

## CALGB-9741:

# A Randomized Phase III Trial of Sequential Chemotherapy Using Doxorubicin, Paclitaxel, and Cyclophosphamide or Concurrent Doxorubicin and Cyclophosphamide Followed by Paclitaxel at 14 or 21 Day Intervals in Women With Node Positive Stage II/IIIA Breast Cancer

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT00003088

## Study Background

**Trial Design:** This is a randomized study. Patients are randomized into one of four arms (sequential chemotherapy every 2 weeks vs every 3 weeks vs concurrent chemotherapy followed by paclitaxel every 2 weeks vs every 3 weeks). All tumor should be removed by either a modified radical mastectomy or a segmental mastectomy plus axillary node dissection. Adjuvant chemotherapy is started within 84 days following the last surgical procedure.

- Arm I: Patients receive sequential chemotherapy every 3 weeks. Doxorubicin IV is administered once every 3 weeks for 4 doses. Paclitaxel IV is then administered over 3 hours once every 3 weeks for 4 doses. Cyclophosphamide IV is administered once every 3 weeks for 4 doses following paclitaxel.
- Arm II: Patients receive sequential chemotherapy every 2 weeks. Doxorubicin IV is administered once every 2 weeks for 4 doses. Paclitaxel IV is then administered over 3 hours once every 2 weeks for 4 doses. Cyclophosphamide IV is administered once every 2 weeks for 4 doses following paclitaxel. Filgrastim (G-CSF) is administered by subcutaneous injection on days 3-10 after each dose of doxorubicin, paclitaxel, and cyclophosphamide.
- Arm III: Patients receive combination chemotherapy every 3 weeks. Combination doxorubicin IV and cyclophosphamide IV is administered once every 3 weeks for 4 doses. Paclitaxel IV is administered over 3 hours once every 3 weeks for 4 doses following combination chemotherapy.
- Arm IV: Patients receive combination chemotherapy every 2 weeks. Combination doxorubicin IV and cyclophosphamide IV is administered once every 2 weeks for 4 doses. Paclitaxel IV is administered over 3 hours once every 2 weeks for 4 doses following combination chemotherapy. G-CSF is administered by subcutaneous injection on days 3-10 after each dose of doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide and after each dose of paclitaxel.

After completion of all chemotherapy, patients receive tamoxifen orally for 5 years. Patients undergo radiotherapy 4-6 weeks after the completion of chemotherapy. Patients are followed every 6 months for 5 years, then annually until death.

**Objectives:**

- To compare sequential chemotherapy with doxorubicin, paclitaxel, and cyclophosphamide to combined doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide followed by paclitaxel for disease-free and overall survival.
- To determine whether increasing the dose density of adjuvant chemotherapy (decreasing the interval between chemotherapy courses from 21 to 14 days) will improve disease-free overall survival.
- To compare the toxicity for patients treated with sequential doxorubicin, paclitaxel, and cyclophosphamide followed by paclitaxel at 14 and 21 day intervals.

**Stratification Factors:**

Number of positive lymph nodes (1-3, 4-9,  $\geq 10$ , sentinel node dissection only)

**Study**

9/15/1997

Activation Date

**History:**

1/15/1999

Close Date

April 2003

Primary Completion Date

June 2003

Study Completion Date

## **Publication Information**

**Analysis Type:** Primary Endpoint Analysis

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**Associated Datasets:** NCT00003088\_D1\_(comp\_by\_cyc)  
NCT00003088\_D2\_(comp\_by\_pt)  
NCT00003088\_D3\_(dosed)  
NCT00003088\_D4\_(toxicity)  
NCT00003088\_D5\_(treated)

## **Dataset Information**

**Dataset Name:** NCT00003088\_D3\_(dosered)

**Description:** The NCT00003088\_D3\_(dosered) dataset is one of 5 datasets associated with PubMed ID 12668651. This dataset contains data on dose reductions.

## **NCT00003088 D3 (dosered) Data Dictionary**

Variable Description	Variable Name	Code	Notes
De-identified patient identifier	MASK_ID		
Dose reduction: During Cyclophosphamide	cyc_red	0 = 'No' 1 = 'Yes'	
Dose reduction: During Doxorubicin	dox_red	0 = 'No' 1 = 'Yes'	
Regimen	indrx	1='Seq q3' 2='Seq q2' 3='Con q3' 4='Con q2'	
Dose reduction: During Taxol	tax_red	0 = 'No' 1 = 'Yes'	