

Magnetic Resonance Tumour Regression Grade (mrTRG) as a  
Novel Biomarker to Stratify Management of Good And Poor  
Responders to Chemoradiotherapy: A Rectal Cancer Multicentre  
Randomised Control Trial  
TRIGGER FEASIBILITY TRIAL

International Sites

Trial Overview and Trial Set-up Steps



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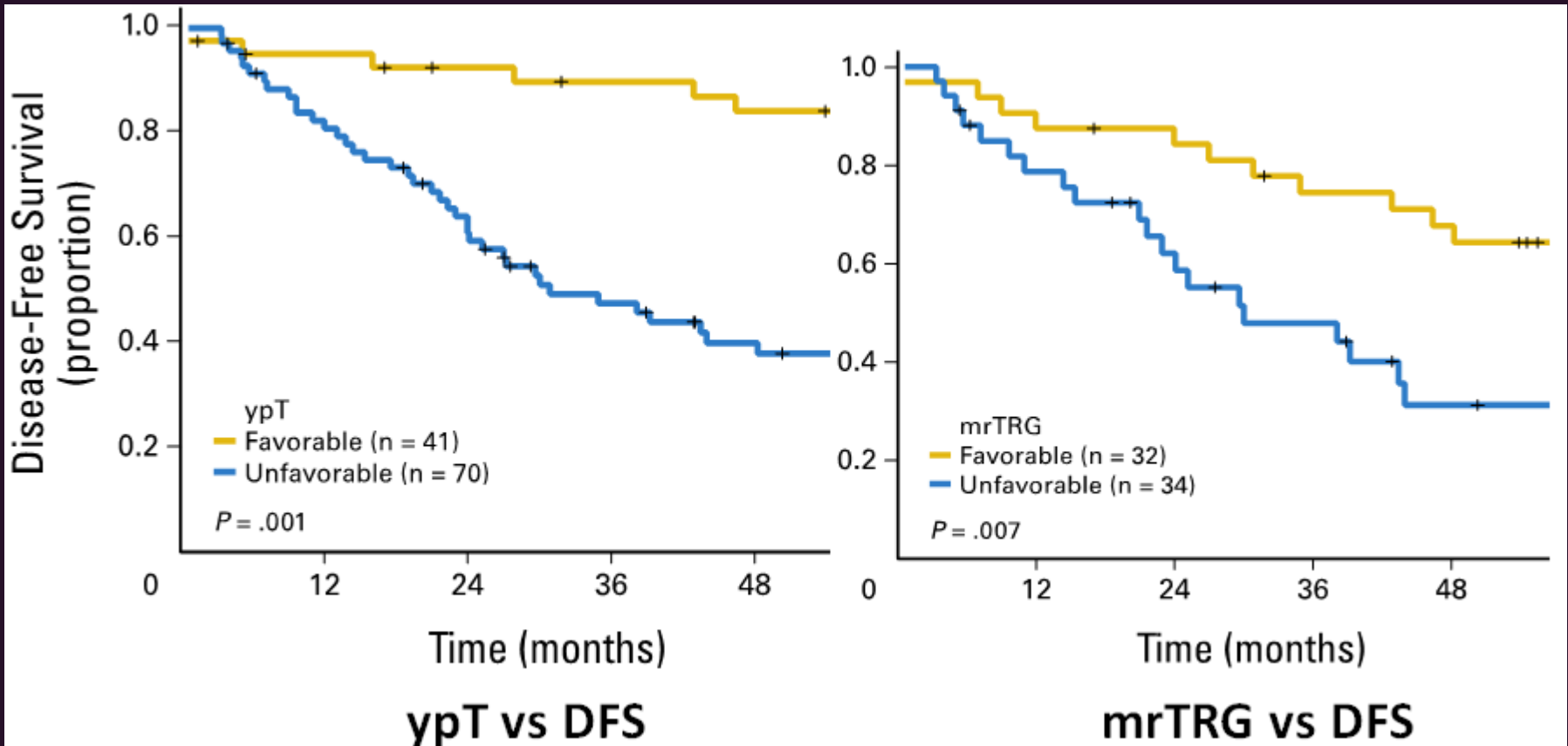
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# mrTRG as a predictor for DFS

Magnetic Resonance Imaging–Detected Tumor Response for Locally Advanced Rectal Cancer Predicts Survival

Outcomes: MERCURY Experience *J Clin Oncol* 29:3753-3760



# Study Rationale

- To evaluate mrTRG as an imaging biomarker for the stratified management of patients with locally advanced rectal carcinoma

## RATIONALE FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY

- To assess patient recruitment rate
  - Target: 6/month during last 4 months of recruitment
- To assess safety of offering consolidation chemotherapy to 'poor responders' and deferral of surgery to 'good responders'



# Feasibility Trial Endpoints

- Primary: number of patients randomised during last 4 months of recruitment
- Secondary:
  - pCRM rate
  - Toxicity
  - Surgical morbidity (30 days & up to 12 months)
  - Surgical quality
  - mrTRG agreement site vs central review

# Target Recruitment

- Feasibility:
  - ~ 90 patients
  - $\geq 6$  randomised patients/month
- Phase III:
  - 633 patients
  - 3 year recruitment period

# Inclusion Criteria

- Biopsy-confirmed adenocarcinoma 0-15cm from the anal verge (on MRI or rigid sigmoidoscopy)
- Locally Advanced Rectal Carcinoma diagnosed by MRI (mrCRM unsafe or  $\geq$ mrT3c [ $>5$ mm beyond muscularis propria] or mrEMVI positive disease)
- Be deemed to require chemoradiotherapy
- Scheduled to receive 45Gy - 55Gy long course radiotherapy
- Be aged 18 years or over

# Exclusion Criteria

- Metastatic disease, including resectable liver metastases
- MRI contraindicated
- Scheduled to receive  $< 45\text{Gy}$  or  $> 55\text{Gy}$  long course radiotherapy
- CRT contraindicated
- Hypersensitivity or contraindication to the drug(s) associated with the planned choice of systemic chemotherapy as stated in the SmPC for each of the drugs.

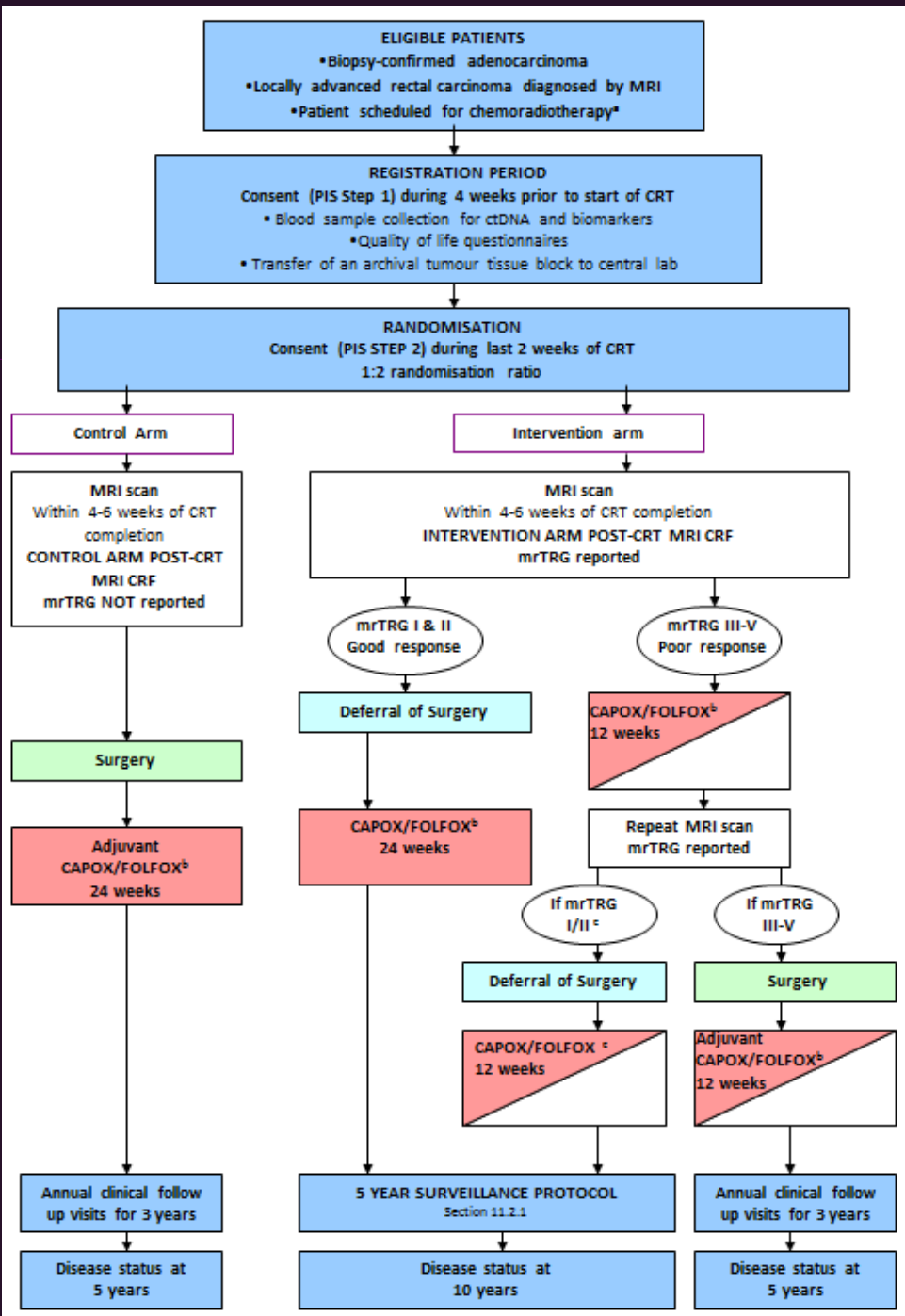
# Exclusion Criteria cont.

- Are receiving or planned to receive treatment outside of that stipulated by the protocol e.g. alternative cytotoxic or investigational drug
- Are pregnant, breastfeeding or unable / unwilling to comply with pregnancy prevention guidelines\*
- Any other malignant disease within the preceding 5 years with the exception of non- melanomatous skin cancer, carcinoma in situ and early stage disease with <5% recurrence risk

\* Females of childbearing potential and males must be willing to use a highly effective (failure rate < 1% year) method of contraception.

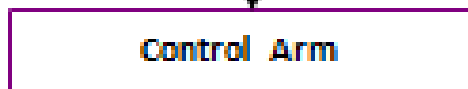
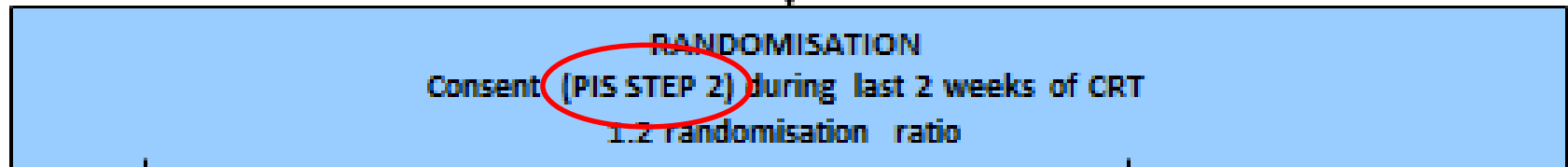
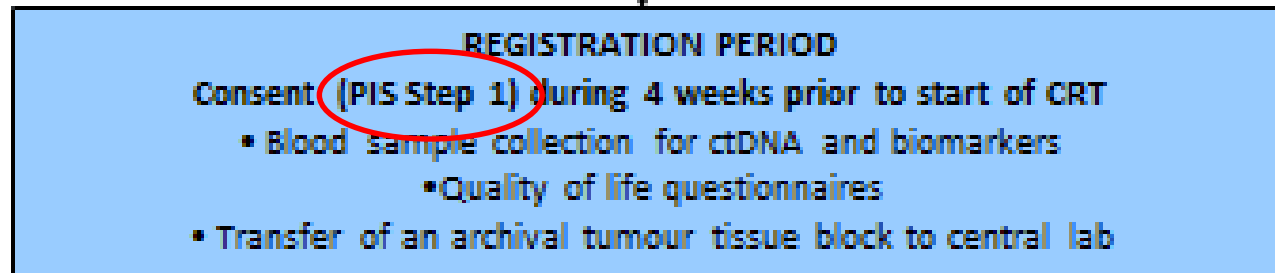
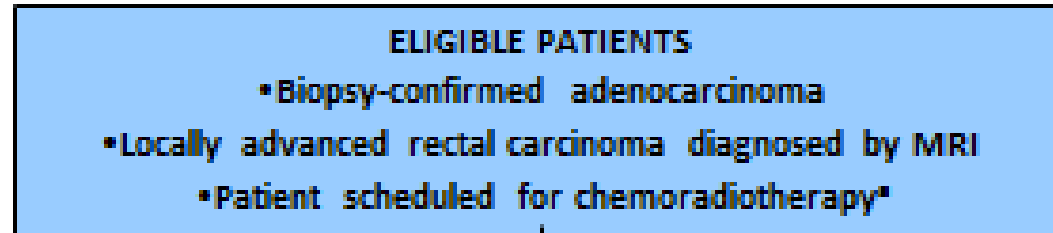


• PIS 2 – contraception use during and 12 month after last dose of chemotherapy

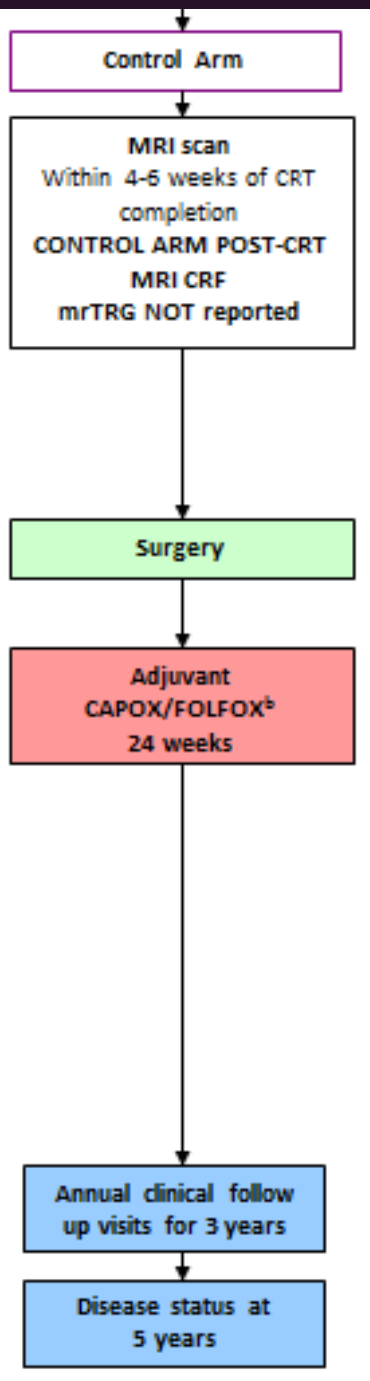


# Trial Flowchart

# Registration & Randomisation

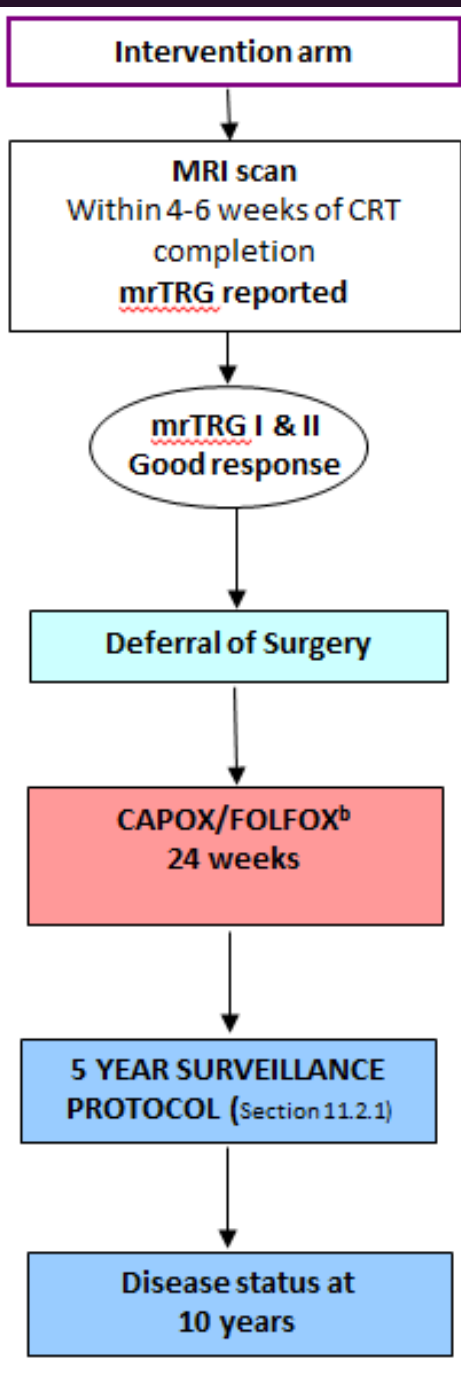


# Patient Pathway Control Arm



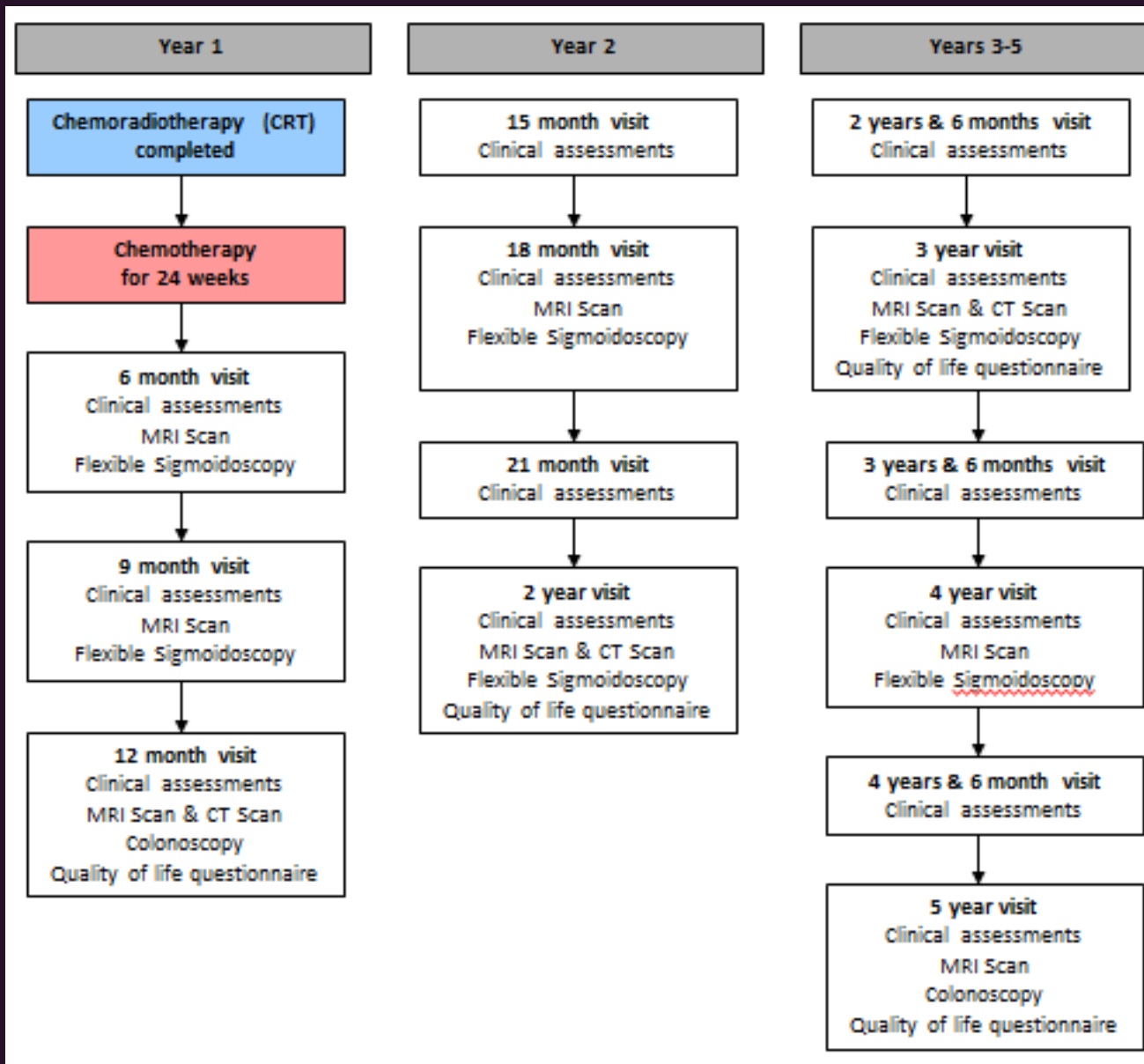
- Post-CRT MRI within 4-6 weeks (no later than 10) from CRT completion
  - mrTRG not reported
- Surgery within 6-12 weeks from CRT completion:
  - Surgical Morbidity: 6 weeks post surgery and 12 months
- Chemotherapy 24 weeks:
  - Toxicity: end of each cycle and residual toxicity at 12 months
- Annual follow up for 3 years
- QoL: Registration, 12 months, 36-months

# Intervention Arm – mrTRG I/II Good Responders



- Post-CRT MRI within 4-6 weeks (no later than 10) from CRT completion.
- mrTRG I/II
- 24 weeks of chemotherapy to commence within 12 weeks of CRT:
  - Toxicity: end of each cycle and residual toxicity at 12 months
- 5 year Surveillance Schedule
- Suspected Regrowth Pathway
- QoL: Registration, 12, 36 and 60 months

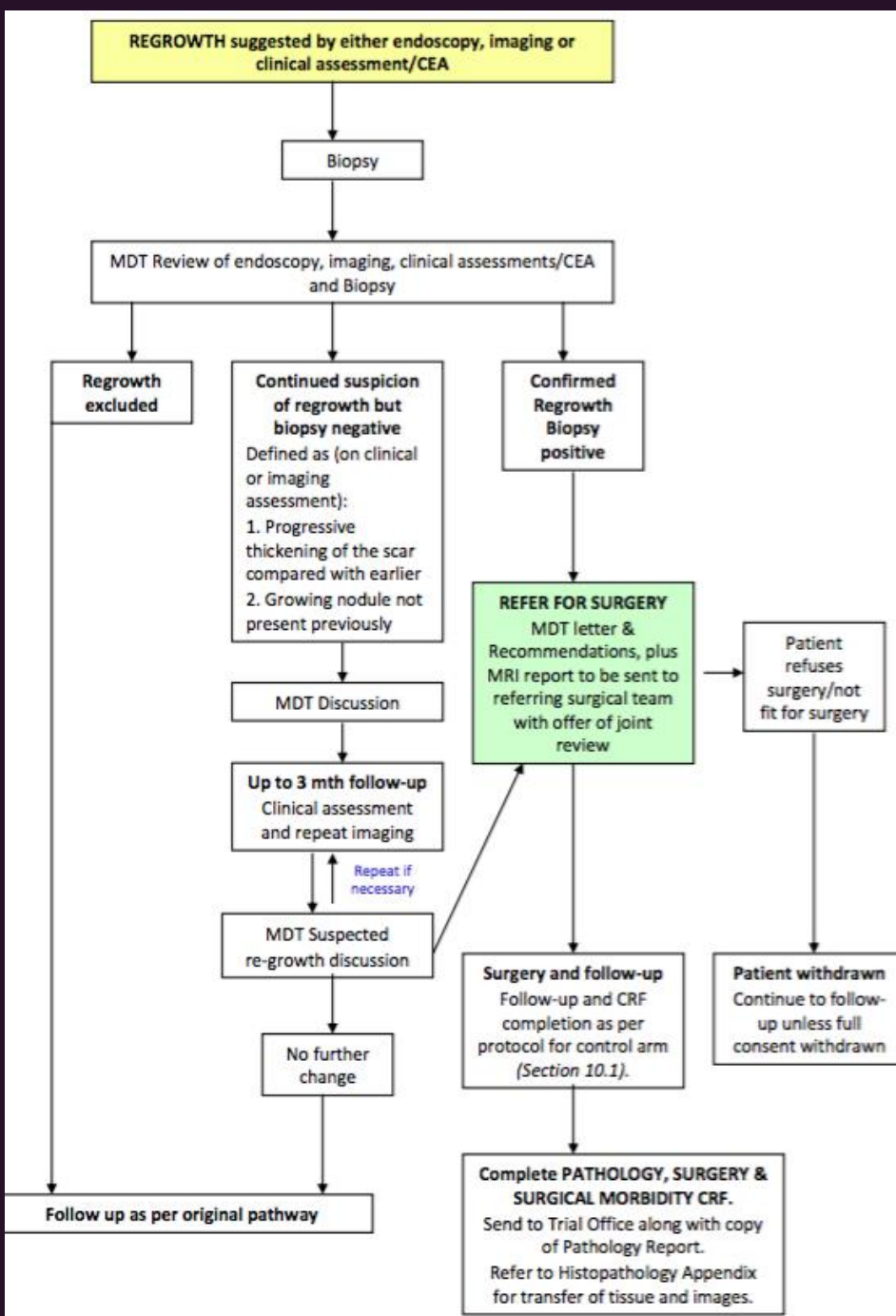
# 5 year Surveillance Schedule



**MRI**  
 Year 1:  
 6, 9, 12 mths  
 Years 2 & 3:  
 6 monthly  
 Years 4 & 5:  
 annually

**CT**  
 12, 24 & 36  
 months

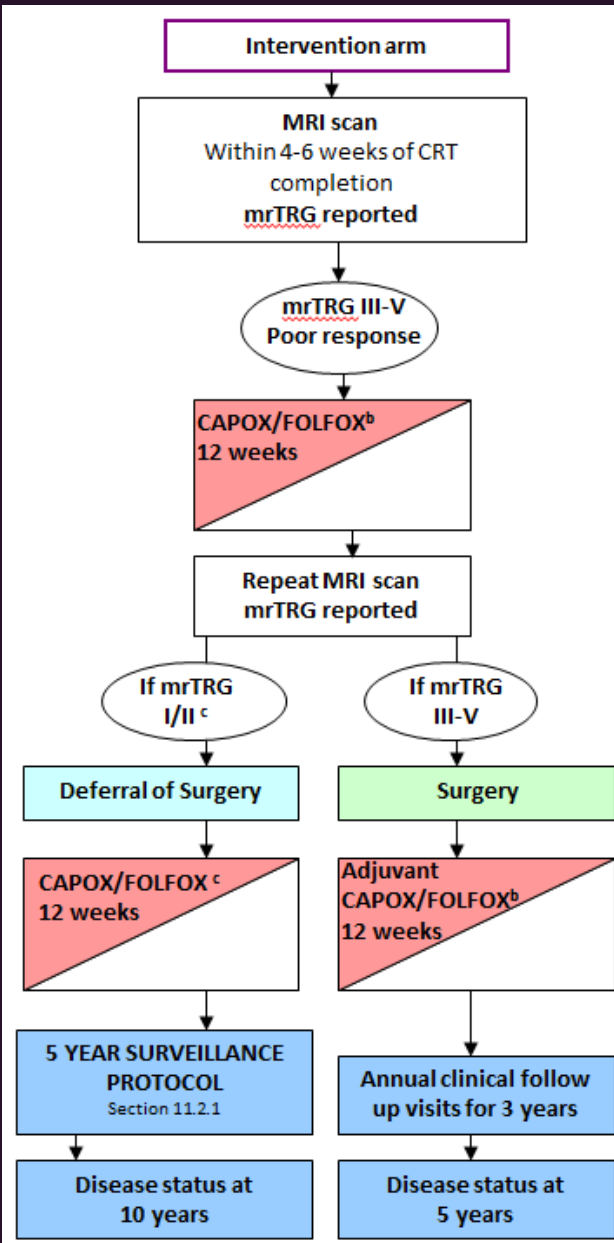
**Endoscopy**  
 Year 1:  
 6, 9, 12 mths  
 Year 2:  
 6 monthly  
 Years 3-5  
 annually



# Suspected Regrowth Pathway

Protocol Section 8.2.3

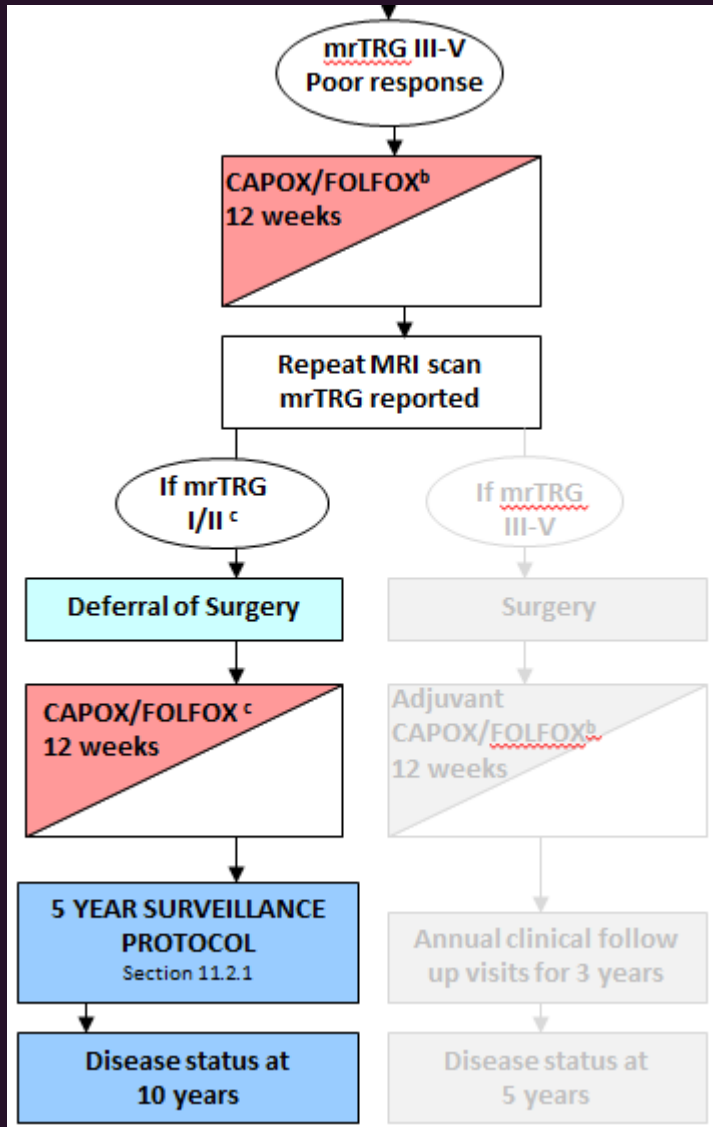
# Intervention Arm – mrTRG III-V Poor Responders



- Post-CRT MRI within 4-6 weeks (no later than 10) from CRT completion
  - **mrTRG reported**
- **12** weeks of chemotherapy to commence within 12 weeks of CRT:
  - **Toxicity: end of each treatment cycle**
- **REPEAT MRI**

# Intervention Arm

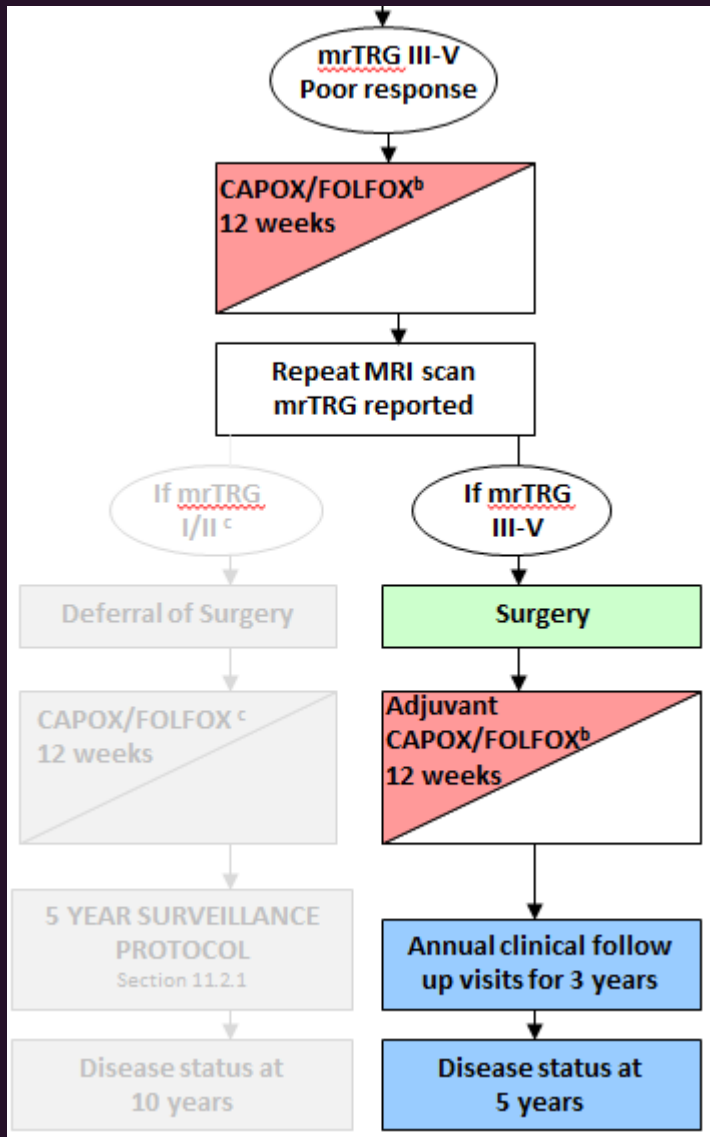
## mrTRG III-V to mrTRG I/II



- Remaining 12 weeks of chemotherapy:
  - Toxicity: end of each treatment cycle and residual toxicity at 12 months
- 5 year Surveillance Schedule
- Suspected Regrowth Pathway
- QoL: Registration, 12, 36 and 60 months

# Intervention Arm

## Remain mrTRG III-V



- Surgery within 6-12 weeks of completion of pre-op chemotherapy:
  - Surgical Morbidity: 6 weeks post surgery and 12 months
- Remaining 12 weeks of chemotherapy:
  - Toxicity: end of each treatment cycle and residual toxicity at 12 months
- QoL: Registration, 12, 36 months

# Please refer to assessment schedules in protocol

INTERVENTION ARM POOR RESPONDERS		REGISTRATION PERIOD	INTERVENTION PHASE								ANNUAL FOLLOW-UP				DISEASE STATUS
VISIT TYPE	Prior to patient entry	Registration	Randomisation (BASELINE)	Post CRT	MDT	Chemo-therapy for 12 weeks	MDT	Surgery	Surgical follow up	Adjuvant Chemotherapy for 12 weeks	12	24	36	60	
TIMELINES		≤ 4 weeks prior to CRT	During last 2 weeks of CRT	4-6 weeks post CRT		≤ 12 weeks post CRT. Toxicity assessed at end of each cycle	A further MRI scan should be performed 4-6 weeks from end of chemotherapy. If m <sup>r</sup> TRG now I or II the option of deferral of surgery should be discussed. If patients defers surgery patients should receive the remaining 12 weeks of chemotherapy and follow surveillance schedule in section 11.2.1 and assess disease status at 10 years (as for good response sub-group). If surgery performed follow-up according to this table.	6-12 weeks after pre-op chemo	6 weeks post surgery	Toxicity assessed at end of each cycle during chemotherapy	Months from end of CRT				
Informed consent <sup>a</sup>		X	X												
Check eligibility criteria		X	X												
Diagnosis & Clinical Assessment		X													
Randomisation			X												
Quality of life		X										X		X	
Chemoradiotherapy			X												
Blood sample <sup>b</sup>		X		X		X				X	X	X	X	X	
Baseline MRI	X														
Restaging MRI <sup>c</sup>				X		X <sup>n</sup>									
Surgery									X						
Surgical Morbidity <sup>d</sup>										X		X			
Pathology <sup>e</sup>										X					
Chemotherapy <sup>f</sup>						X end of each cycle					X end of each cycle				
Toxicity Assessment						X end of each cycle					X end of each cycle	X			
Annual follow-up												X	X	X	X
Adverse events <sup>g</sup>				X		X end of each cycle					X end of each cycle				
Concurrent medications		X	X	X		X end of each cycle			X	X	X end of each cycle	X			

# Withdrawal criteria and Discontinuation of trial treatment

- Patient withdrawal
  - Post CRT MRI > 10 weeks from completion CRT
  - Failure to comply with deferral of surgery surveillance schedule
- Patient may discontinue trial treatment but remain in follow-up

# Translational Sub-study

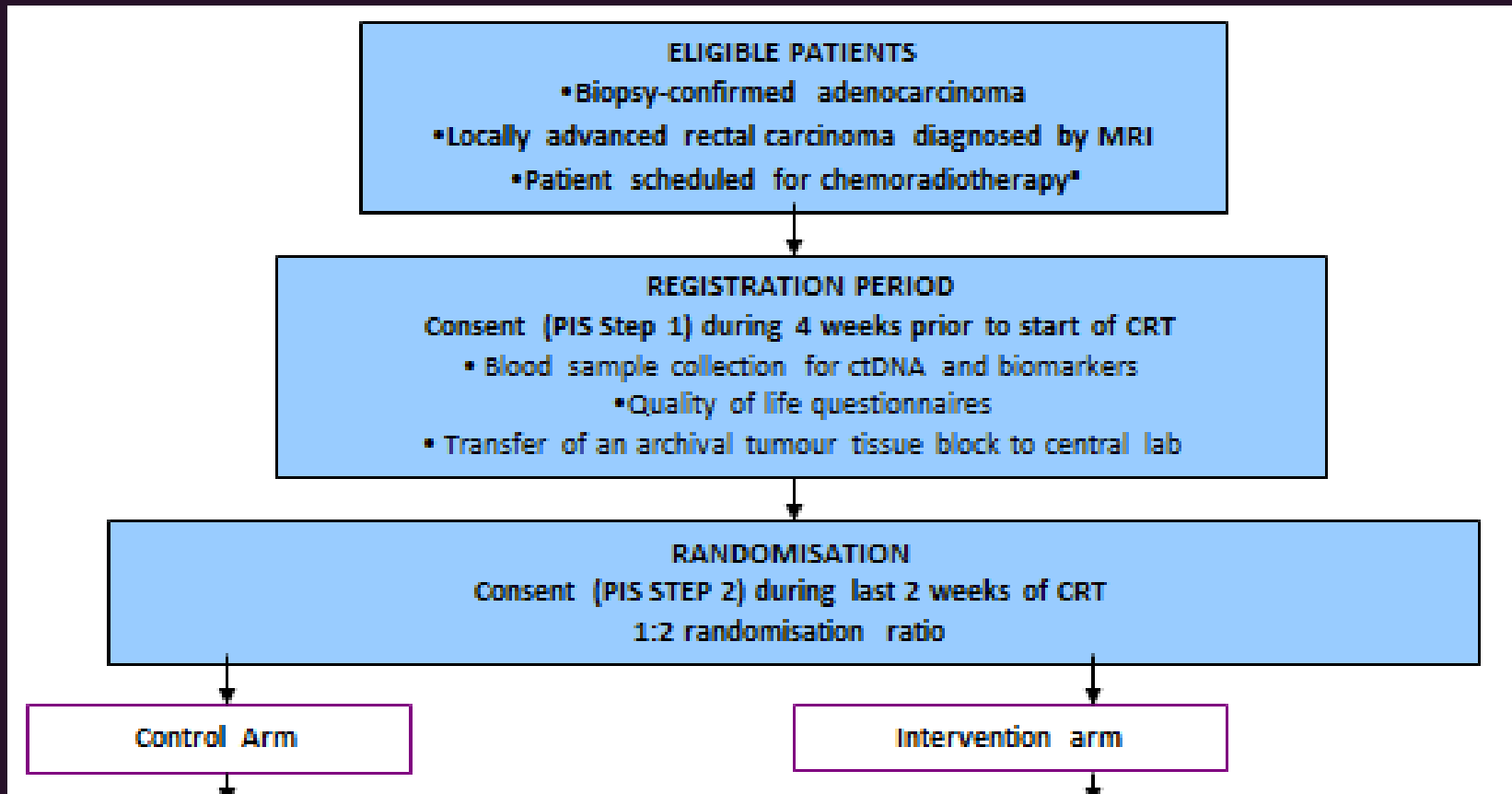
Patients	All patients		For patients who undergo surgery						For patients who <u>defer</u> surgery only <sup>5</sup>								All patients	
	Registration	Post CRT	Surgery	Surgical follow-up		Follow up months end of CRT			Follow up months from end of CRT									Relapse
Timelines	≤ 4 weeks prior to CRT	4-6 weeks post CRT	Time of surgery	4-8 weeks post surgery	3-months post surgery <sup>4</sup>	12	24	36	6	9	12	18	24	30	36	48	60	≤ 2 weeks of relapse
Archival diagnostic tumour tissue <sup>1</sup>	X																	
Surgical specimen <sup>2</sup>			X															
Circulating tumour DNA <sup>3</sup>	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Blood collection for ctDNA – optional for international sites.

Summarised in Section 10.4 & Appendix 7 of Protocol TRIGGER Lab Manual  
Tissue and blood stored centrally at Royal Marsden



# Registration & Randomisation



- Informed consent by medically-qualified investigator at both registration and randomisation
- Registration logistics: radiotherapy & chemotherapy new patient clinics, radiotherapy planning



# MRI Imaging & Reporting

- TRIGGER Imaging Manual:
  - Section 3.2.2 – scan acquisition parameters
- 0.6 x 0.6 x 3mm high resolution images:
  - 1mm<sup>3</sup> voxel size
- MRI Proforma based reporting
  - Baseline & Post-treatment
  - Copy of report required at baseline to confirm patient eligibility

# Central Review of MRI Scans

Retrospective as batches to  
examine agreement for mrTRG

Local MRI report inc. mrTRG used  
by site for patient management  
and entered on trial database

# Histopathology

- Protocol Appendix 5 & Laboratory Manual
- Attach histopathology evaluation summary & CRF to pathology request form
- Photography prior to dissection
- Macroscopic specimen dissection
- Cross-sectional slicing and photography
- Specimen sampling
- Microscopic reporting
- Pathology CRF
  - Correlating tissue with MRI: block and slice number



# IMPs

## Systemic chemotherapy

- Treatment choice made upfront prior to trial registration
  - CAPOX (8 cycles)
  - FOLFOX (12 cycles)
  - Or single agent capecitabine or 5-FU (if oxaliplatin contraindicated)

*Potential issue: treatment choice may not be made at time of MDT at some sites. Should be recorded in source notes.*

- Toxicity assessed end of each cycle and residual toxicity assessed at 12 months (CTCAE v4.0)



➤ IMPs provided, prepared and administered at sites according to local guidelines (Pharmacy Pack)

# Reference Safety Information

## IMP Expectedness Assessment

Drug	Brand	SmPC Date
Capecitabine 150mg film coated tablet	Accord	16 June 2015
Capecitabine 500mg Film coated tablet	Accord	19 June 2015
Fluorouracil 25mg/ml Injection	Hospira UK	24 Sep 2014
Fluorouracil 50mg/ml Injection	Hospira UK	24 Sep 2014
Oxaliplatin 5mg/ml Concentrate for Solution for Infusion	Hospira UK	17 Aug 2015
Calcium folinate 10mg/ml Injection	Hospira UK	31 Oct 2011



# AE Reporting



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## ADVERSE EVENT FORM

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FORM 18

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Patient initials				Centre Code			Patient Trial ID Number				
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Please add pre-existing conditions at time of Post-CRT MRI scan and record any adverse events that occur between date of Post-CRT MRI scan and 30 days after the last dose of chemotherapy.

AE No.	Adverse Event	Start Date			Stop Date <i>Leave blank if ongoing</i>			Severity Code	Related to:			Event outcome Code	SAE? <i>If yes complete SAE form</i>	Investigator initials and date
		Day	Mth	Year	Day	Mth	Year		Chemo-therapy? Causality Code	Surgery?	Deferral of surgery?			
								Code:	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Code:	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	

From date of post-CRT MRI scan until 30 days after last dose of chemotherapy is administered

								Code:	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Code:	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
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Surgical complications also recorded as surgery takes place during intervention period

AE form – specify if AE related to chemo or surgery

# SAE Reporting

Protocol No		Study Title	
CCR:		CCR 4326	
Eudract No:		2015-003009-40	

Investigator Details		Patient Details	
PI Name:		Patient Trial No:	
Centre:		Patient Initials:	
Centre No (if applicable):		DOB:	
Tel:		Sex: (please circle)    Male    Female	
Fax:		Height:                      Weight:	
Email:		Patient's Disease:	

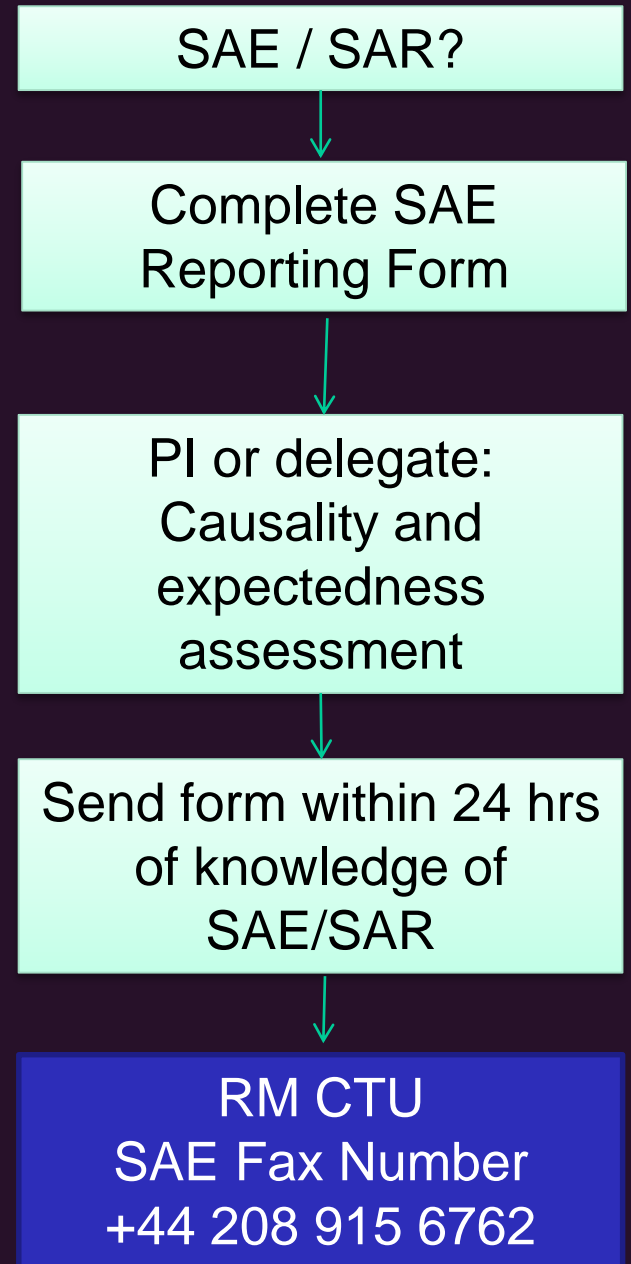
  

Serious Adverse Event Details				
Type of SAE Report:	Initial	1 <sup>st</sup> Follow Up	2 <sup>nd</sup> Follow Up	3 <sup>rd</sup> Follow Up
<i>(Circle which applies to this report)</i>				
SAE Term (e.g. Norovirus)	CTC AE Grade	CTC AE Category		

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# Exemptions from SAE reporting

- Any event that occurs after 30 days post last dose of chemo (except pCRM involvement)
- Elective hospitalisation and surgery for treatment of locally advanced rectal carcinoma or its complication
- Elective hospitalisation to simplify treatment or procedures
- Disease progression leading to hospitalisation, prolongation of hospitalisation, or death as a result of disease progression







Patient initials		Centre Code		Patient Trial ID Number	
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**Timing of follow-up from end of CRT (tick one only)**

6 mths  
  9 mths  
  12 mths  
  15 mths  
  18 mths  
  21 mths  
  24 mths  
  30 mths  
 3 yrs  
  3.5 yrs  
  4 yrs  
  4.5 yrs  
  5 yrs  
 Other, specify:

**Assessments and procedures performed at this time-point (complete all that apply). Please see Surveillance Schedule on page 2 of this form for details of what should be performed at each follow-up visit.**

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**Regrowth**

**Is there evidence of a tumour regrowth?**  No    Yes  
 If **yes** has the diagnosis of a regrowth been confirmed?  
 Yes, please indicate how regrowth was confirmed (tick all that apply):  Biopsy    MRI  
 No, suspected regrowth with **equivocal** diagnosis. Please refer to suspected regrowth pathway in trial protocol for details relating to management of equivocal diagnosis.

**Management**

Did the MDT recommend surgery?  No    Yes  
 If **yes**, was surgery performed?  No    Yes, date of surgery\*: 

Day	Month	Year

  
 \* Please complete a SURGERY Form if not already done.  
**If surgery not performed please indicate reason:**  
 Patient choice    Other, please specify reason:   
 Patient unfit for surgery  
 Surgery scheduled but not yet performed (please add date of surgery in box above once surgery takes place, initial and date change made to form and re-send form to TRIGGER Trial Office)

# Surveillance CRF

- Assessments and procedures at each follow-up visit
- Regrowth
  - Suspected regrowth
- Patient management

# Monitoring

- Central monitoring
  - Delegation log
  - Patient eligibility
  - Patient consent forms
  - Screening, Registration & Randomisation Logs
  - CRF review and data clarification queries
- Self-assessment monitoring
  - Form completed every 3-6 months
  - Limited to check of version of trial docs in use and filed in ISF, and SAEs



# Set-up steps for TRIGGER International sites

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approval

Local  
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Contract

SAE and  
SUSAR  
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# First step

- Review protocol and return site feasibility questionnaire
- No further action required by site at this stage
- Approval takes 2-3 weeks



Sponsor approval

Local approvals

Contract

SAE and SUSAR process

Site Initiation

### Clinical Trial Liability Insurance

- Appropriate insurance required at site to cover clinical negligence
- Copy of relevant insurance certificate and letter of indemnity to CI/Royal Marsden

### Ethics Committee approval

- Translation of patient information sheet, consent forms, trial flyer (optional), LARs questionnaire
- Copy of ethics approval to CI/Royal Marsden

### Regulatory approval

- TRIGGER is classified as a drug trial (CTIMP)
- Requires approval from drug regulatory authority (MHRA in UK)
- Copy of approval to CI/Royal Marsden



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## International Site Agreement

- Includes delegated responsibilities
  - e.g. obtain ethics approval, report SAEs to sponsor
- Material transfer agreement included as annex
- Signed by PI, International site representative, Royal Marsden

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## SAE and SUSAR Reporting Process

- Assessment of causality and expectedness for SAE/SARs
- Report SAEs to sponsor
- Follow-up of SAEs until their conclusion
- Report SUSARs to Ethics Committee and national regulatory authority
- Submit annual reports to Ethics Committee and regulatory authority



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## Final steps prior to patient recruitment

- Confirmation of successful completion of mrTRG assessment by nominated Radiologist
- Site Initiation Visit
  - Webinar or TC
- 'Green light' letter from CI at Royal Marsden



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