1. I am taking only bq\_eligible, 148972 participants
2. I look at hnc\_exit\_stat: and delete all with status “0”, and “2” (2 is for non-target)
3. I create the new var – “follow-up” = hnc\_exit\_days-entrydays\_bq
4. I look ar the randomization year: and for:
5. 1993 - #days= max=5906; min=172 ;

optimal # of days=5906 – 5726 (5670 days: 5906-180 (days in half a year))

2 cases censored but died from hnc – deleted

159 cases deleted because in range less than above mentioned, not cancer diagnosed

1. 1994 #days: max = 5850; min=5 (5850 - 5 670(the same logic))

12685 cases deleted as in range less than above mentioned, not cancer diagnosed

6 cases censored but died from hnc – deleted

1 case last participant contact but died from hnc-deleted

1 case last part contact prior to unconfirmed report died from hnc -deleted

4 cases deleted because hnc was not the first cancer diagnosed

1. 1995 # days: max=5487, min=1 (5487 - 5307)

15379 cases deleted as in range less than above mentioned, not cancer diagnosed

3 cases censored but died from hnc – deleted

16 cases deleted because hnc was not the first cancer diagnosed

1. 1996: max=5121, min=4 (5121 - 4941)

18949 cases deleted as in range less than above mentioned, not cancer diagnosed

6 cases censored but died from hnc – deleted

1 case last participant contact but died from hnc-deleted

11 cases deleted because hnc was not the first cancer diagnosed

1. 1997: max=4752, min=1 (4752 - 4572)

14842 cases deleted as in range less than above mentioned, not cancer diagnosed

3 cases censored but died from hnc – deleted

2 cases last participant contact prior to unconfirmed report but died from hnc-deleted

1 cases last participant contact but died from hnc-deleted

6 cases deleted because hnc was not the first cancer diagnosed

1. 1998: max=4387: min=1 (4387 - 4207)

16036 cases deleted as in range less than above mentioned, not cancer diagnosed

5 cases censored but died from hnc – deleted

2 cases last participant contact prior to unconfirmed report but died from hnc-deleted

3cases last participant contact but died from hnc-deleted

6 cases deleted because hnc was not the first cancer diagnosed

1. 1999: max=4022, min=1 (4022 - 3842 )

13068 cases deleted as in range less than above mentioned, not cancer diagnosed

5 cases censored but died from hnc – deleted

7 cases deleted because hnc was not the first cancer diagnosed

1. 2000: max=3658, min=1 (3658 - 3478)
2. 2001: max=3290, min=39 (3290 - 3110).