



Performance and Feedback – This edition highlights

This Newsletter edition will give you a snapshot of the feedback about our performance over the years (from our internal and external clinical research partners); an update of ZCA-Braga performance indices (studies, recruitment rate); and also, recruitment and additional information to consider when applying for our clinical research project grants.

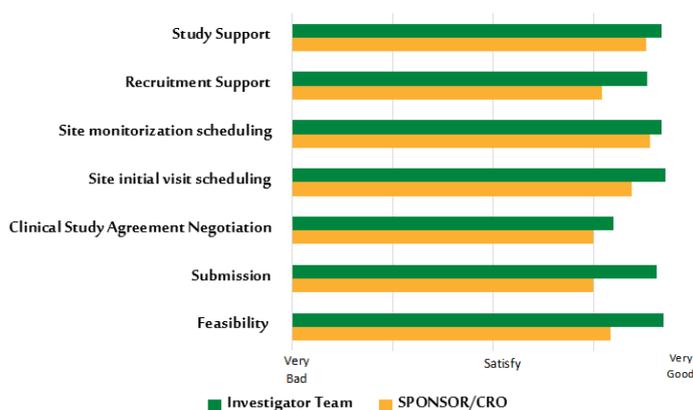
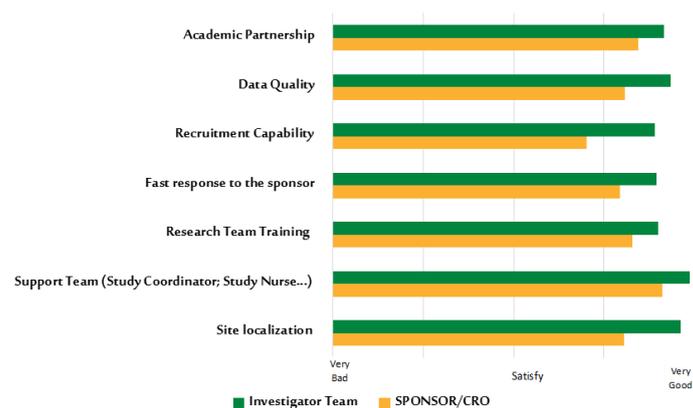
Hope you enjoy the reading!

Time for feedback

Since 2015, we have been collecting feedback from our partners (research teams, sponsors and CROs) through a survey, in order to check for overall satisfaction and directing us towards continuous improvement.

This year, we collected 64 answers: 25 from investigators and 39 from sponsors and CROs (8 from start-up teams, 22 from Clinical Research Associates and 9 from Clinical Project Managers).

The detailed feedback of ZCA-Braga performance, of the 2017, can be found below:



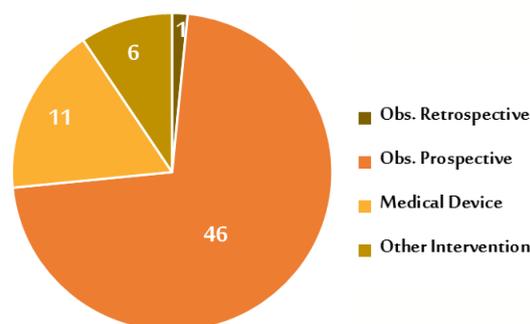
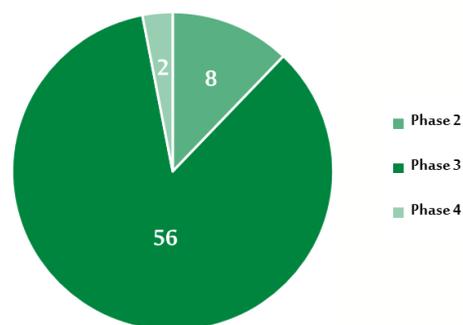
We are glad to inform that 100 % of our respondents answered YES to the question “Globally do you consider that the ZCA-Braga infrastructure and team support is adequate to promote clinical research?”

Feedback is very important for us! By analysing this data we will be able to implement more effective strategies in assisting Research Teams and Sponsors/CRO.

Our Numbers

Currently, we are managing a total of 130 clinical studies. Of these, 66 are phase II-IV clinical trials and 64 other type of clinical studies. Of note, from this grand total, 56 are investigator-driven studies - supporting investigator-driven studies is very important for the advancement of health research in Portugal!

The overall distribution according to the type of study can be checked below:

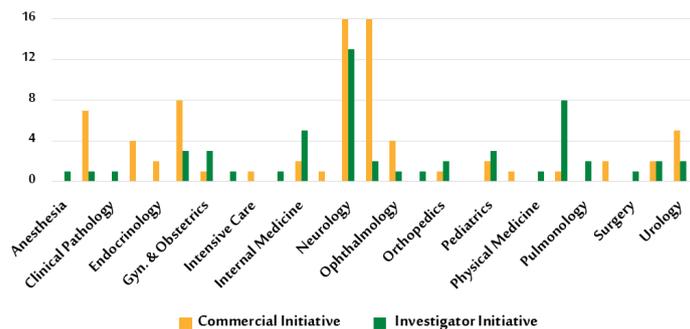


As depicted in the graphs above, the majority of clinical trials consist of phase 3 studies; whereas regarding non-clinical trials, observational prospective is the most frequent type of study in our centre.

ZCA-Braga also provides assistance in studies with medical devices. This type of study has been steadily increasing in our centre. There are currently 11 ongoing studies for validating medical devices in ZCA-Braga, in several areas such as rheumatology, orthopaedics and haematology. For more information on submission of studies with medical devices please contact ZCA-Braga.

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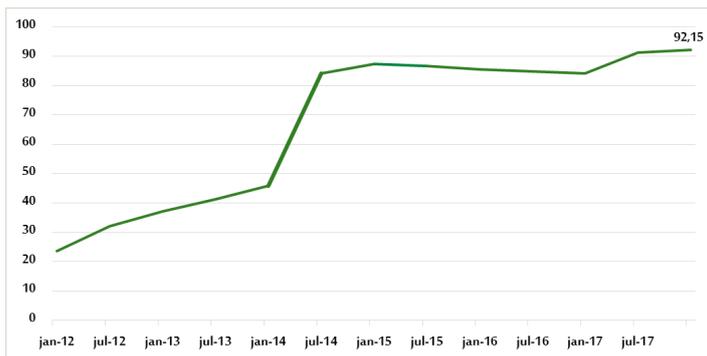
The top 3 areas with higher number of studies are neurology (29), oncology (18) and gastroenterology (11). The distribution among all medical areas is shown below:



Conducting research in certain medical areas poses certain challenges and may be limited by several circumstances. Although studies of commercial initiative are more frequent, we have been supporting a considerable number of Investigator Initiative studies. We encourage researchers from other areas to visit our facilities and meet 2CA-Braga team and to accept the research challenge!

The number of investigators selected for the role of National Lead Investigator is also increasing. Dr. Herlander Marques, Dr. Álvaro Machado, Dr. Raquel Gonçalves, Dr. João Cerqueira and Dr. Jorge Correia-Pinto are currently heading the list. A thank you note for the motivated teams who made all this possible.

Last September, we have also reached a new recruitment landmark of 92,15%. This, along with our high participant retention rate, makes us a solid partner to work with in clinical research.



Additionally, 2CA-Braga applied for a couple of international calls. We hope to have good news to share soon!

What's next?

2CA-Braga grant applications are now open

As in previous years, the 2CA-Braga grant applications are now open. As in previous editions, these are attributed to 4 selected research projects with a maximum duration of 18 months (please check for additional requirements).

The 2CA-Braga grants have the goal to promote the clinical research of the investigator initiative, supporting in the design of the project, regulatory process and implementation of the study.

To stimulate additional participation, this year edition includes two types of grants:

- Two grants, especially created for young researchers, with a maximum funding of 5.000 Euros each;
- Two general grants with a funding amount of 10.000 Euros/ per project.

We encourage clinicians and researchers to apply, individually or integrated in a team, to 2CA-Braga grants.

Requirements were also updated and additional information on grant applications can be found in our website www.ccabraga.org.

Results will be announced during January 2018 and projects should initiate on the following month.

Phase I Section – Almost there!



2CA-Braga is undergoing some structural changes in order to meet the requirements for the implementation of Phase I studies. This is a major achievement for 2CA-Braga and will contribute to the expansion of high-quality clinical research in Portugal. For more information on 2CA-Braga in general, please check our website <http://www.ccabraga.org> or contact us through 2ca@ccabraga.org.

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