

Yet again we are fast approaching the festive season and we thought you would all appreciate an update on CANDID and how recruitment is going. We are still processing the November figures but expect them to bring us to over 17,500 participants. The whole team would like to thank everyone for their help in reaching such magnificent target and hope you will continue supporting the study to reach our target of 20,000.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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**PLEASE DO NOT TAKE BLOOD SAMPLES FROM 14TH DECEMBER UNTIL 3RD JANUARY AS THE HUMAN TISSUE BANK IS PART OF THE UNIVERSITY AND CLOSED OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD.**

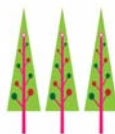
Any samples sent after the 14th may be destroyed. This year we are low on saliva kits and will not be able to send extra but participants can be recruited without samples.

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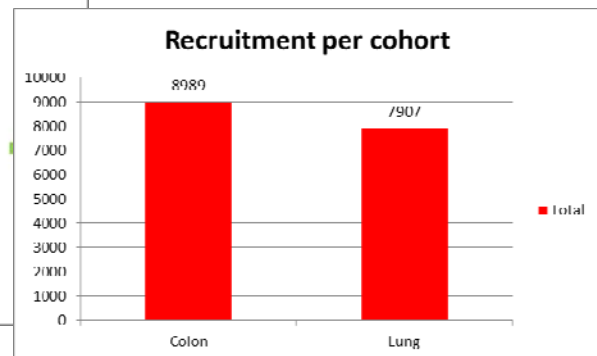
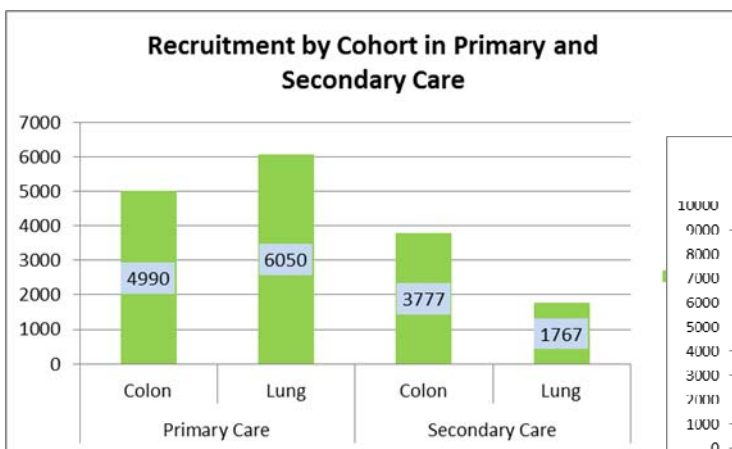
#### ONGOING PAPERWORK ISSUES

Although the vast majority of the paperwork we receive is completed correctly we are still having some that are not. Please can everyone ensure that :

- Consent forms are the original top copy—with ALL relevant boxes initialled and the form is signed by the participant.
- The participant puts first name and last name NOT just initials and last name. We are going to need to follow up in the Cancer Registries and initials may make this difficult
- If samples are taken we need the Sample Requisition Form (SRF) returned with the consent form,. The PINK consent copy should be sent to the Human Tissue Bank with all samples; along with the Trial Request Form (TRF) for bloods. If participants initial the boxes for samples and don't give one please send the SRF with *no* marked for blood and saliva
- The small lilac EDTA tube must be marked with full name, dob and gender or Haematology reject them.



*Recruitment graph—actual vs target*



## Study update for 2017

Recruitment will continue until at least the end of March 2017, but may be extended for a further few months if funding permits.

All co-ordination is now from Southampton so please contact us with any queries you may have.

We will not be purchasing any further saliva kits and only have a few remaining. These will be sent on a very limited basis until we run out. Patients will still be able to provide an optional blood sample and we are keen to collect as many blood samples as possible.

As per study policy, we will only supply half the number of Lifestyle Questionnaires to packs. We ask that all recruiters encourage online completion and only if the participant is unwilling to do so are they asked if they want to take a paper version. We currently do not have the capacity to upload the number of paper versions arriving in Southampton.



**Thank you again for all your help with the study - The CANDID Study Team**