

Testing Higher Dose Radiation Therapy for Locally Advanced Pancreatic Cancer

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ABOUT THE TRIAL

NRG-GI011 is a clinical study that will be testing if a higher dose of radiation can extend life or improve quality of life for patients with locally advanced pancreatic cancer. “Locally advanced” means that your cancer cannot be removed by surgery but also has not spread to other parts of the body. After an initial interval of chemotherapy, typically, patients with this type of cancer are treated with either additional FDA-approved chemotherapy, the standard “usual” dose of radiation therapy, or are observed with no additional planned treatment. Researchers want to know if a higher dose of radiation is better, worse, or the same as the usual treatment for people with locally advanced pancreatic cancer.

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As one of the five research groups in the National Cancer Institute’s (NCI) National Clinical Trials Network (NCTN), NRG Oncology carries out clinical trials on sex-specific malignancies, including gynecologic, breast, and prostate cancers, and on localized or locally advanced cancers of all types. NRG Oncology’s extensive research organization includes investigators, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgeons, physicists, pathologists, and statisticians. NRG Oncology includes more than 1,300 research sites worldwide, primarily in the United States and Canada. NRG Oncology is a non-profit research organization, funded mainly through grants from the NCI. To contact NRG Oncology, call 267-519-6630 or email info@nrgoncology.org

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a clinical trial?

Clinical trials are research studies that look to find better ways to prevent, diagnose, or treat disease.

Who can join this study?

People who have locally advanced pancreatic cancer may be eligible for the study.

Am I required to be in this study?

No. Taking part in this study is voluntary. You are free to choose to participate or not to participate. If you choose to participate in this study, you are able to leave the study at any time. If you decide not to take part in this study, your doctor will discuss other treatment options with you.

What are the possible treatments?

If you decide to take part in this study, you will either get higher dose radiation therapy or one of the “usual” treatment options: additional chemotherapy, usual dose chemoradiation, or observation.

How long will I be in this study?

After you finish your study treatment, your doctor will continue to follow you as part of the study protocol every 3 months for the first 2 years, and then annually for 3 years. This means you will keep seeing your doctor in person or over the phone for 5 years from study entry.

Are there side effects?

The radiation therapy used in this study may affect how different parts of your body work such as your liver, kidneys, heart, and blood. The study doctor will test your blood and let you know if changes occur that may affect your health. There is also a risk that you could have other side effects from the study radiation therapy approach. Your doctor will review all of the potential side effects with you.

MORE INFORMATION

Visit the National Cancer Institute website at <https://www.cancer.gov> for more information about studies or general information about cancer.

You may also call: 1-(800)-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).