

# The end of the trial...



“...I am sorry to say that the results from your recent scan have shown that the cancer is starting to grow back; unfortunately this means you will no longer be able to continue with your current treatment, which means you will have to come off study...”



# Case Studies...

- “I have decided that after this treatment, I don’t want any further active treatment, I have a good GP...”
- “I am absolutely devastated, I do not want my son to see me die...”
- “are there really no other treatment options, perhaps I should retry chemo...”
- “what’s next...?”

# Patient Expectations



- Expect variety...
- Get the balance right...
- Ethical responsibilities...
- Psychosocial needs...
- Information gathering...

# End of study Visit



- Important for study safety
- How realistic
- Discussed at the beginning
- Withdrawn Consent



# Staff – coping mechanisms



Preparing patients for the end of their treatment is important for the patient and for the nurse...

# Current practice at Leicester



- Link in to palliative care
- Consultation support tool and Communication skills for Registrars
- Implementation of patient follow- up

# Conclusions

In practice we do not know what motivates a patient to participate in a study, and nor can we predict how they will be at trial conclusion; however we have a duty of care to facilitate good care throughout the trial, from beginning to end...

Any Questions...?

