



## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY?

Locally recurrent rectal cancer, meaning cancer which returns close to the origin site, affects approximately 10% of people following treatment of rectal cancer. The extent of the burden that locally recurrent rectal cancer has on people's overall quality of life is poorly reported.

There are many questionnaires that are used to assess quality of life, however, these questionnaires have not been validated for this specific group of patients. Validation means checking that the questionnaire is relevant to specific patient groups.

The **LRRC-QoL** is a questionnaire that has been designed specifically to measure quality of life in patients with locally recurrent rectal cancer. The **LRRC-QoL** was developed in patients from the UK and Australia. This study aims to validate the **LRRC-QoL** for use in Canada and other countries internationally.

## WHAT WOULD TAKING PART INVOLVE?

If you choose to participate, it will involve completing a number of documents including:

- A consent form,
- A demographics form
- The **LRRC-QoL** questionnaire,
- Three other questionnaires concerning quality of life.

Following this, you will be asked to complete the **LRRC-QoL** questionnaire during a telephone interview with a researcher from the United Kingdom.

The aim of the interview is to give us a better understanding of how you interpret the questions in the **LRRC-QoL** questionnaire. Completing the additional questionnaires will allow us to better understand the impact of locally recurrent rectal cancer on your quality of life.

Please let your medical team know if you would like to participate in the study and they will provide you with either a link to the website or with a participation pack via post depending on your preference.



## WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY DATA?

The online consent form and questionnaires will be collected and stored securely on an online database called REDCap. The database of questionnaire responses will also be held securely on an encrypted file server at the University of Leeds with strict limits on who can access it. All of the computers storing patient data must meet special security arrangements.

This research is in the public interest which means our results will be used to improve the health of patients in the future. Because of this if you agree to take part in the study we will be able to use information about you including sensitive information about your health. If you would like more

information regarding this, please see: <https://ctru.leeds.ac.uk/privacy/>

## WHAT IF I NO LONGER WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

Participating in the study is voluntary, you can decide to stop participating (withdraw your consent) at any time, including during the interview.

Completing the questionnaire and discussing this in the interview will involve reflecting upon your experience of locally recurrent rectal cancer. Should you find this at all distressing please inform us and the interview will be stopped.

You do not need to explain why you would like to stop participating. Withdrawing from the study will not affect your treatment for locally recurrent rectal cancer.

## WHO IS ORGANISING AND FUNDING THIS STUDY?

Funding for this study has been provided by Bowel and Cancer Research and by the Pelican Cancer Foundation.

The study is being coordinated by a research team based at the Clinical Trials Research Unit at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom.

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