



NEWSLETTER POLARIS

Predicting Optimal Cancer Rehabilitation and Supportive care

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SECOND NEWSLETTER

We are happy to send you the second newsletter of POLARIS. In this newsletter we inform you about the study progress and about the activities planned in the next few months.



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ADVISORY BOARD

Currently, we are composing an international advisory board consisting of a small group of well-known experts in the field of cancer rehabilitation and supportive care. We will present the advisory board in the next newsletter.

FIRST VERSION OF THE PROTOCOLS

We have completed the first version of the procedures, policy, data request form and the codebook of POLARIS. These documents were discussed with the Dutch members of the POLARIS consortium. The steering committee will adjust the documents according to the suggestions made during this meeting. The second version of the protocols will be sent to the advisory board for their review. After this review the documents will be finalized.

POLARIS WEBSITE

In the coming weeks, we will build a website for the POLARIS study to inform consortium members and other interested researchers about POLARIS. We will let you know when the website is launched.

WHAT'S NEXT

We currently started a small pilot study using small datasets to evaluate which methods should be used for harmonization of the data. Further, we will conduct a full literature search to identify all RCTs that meet the inclusion criteria for POLARIS. From September 2012, we will start sending invitations to the principle investigators of these studies to participate in POLARIS.



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