



Proximal Femur Reconstruction or Internal Fixation for Metastases

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UPDATES

Welcome to the **fifth edition** of the PERFORM Randomized Controlled Trial newsletter! The overall objective of the PERFORM trial is to determine the effect of reconstruction compared to internal fixation on patient-important outcomes for the stabilization of an impending or realized pathologic fracture in patients with metastatic bone disease (MBD) of the proximal femur. In this edition, we are excited to provide an update on **site initiation** and **enrolment**!

SITE INITIATION AND START-UP

We are pleased to announce that 2 additional clinical sites are now activated and ready to enroll! This includes the Parkview Packnett Family Cancer Institute led by Dr. Christopher Johnson and the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center led by Dr. Nicholas Tedesco. Research teams at these sites attended their Site Initiation Trainings where we discussed the patient flow within the study which includes screening, consenting, randomization and the follow-up visit schedule, and their randomize.net account has now been activated. **We congratulate Dr. Johnson and his team for enrolling our first U.S. patient on September 3rd, 2025!**

Sites Activated

Country	City	Investigator	Clinic	Enrolment Since Last Newsletter	Total Enrolment
Brazil	Porto Alegre	Ricardo Becker	Hospital de Clínicas de Porto Alegre	3	4
USA	Fort Wayne, Indiana	Christopher Johnson	Parkview Packnett Family Cancer Institute	1	1
USA	Corvallis, Oregon	Nicholas Tedesco	Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center		
Total				4	5

We currently have 21 other sites in the start-up phase. Sites are working on obtaining local research ethics approval and establishing contract agreements. Sites include those from the following countries: USA, Canada, Italy, Spain, Belgium, India, Austria and Finland. Investigators and research teams at these sites will complete training and become enrollment ready once we have all the required documents.

Sites Onboarding

Country	City	Investigator	Clinic
Austria	Graz	Andreas Leithner	Medical University Graz
Belgium	Brussels	Thomas Schubert	Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc
Belgium	Brussels	Bilal Kapanci	Institut Jules Bordet
Canada	Montreal, QC	Georges Basile	Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont
Canada	Calgary, AB	Joe Kendal	Foothills Medical Centre
Canada	Montreal, QC	Anthony Bozzo	McGill University Medical Centre
Finland	Helsinki	Minna Laitinen	Helsinki University Hospital
India	Tamil Nadu	Raja Bhaskara	Ganga Medical Centre & Hospitals Pvt. Ltd
Italy	Torino, To	Michele Boffano	AOU Città della Salute e della Scienza CTO
Italy	Bologna	Andrea Sambri	IRCCS AOU di Bologna
Spain	Barcelona	Roberto Vélez Villa	Hospital Vall d'Hebron
USA	Portland, OR	Kenneth Gundle	Oregon Health and Science University Hospital
USA	New York City, NY	Jonathan Forsberg	Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
USA	Boston, MA	Santiago Lozano-Calderon	Massachusetts General Hospital
USA	Baltimore, MD	Vincent Ng	University of Maryland Medical Center
USA	Denver, CO	Steven Thorpe	University of Colorado Hospital
USA	Albany, NY	Matthew DiCaprio	Albany Medical Center
USA	Boston, MA	Megan Anderson	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
USA	Baltimore, MD	Albert Aboulafia	Johns Hopkins
USA	Cincinnati, OH	Samir Sabharwal	University of Cincinnati Medical Center
USA	Sacramento, CA	Danielle Brown	UC Davis Health Medical Center

THE SARCOMA STRONG 5K 2025: A POWERFUL STEP FORWARD



We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us on **August 10th at the annual Sarcoma Strong 5K Run/Walk in Hamilton!** We were thrilled to see participation in this year's event more than double compared to last year. It helped make this event a powerful celebration of community and hope in support of sarcoma research. A special thank you goes to Claudia Brown and the Jonathan Brown Foundation for their invaluable partnership. Their dedication to advancing sarcoma research and improving patient care continues to inspire and strengthen our mission. Through our collaboration, we raised over \$12,000 to support sarcoma research in honour of Jonathan! Together, we are making strides toward better outcomes for those affected by sarcoma.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dr. Michelle Ghert and the research team will attend the **MSTS Annual Meeting in Mexico City on Dec 3- 5th, 2025**. The team has a total of 4 podium presentations. The meeting will provide a great opportunity to connect with international colleagues who participate in and continue to support the team's ongoing initiatives!

Our team will host an in-person **Investigator and Research Personnel meeting on Dec 3rd** at the MSTS Annual Meeting in Mexico City. This meeting will provide an opportunity to present an update on the trials and discuss ongoing study implementation. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Primary Research Coordinator, Olivia at viragoe@mcmaster.ca.

HIGHLIGHTS

WEBSITE

The PERFORM trial website is live! Please visit: 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

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