11	4	30	934	181	1,836
South West	40	16	27	3,253	1,001	2,234
Thames	21	37	18	1,750	2,709	1,448
Trent	3	22	14	408	1,588	1,353
Wales	5	18	18	351	952	1,201
West Midlands	31	32	30	2,529	2,330	1,843
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>16,407</b>	<b>14,120</b>	<b>15,153</b>

*Table 2: Age distribution of patients included in BCCOM Year 3*

Cohort BCCOM Year 3	Total cases	in % of total cases
<b>Total cases</b>	<b>15,153</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>Number men</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>0.77%</b>
<b>Number women</b>	<b>15,036</b>	<b>99.23%</b>
<b>Invasive</b>	<b>14,049</b>	<b>92.71%</b>
<b>Micro invasive</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>0.56%</b>
<b>Non invasive</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>5.77%</b>
<b>AGE of patients</b>		
less than 30	62	0.41%
30 to 39 years old	856	5.65%
40 to 49 years old	2,866	18.91%
50 to 59 years old	2,987	19.71%
60 to 69 years old	2,684	17.71%
70 to 79 years old	3,102	20.47%
80 to 89 years old	2,156	14.23%
90 or older	416	2.75%

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