



## **TARDIS - Working Practice Document No: 015**

### **Emergency Randomisation Procedure**

In the event of technical problems, which cause computerised randomisation failure, sites should seek to randomise a patient over the telephone.

The technological failure may be either at the site's end with failure of hospital systems, or with University systems in Nottingham.

Emergency telephone numbers for randomisation are available on the TARDIS website and a written note (See Contact List) of these should be kept as the website may also be unavailable due to technical failure. These numbers may alter from time to time with staff changes and efforts should be made to keep an up-to-date list. There will be a copy in the INVESTIGATOR SITE FILE.

Due to the importance of randomising patients early, if a patient has been consented and is awaiting randomisation then the telephone call may be made irrespective of UK time.

At the time of the phone call please supply the following information:

- Has the patient given signed consent;
- Randomisation choices ACD vs AD or C – for your site;
- Has the patient got (or had for TIA) arm or leg weakness or aphasia;
- Onset date and time;
- Patient initials, age and gender;
- Stroke or TIA;
- Duration;
- Are both the systolic blood pressure readings equal to or less than 185 – and both the diastolic readings equal to or less than 110;
- Is the patient on existing antiplatelet therapy;
- Will the patient be admitted for this event – or are they already an inpatient?

Please make a note of the randomisation result given over the telephone. Once you can access the website, you will need to enter the baseline details online, when the system will issue you with the participant number. This will appear on your patient list as usual.

If the randomisation result given over the phone differs from the website randomisation, then please contact the trial office and we will correct this.

**Please take particular care to ensure that the patient fulfils all the inclusion and none of the exclusion criteria. The built-in checks with the computerised system are not available with telephone randomisation.**