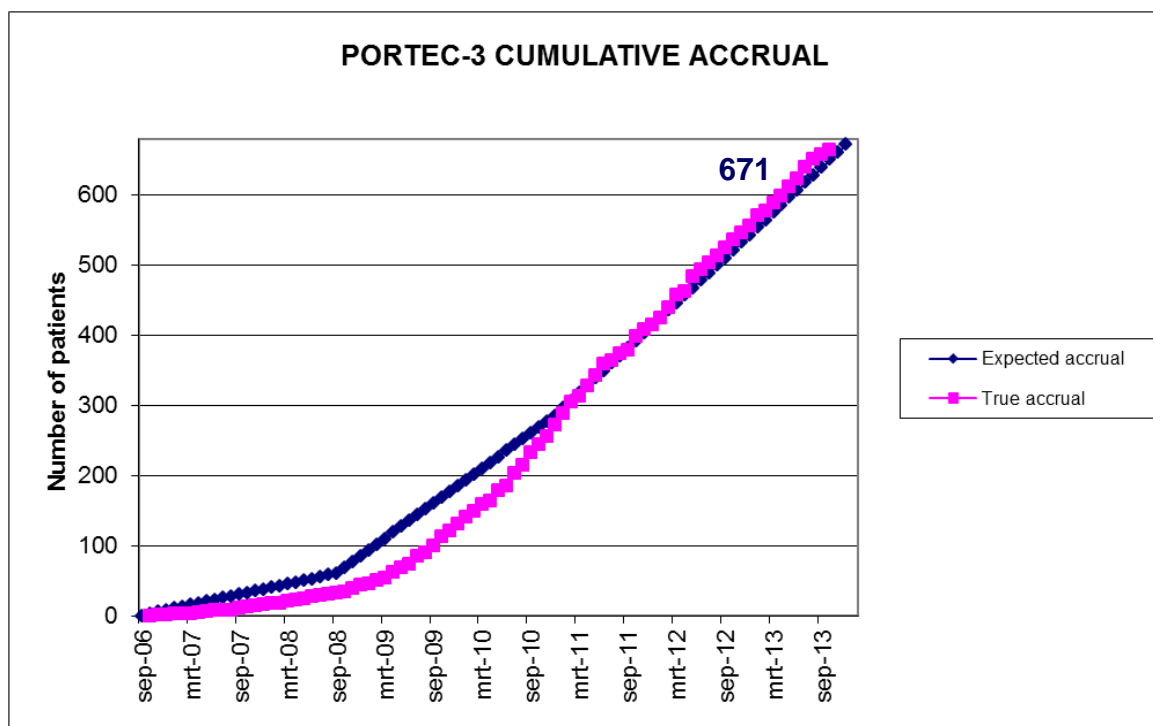


PORTEC-3 has reached full accrual !

Accrual to PORTEC3 has reached the target number of 670 patients on November 18th, for a current total of 671.

See the graph below and the table on the next page.



PORTEC-3 closure on Friday 20 December 2013

Now the trial has reached the recruitment target, we have set the date for closure just before the Christmas Holidays, on **Friday 20 December 2013, 16 pm (NL)**. We aim to include about 10-20 extra patients to compensate for some patients who were lost early (e.g., withdrawing consent after randomisation).

The randomisation website will be closed down at the following local times:

Netherlands, France, Italy: Friday 20 December 2013, at 16:00 pm

UK: Friday 20 December 2013, at 15:00 pm

Canada: Friday 20 December 2013, at 10:00 am

Australia & New Zealand: Saturday 21 December at 02:00 am

Group	Arm 1	Arm 2	Total	Past year
Netherlands	69	73	142	21
Italy	47	51	98	18
Australia/NZ	58	61	119	22
Canada	29	36	65	13
UK	97	84	181	47
France	36	30	66	10
Total	336	335	671	131

DSMB

The Data and Safety Monitoring Board have had their annual teleconference on October 29, 2013. The 6-monthly Accrual and SAE report to all groups and the annual confidential report to the DSMB have been sent in October. The DSMB Annual Report to the TMG will be circulated later this year.

Annual PORTEC-3 Investigator's meeting

This year's Annual PORTEC3 investigator's meeting has been held in London, just after the GCIG meetings on Sunday, 17 November 2013, at the UCL Education Centre. The minutes and slide presentation will be sent to the group coordinators.

Radiotherapy QA

The radiotherapy QA done by ANZGOG/TROG is now well underway. However, there is still a substantial number of sites which have not uploaded their plan for QA. The overview of missing QA submissions is sent to the Group coordinating centres each month. *Please urgently remind all sites which have not yet uploaded their plan to do so as soon as possible.*

Data management in 2014

2014 will be the year in which we hope to complete all trial data, update all follow-up and resolve all queries. There will be substantial database checks and queries sent. It is hoped that with a completed and up to date database we will be able to do the final analysis of the PORTEC-3 trial in 2015.