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SPORT Study Participant Newsletter

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Message from the SPORT study Chief Investigator

Welcome to the third SPORT participant newsletter. We would like to thank you all for your time and commitment to the Second Primary Lung Cancer Cohort Study (SPORT), funded by Cancer Research UK. Many of you have now completed your time in the study, and face-to-face visits finish for everyone in February 2026. However, most of you have kindly consented to allow us to obtain information about your medical care from the national cancer registries for another five years. This is extremely useful as it will help us to better understand results from the samples that you have donated to SPORT.

Research and analysis of all the blood samples are just starting and will continue apace over the next two to three years in various scientific laboratories. We will then aim to publish

the results of the research, and the findings should help us develop new ways to detect more lung cancers at an early stage. In this issue, we share with you the story of the first SPORT participant who completed their face-to-face study visit; the study in numbers and other highlights.

We will keep you posted as we continue our research and start to publish the findings. If you would like to keep in touch, please ensure that your local team has your email address.

**Professor
Robert Rintoul**



(Photo Credit: Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust)



Prof Rintoul (far left), Mr Choudhury (second left), followed by Caroline Sangane (CTC), Jane Lichfield (Clinical Research Nurse) and Manuela Urda (CTC) from RPH team.

SPORT Participants Complete their Study Visits

By February 2026, all SPORT participants will have completed their study face-to-face visits. Patient Sirajul Choudhury, 62 years old, was the first participant to make this achievement in January 2025.

Mr Choudhury joined the study in January 2020 and, over the last five years, travelled to Royal Papworth Hospital in Cambridge every six months to donate blood samples and data for our research. "I was very happy to be involved, and the research team are friendly and have made me feel comfortable", said Mr Choudhury. Read more about his story:

www.royalpapworth.nhs.uk/our-hospital/latest-news/first-patients-uk-complete-participation-five-year-lung-cancer-study



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our webpage

Follow the SPORT Study on the Royal Papworth Hospital website

We will continue to keep you up to date on the study's progress and key findings. We are delighted to announce that a dedicated SPORT Study webpage was launched in January 2026 on the Royal Papworth website, within the Research & Development section. You will find future issues of this newsletter, study numbers, and other important updates.



www.royalpapworth.nhs.uk/sport-study

Participant session will be held in spring 2026

We are pleased to share that we will be hosting an online Microsoft Teams SPORT participant session on 10 June 2026, from 11:30 to 12:30. This will be an opportunity for you to know the most recent study updates and to interact with our Trial Management Group. An invitation letter with further information will be sent to you soon. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date with your local team so you can stay informed. We look forward to connecting with all of you!



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You said, we did

Q: What happens next?

A: The face-to-face study visits end in February 2026. After this, we will follow the data cancer journey of patients who have given consent by tracking records from the NHS Digital Registries until 2031. At the same time, our scientific laboratory teams have begun researching and analysing all donated blood samples, and this work will continue over the next few years. We hope to publish the findings and use them to help develop new ways to detect lung cancer at an early stage.

SPORT study in numbers



850
participants
recruited



71.5
average
age of
participants



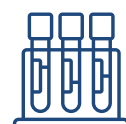
13
hospitals
across the
UK



4,294
visits



80
litres of
blood
donated



64,015
vials

