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Recruitment at 31 Dec 2010

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary	7
Barnsley	1
Basildon	1
Basingstoke	2
Blackpool Victoria	1
Chesterfield Royal	10
Countess of Chester	18
Dorset County	1
Glasgow RI	4
James Paget, Gt Yar	1
Kettering General	1
King's College, London	3
Leeds District General	5
Croydon, London	8
Margate, QEOM	4
Monklands, Airdrie	7
North Staffs, Stoke	29
Nottingham	36
Plymouth	1
Princess Royal, H.Heath	1
Royal Bournemouth	6
Royal Cornwall, Truro	16
Royal Derby Hosp	18
Royal Devon & Exeter	11
Royal Liverpool	7
Royal Preston	5
Royal Surrey, Guildford	6
Southend	3
St Georges, London	29
Stepping Hill, Stockport	1
The Calderdale Royal	14
The Ipswich Hospital	3
Torbay District Hospital	11
Univ. Hospital Aintree	10
West Cumberland, Whitehaven	7
Whiston Hospital, Prescot	2
Yeovil District Hosp	7



Newsletter for the Triple Anti-platelets for Reducing Dependency after Ischaemic Stroke Trial

Web: www.tardistrial.org Email: tardis@nottingham.ac.uk

Congratulations to... ***

- Barnsley, Basildon, Bath, Colchester, Kettering, Margate and Whiston hospitals - for randomising their first TARDIS patients.

Welcome to...

- Barnstaple, Dunfermline/Kirkcaldy, Northumbria Healthcare, Eastbourne, St Helier, Poole, William Harvey, Lincoln, Boston, Southampton, Mid Yorkshire and Watford Hospitals - waiting to recruit their first patient.

Help, Tips, Clarifications

- A supplier for cryogenic marker pens for freezer samples around £14.20 for 4 (+ VAT) is Appleton Woods who can be contacted at the following website address: http://www.appletonwoods.co.uk/cgi-bin/sh000001.pl?REFPAGE=http%3a%2f%2fwww%2eappletonwoods%2eco%2eu%2f&WD=ns036&PN=Cryogenic_Marker_Pens%2ehtml%23aNS036#aNS036
- The randomisation result only remains available for 12hours on the website.
- Baseline/randomisation form – the choice of 'Existing Inpatient' must only be chosen if the patient was already admitted to hospital prior to their randomising event.
- The screening log on our website must be completed for all recruits screened for TARDIS, and kept in the Investigator Site File. This must be available for monitor/audit purposes.
- Please remember that dementia is an exclusion criteria. Please do not randomise these patients as it will be a protocol violation.
- Paper CRFs must be stored in the Recruit's Trial File and never in the hospital notes. There should only be one copy of these CRFs i.e. the master and any changes must be done on this copy.
- The original signed consent form/s must be kept either in the Investigator Site File OR in the Recruit's Trial File. They should never be kept in the hospital notes.
- The recruit's trial id number needs adding to all consent forms after the patient is randomised. Please do this prior to copying and filing in the trial file and hospital notes. Remember to fax these to 0115 8230273 within 2 days of randomisation please.
- Consent forms must be signed by the person taking the consent – who must be a medic, authorised on the site signature/delegation log to undertake this task.
- When consenting patients please ensure they understand their responsibilities in the trial including having trial bloods taken, returning (if not an inpatient) for follow-up visits at Days 7 and 35 to your hospitals, having a telephone follow-up at Day 90 from the Co-ordinating Centre and informing investigators of any problems experienced during the trial. We have had some problems recently where participants have refused to speak to the Day 90 follow-up co-ordinator.

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Prizes were awarded at the TARDIS Investigator Meeting to Stoke, Margate and Nottingham for 'recruiting the most patients in the previous 3 months' 'highest new recruiting site' and 'highest number of recruits in total'.



TCD training

Transcranial Doppler (TCD) training can be accessed through Southampton General Hospital, their website: <http://www.suht.nhs.uk/tcdtraining> or contact Angela Cotton @ angela.cotton@suht.swest.nhs.uk

Clopidogrel accountability

An accountability log needs completing for any clopidogrel dispensed, whether from pharmacy or straight from the ward/clinic stock. If a stock of clopidogrel has been dispensed to the ward (rather than a particular patient) then the investigator is responsible for completing a further log, once this is dispensed to a recruit. This must be kept in the Investigator Site File for audit/monitoring purposes.

Also a temperature log needs completing – check with your pharmacy regarding acceptable temperature ranges, as the drug will need replacing if temperature is logged outside these limits.

Next TARDIS Teleconference

Friday, 14 January 2011 12:30 to 1:30pm

We will let you know by email of the freephone telephone number to ring. Please do not ring outside the above times as we do get charged for this even though the teleconference may have finished.

P-selectin blood samples – new system

A new system for collecting the bloods for P-selectin testing is now ready. A few sites have already started using this new system. Full blood collection packs are being sent out to recruiting sites and will include all documentation and a powerpoint presentation for training purposes. We will be in touch with others shortly regarding sending supplies. If anyone has any queries/problems please do not hesitate to ring 0115 8230210.

