



## **BOSS trial and COVID 19 Pandemic advice 24th March 2020**

Dear BOSS trials teams

We thank you for your hard work on the BOSS trial during this period of uncertainty. We have discussed the options for the BOSS trial and would like to share our plan with you.

**The BOSS trial will not close.** We will stop all requests for endoscopies following both the BSG guidelines and Government guidelines on social distancing for at least the next 3 months. We hope to resume endoscopy requests from July 2020, but as you will agree this is a fast moving time with guidance changing rapidly.

Please note though that if you have patients who have been identified with having high grade dysplasia, low grade dysplasia or symptoms that indicate that an endoscopy is required we would ask for a BOSS endoscopy CRF be completed in the usual manner.

We will discuss with ethics and submit an amendment in due course allowing us to obtain data from the group of patients whose consent into BOSS may lapse during this period. Full details of what this will look like will be shared with you in a couple of months. Please bear with us.

All BOSS site monitoring will cease with immediate effect. We will keep you informed as to when this will resume.

In the meantime the BOSS trials team will continue to send out QOLs to the patients in the endoscopy at need group as they usually do. This will not impact adversely on the vulnerable patient group as these are completed at home. The BOSS trial team will process these as and when they receive them.

Could we ask, where possible that you work with the data officers in sorting through the backlog of CRF queries that are outstanding, this will hopefully help give us a clear start when the current situation has eased.

We'll keep you updated as the situation evolves and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the BOSS trial team Clive, Cathryn or Angela

Kind regards

BOSS Chief Investigator

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Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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