



**Blood
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May 2023

Dear Alice,

We hope you're enjoying springtime. The CTSS team has just returned from a great few days at the British Society for Haematology where we met with healthcare professionals and pharmaceutical companies to hear about the latest developments in the sector.

This month's **Blood Cancer UK Clinical Trials Support Service** Newsletter lands with you just after International Clinical Trials Day, more on that below, as well as plenty more.

...and we'd also really like your help in naming our new service - no 'Trial McTrial-faces' though please.

Best wishes

Jane, Rachel, Lynne and Elizabeth
The CTSS Team

Off on your travels?

If you're planning a holiday, you might well be looking into travel insurance options.

We know this can be a challenge for people with blood cancer and that's why Blood cancer UK has partnered with Staysure who are a trusted provider of travel insurance to people with pre-existing medical conditions.

[Find out more here](#)



Trial focus: OxPLoreD



Researchers at Oxford University are running a study currently recruiting people at sites across the country with:

Early stage CLL

MBL

MGUS

WM

SM

The study will help us to understand what factors could predict who will go on to develop blood or bone marrow cancers and learn more about what it's like to live with these conditions.

[Explore OxPLoreD](#)

Meet Ed

Each newsletter we'll introduce you to someone who has used our service or works in clinical trials research. If you would like us to feature your story, please do get in touch.

This month, Ed tells us about his experience of diagnosis, contacting the trials service and what he's found useful day-to-day.

Ed's story



Ask the Clinical Trials Experts



Blood Cancer UK has been running the **Ask the Experts** series for a couple of years. This is your opportunity to ask questions to panel members who have expertise in a particular area. You can check out previous episodes [on our YouTube channel](#).

This summer, we're looking to run a session on clinical trials with a panel including consultant haematologists. Please drop us an email with any specific questions you'd like them to answer.

What would you like to ask?

International Clinical Trials Day

International Clinical Trials Day takes place every year on 20 May. On this day in 1747, naval surgeon, James Lind, started the world's first 'clinical trial' - investigating whether citrus fruits could help sailors with scurvy.

Today clinical trials are an essential part of the development of safe and effective new treatments, but we know anecdotally that they're not routinely discussed with patients.

Join the CTSS team on the Blood Cancer UK forum throughout the day on **Tuesday 30 May** where we'll be answering your questions about clinical trials.

[Join us on the forum](#)

**Because knowing
about clinical trials
can help save lives**

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It's all in a name



This newsletter is the start of our new service for people like you who are on watch and wait, on low dose treatment or not yet ready to take part in a trial but may be in the future. Over the coming months we'll also be developing content for a dedicated page on our website.

We've been referring to it as the '*Clinical Trials Patient Registry*' internally, but we'd like your help to find a name which is meaningful and clearly encapsulates the service.

[Let us know your suggestions](#)

Save the date: Community Q & A

Join us at our next online event on **Tuesday 6 June 2023**, where our CEO Helen Rowntree and others will answer questions from our community.

Our Community Q & A events are where we come together to answer your questions about our work and to share updates about how we're making change for people affected by blood cancer.

[Register here](#)



Keeping in touch

Remember, if there's anything in the newsletter you'd like to ask about, if you have any questions or want to talk through any clinical trial options, we're always here for you. Just drop us a line at trials@bloodcancer.org.uk and if you'd prefer we can arrange a phone or zoom call at a time to suit.

Because together we can be the generation to beat blood cancer

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Need to talk about blood cancer? Call our support line free on 0808 2080 888

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