



Proximal Femur Reconstruction or Internal Fixation for Metastases

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Welcome to the **seventh edition** of the PERFORM Randomized Controlled Trial Newsletter!

## STUDY ENROLMENT UPDATE

We are pleased to report that as of March 2, 2026, **20** patients have been successfully enrolled in the PERFORM trial!

In addition, we are excited to announce the **activation of new clinical sites**: the Albany Medical Center, led by Dr. Matthew DiCaprio and the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, led by Dr. Samir Sabharwal. Welcome to the PERFORM trial!

Sites Activated					
Site	Investigator	Country	City	Enrolment Since Last Newsletter	Total Enrolment
Oregon Health and Science University Hospital	Kenneth Gundle	USA	Portland, Oregon	4	9
Hospital de Clínicas de Porto Alegre	Ricardo Becker	Brazil	Porto Alegre	2	7
Parkview Packnett Family Cancer Institute	Christopher Johnson	USA	Fort Wayne, Indiana	3	4
Albany Medical Center	Matthew DiCaprio	USA	Albany, NY	0	0
Foothills Medical Centre	Joseph Kendal	Canada	Calgary, Alberta	0	0
Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center	Nicholas Tedesco	USA	Corvallis, Oregon	0	0
Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont	Georges Basile	Canada	Montreal, Quebec	0	0
University of Cincinnati Medical Center	Samir Sabharwal	USA	Cincinnati, Ohio	0	0
University of Colorado Hospital	Steven Thorpe	USA	Denver, Colorado	0	0
<b>Total</b>				<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>

## SITE START-UP UPDATE

We currently have **20** additional sites in the **start-up** phase. The site start-up process includes:

- ✓ Local research ethics/ institutional approval
- ✓ Finalized Clinical Site Contract Agreements
- ✓ Completion of Site Initiation Training

Sites in Start-up			
Site	Investigator	Country	City
AOU Città della Salute e della Scienza CTO	Michele Boffano	Italy	Torino
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center	Megan Anderson	USA	Boston, Massachusetts
Cleveland Clinic	Lukas Nystrom	USA	Cleveland, Ohio
Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc	Thomas Schubert	Belgium	Brussels
Ganga Medical Centre & Hospitals Pvt. Ltd	Raja Bhaskara	India	Tamil Nadu
Helsinki University Hospital	Minna Laitinen	Finland	Helsinki
Hospital Vall d'Hebron	Roberto Vélez Villa	Spain	Barcelona
Institut Jules Bordet	Bilal Kapanci	Belgium	Brussels
IRCCS AOU di Bologna	Andrea Sambri	Italy	Bologna
Johns Hopkins Hospital	Albert Aboulafia	USA	Baltimore, Maryland
Massachusetts General Hospital	Santiago Lozano-Calderon	USA	Boston, Massachusetts
McGill University Medical Centre	Anthony Bozzo	Canada	Montreal, Quebec
Medical University Graz	Andreas Leithner	Austria	Graz
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	Jonathan Forsberg	USA	New York City, New York
Moffitt Cancer Center	Alexander Lazarides	USA	Tampa, Florida
Mount Sinai Hospital	Aaron Gazendam	Canada	Toronto, Ontario
Radboud Medical Centre	Edwin Dierselhuus	Netherlands	Nijmegen, Gelderland
UC Davis Health Medical Center	Danielle Brown	USA	Sacramento, California
University of Chicago Medicine	Tessa Balach	USA	Chicago, Illinois
University of Maryland Medical Center	Vincent Ng	USA	Baltimore, Maryland

## PERFORM UPDATES

### CIHR RESUBMISSION TO SPRING 2026 GRANT COMPETITION

We are pleased to share that our application for the CIHR Project Grant Fall 2025 award for the study titled: *The Proximal Femur Reconstruction Or Internal Fixation For Metastases (PERFORM) Randomized Controlled Trial* was reviewed and scored highly. However, some clarifications were requested by the reviewers before they consider the proposal a funding priority. We are looking forward to resubmitting to the Spring 2026 grant competition this week with hopes for a successful outcome.

Thank you to all our collaborators who contributed to this application. We greatly appreciate your commitment and ongoing efforts to advance this trial. We will keep you informed of the outcome later this year.



### OHSU IS THIS MONTH'S TOP ENROLLER

We would like to recognize the exceptional efforts of the team at **Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU)** who achieved top enrolment this month with **four total enrolments**. A huge thank you to Dr. Gundle, Dr. Doung, Dr. Ramsey, Rebecca Smith, and Barron Smith for their outstanding contributions!

### DATABASE ACCESS UPDATE

We're excited to share that we are in the final stages of developing the **PERFORM REDCap Cloud (RCC)** database! It is expected to be available to users in **the coming weeks**. At that time, we will send out an official announcement and provide access to all users who need it. Thank you for your patience and cooperation!

## PERFORM PEARLS

### PROTOCOL & AMENDMENT VERSIONS

Sites with current ethics/ institutional review board approval are to submit an amendment for minor wording changes reflected on the Protocol V3 and Case Report Forms V2. Sites who have not yet submitted an ethics application are to include these recent versions in their applications. Please provide approval certificates to the Methods Centre once received.

### DATA SUBMISSION TIMELINE REMINDER

Please be reminded that all sites with enrolled patients should be collecting and recording data on the provided Case Report Forms (CRFs) found in the Study Resource Folder after each follow-up visit. Completed data should be submitted to Olivia (viragoe@mcmaster.ca) **within two weeks of the visit**.

## PERFORM RESOURCES

### WEBSITE

The PERFORM trial website is now live! Please visit: [www.performtrial.com](http://www.performtrial.com) for information regarding the trial, including regular updates and relevant documents.

### BECOME A PARTICIPATING SITE!

If you are interested in participating in the PERFORM Trial and have not yet applied, please complete the Physician Trial Application here: [performtrial.com/investigator-application](http://performtrial.com/investigator-application)

## PERFORM METHODS CENTRE CONTACTS

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