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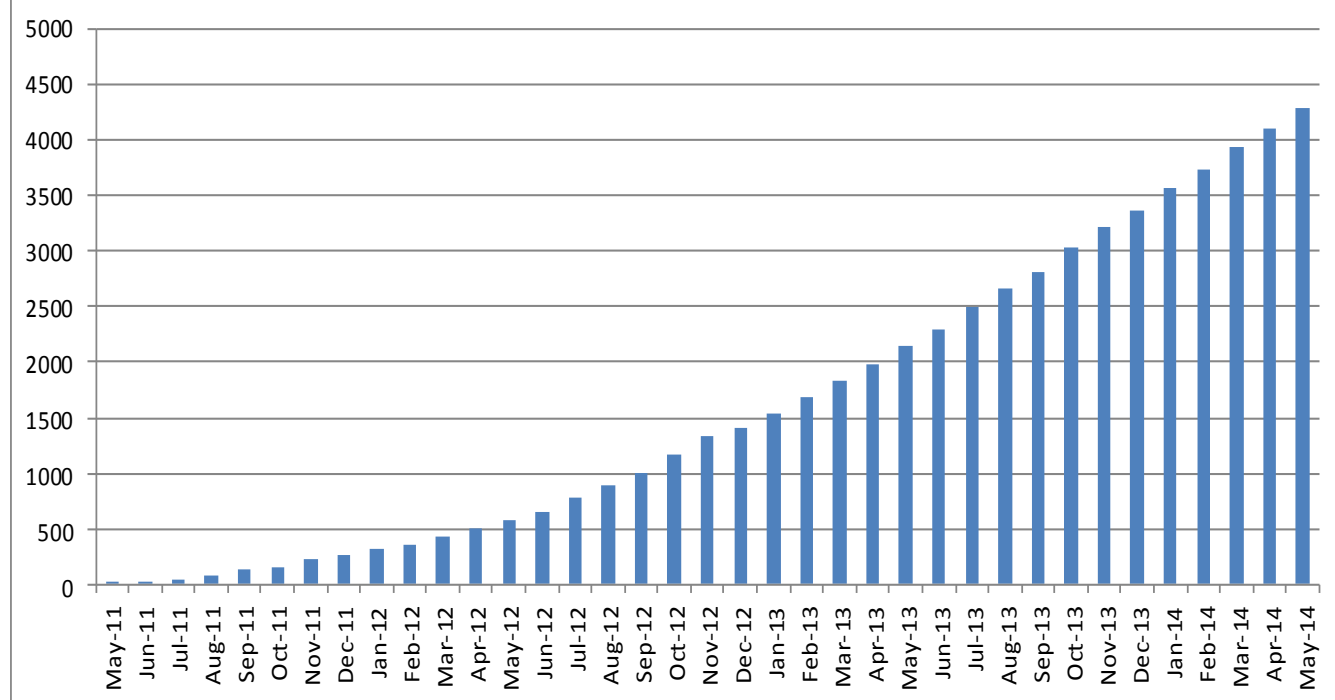
Don't forget: Patients with salivary gland & thyroid tumours are eligible!

We currently have over 4300 patients recruited and are well on target to meet the deadline of 5000 by the 31st December 2014. Congratulations to all of our teams. Please keep up the good work, as we are nearly there!

The study only has a 48% return rate for the 12 month questionnaires. Please help us to increase this figure as this is vital information. Baseline is not the whole story!

We are working hard on cleaning the data and are really making progress. Thank you to everyone for helping us with data queries.

Head & Neck 5000 Recruitment



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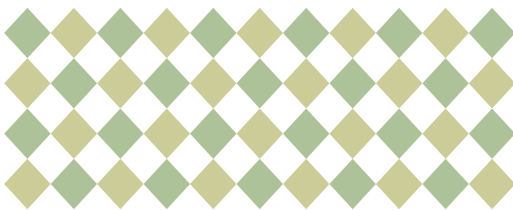
Meet The Team

Miranda Pring

Head and Neck 5000 Pathologist



I am a Senior Lecturer in Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology at the University of Bristol and Lead Pathologist for Head and Neck 5000. The collection of biopsy material, together with linked blood and saliva samples from our patients, will help create one of largest biomedical resources dedicated to head and neck cancer in the UK. We hope that this valuable resource will support basic and translational research studies that will be of benefit to future head and neck patients. I will soon be contacting some of my pathology colleagues at our 78 sites to ask for help in transferring any outstanding tissue samples to Bristol. We will then begin to develop this important component of the Head and Neck 5000 study.



Stu Toms

Head and Neck 5000 Database Manager

I joined the Head and Neck 5000 team as a database manager back in August 2012. Prior to this I worked for a solicitors firm, and before that I spent 7 years in the Civil Service providing data and statistics for senior managers and MPs. It has been nice getting to work with such a friendly and caring team.

My role is to ensure that the databases used by the research team are working correctly and that the statisticians have workable data to analyse.

My hobbies include football and tennis (when I'm not injured), music and travelling.



Data Cleaning

We have been busy cleaning study data; some of you will have already received your data queries while others have that to look forward to. Please keep an eye out for the query spreadsheets and the missing data reports which will be sent out very soon.

We have a data lock coming up - please could you ensure that we have all outstanding Data Capture Forms and Queries returned as soon as possible. The data is required for the statistical analysis to take place.

A (Gentle) Reminder!

- ◆ Please ensure that you have printed ALL pages of the questionnaires, stapled them together in the correct order, and put the study number on at least one side of each page before giving them to patients. This helps stop a great deal of confusion and means we get back all the data we can use to enable accurate trial results.
- ◆ Please do not leave any empty sections on the Data Capture Forms. If information is unavailable or not applicable please write this on the form. If we see a blank box we will send you a data query! Let's avoid this!
- ◆ Lastly, please ensure that the additional 'About You' questions are only sent to patients who received the old version of the 'About You' questionnaire before Amendment 6. If version 3.2 of the 'About You' questionnaire has been given to the patient then the additional questions are not necessary as the latest version (v3.2) contains these.

**Please do not hesitate to contact us with any news or queries.
Many thanks, The Head and Neck 5000 Team**