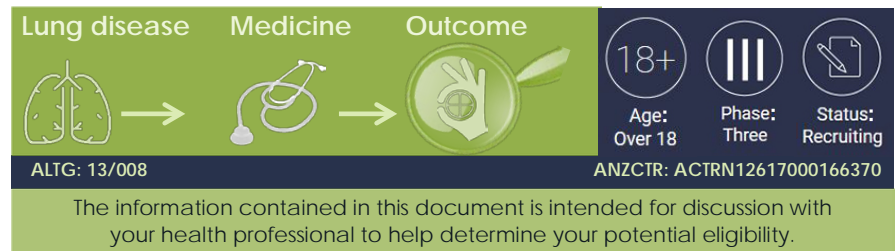


Trial Information Summary - PEARL

PEARL - Efficacy of early referral to palliative care for improving quality of life and health care resources following recent diagnosis of advanced thoracic malignancies.



PEARL is a non-blinded, randomised Phase III study of early referral to palliative care for patients with advanced thoracic cancer. The primary purpose of this trial is to evaluate whether early referral for palliative care can improve quality of life, cost effectiveness and quality of end of life care for adults who are newly diagnosed with advanced lung cancer.

Inclusions

- Histological or cytological diagnosis within the last 60 days of either:
 - Advanced NSCLC (this includes de novo stage IV disease, recurrent NSCLC after definitive treatment, and locally advanced disease which is not planned for curative treatment), or
 - Extensive stage SCLC, or
 - Advanced MPM which is not planned for extrapleural pneumonectomy or pleurectomy/decortication.
- Australia-modified Karnofsky performance status of 50 to 100 at the time of randomisation;
- Willing and able to comply with all study requirements, including ability at the time of screening to complete the QOL questionnaires without assistance, in accordance with protocol requirements;
- Signed, written informed consent.

Exclusions

- Immediate referral to palliative care required, or already referred to palliative care (this includes referral to a community or hospital based palliative care service, or palliative care physician);
- Life expectancy of less than 3 months;
- Serious medical or psychiatric conditions that might limit the ability of the patient to comply with the protocol.

This is a summary document of the inclusion and exclusion criteria of the study.
Please contact your oncologist or GP to discuss the full details of this trial.



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State	Site
NSW	Campbelltown Hospital
	Concord Hospital
	Liverpool Hospital
	Port Macquarie - MNCCI
	Riverina Cancer Care Centre
	Royal North Shore Hospital
	The Tweed Hospital
	Westmead Hospital
QLD	Radiation Oncology Centre, Gold Coast
	The Prince Charles Hospital
	Townsville Hospital
	Toowoomba Hospital
VIC	Barwon Health
	Eastern Health
	Monash Health
	Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre & Royal Melbourne Hospital
	St Vincent's Hospital
SA	Southern Adelaide Palliative Services
WA	Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital