

* ----- ILTE STUDY NEWSLETTER – December 2007 -----*

Dear Investigators,
the first ILTE meeting in Atlanta was a great success.

Eighteen investigators took part in the 1 hour meeting. Although all of us had some jet lag, everyone endured to assure the success of the meeting.

Prof. Mariagrazia Valsecchi illustrated the first results of the study: 899 patients have been registered as of Oct 10, 2007. Of these, 777 are eligible and evaluable to be analyzed at present. Anyways, the first data in terms of death, second cancers, loss of CCyR, SAE and NSAE are becoming to emerge and appear interesting. For example we have a rate of 1.48 and .39 second neoplasias and death/100 person years, respectively. The further analysis of these data is still ongoing. Prof. Giuseppe Saglio presented the assay being set up to screen our PCR negative patients.

Given these interesting results it was decided during the meeting to have a new analysis ready by June 2008, in order to submit an abstract to the next ASH meeting. This would represent the first (and probably the only one) independent study on imatinib long term effects. The authorship on the abstract will follow the publication policy already agreed and announced. Thanks again for having rendered this project a reality.

The status of the 122 remaining patients need to be clarified, as well as some missing or inconsistent information. You will therefore receive some queries regarding patients that need a clarification or have missing data.

To facilitate your work we decided to send to you the queries and the prospective follow up form (for 2007) simultaneously; for this reason the shipment of the FU forms has been delayed. In this way you will be able to fill the FU form and to answer queries for a certain patient at the same time, without the need to recover and go through the pt file twice.

You will receive these documents by Jan 11, 2008, and we ask that they be returned to us by March 31, 2008.

For now Happy Holidays (and some days of deserved rest) to all of you.

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