

# NEWSLETTER

# ESPAC-Tplus

## Welcome

This is the first newsletter for the ESPAC-Tplus Study and we would like to welcome everyone who will be taking part. Tracy Ball has recently taken up the post of ESPAC-Tplus Trial Support Officer. Her role will be to coordinate the transfer of tissue samples to the Liverpool Centre for every patient in the ESPAC trials. Tracy is currently contacting all ESPAC centres to find out availability of all materials.



## Background

The objective of ESPAC-Tplus is to identify markers in the primary tumour which predict improved probability of survival for either adjuvant 5-FU or gemcitabine following resection for pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma.



The ESPAC-Tplus trial will centralise collection and characterization of tissue, which will then be coded

and linked with clinical outcome data.

Tissue microarrays and matched samples will be sent out to the ESPAC centres for direct analyses of proteins known to be related to 5FU and gemcitabine resistance.

The project will ultimately enable specific treatments to be targeted to patients who are likely to respond with an improved survival.

## Database

We have now established the ESPAC-Tplus database which allows us to recode samples in order to comply with national regulations.



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## Ethics

The MREC has been approved by the Liverpool (Adult) Research Ethics Committee.

Tracy Ball the Trial Support Officer would like to say "Thank you to the sites who have already shown an interest in the study"



## Committee

The first Committee meeting will be held early 2008, to be chaired by Professor Nick Lemoine, and consist of clinical and translational scientists from the ESPAC centres.

## Further Information

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For more information on current trials running within the Liverpool Cancer Trials Unit, Website. [www.lctu.org.uk](http://www.lctu.org.uk) or Email [lctu@liv.ac.uk](mailto:lctu@liv.ac.uk)

