

PREVENTT

Preoperative intravenous iron to treat anaemia in major surgery

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PREVENTT News

Welcome to the first PREVENTT newsletter of 2015. Firstly, welcome to the new PREVENTT sites who have opened to recruitment over the past two months, James Cook (in Middlesbrough) and Northampton General. The first site visit of 2015 has also taken place at Broomfield Hospital in Chelmsford and recruitment will soon be starting at the Royal Liverpool hospital. This will bring us to a total of 29 sites for the trial.

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the second PREVENTT investigator meeting at the end of January and make it such a success! It was great to meet so many of you and there will be full report of the meeting in the next issue of the newsletter. Information from the meeting will be sent round to all sites.

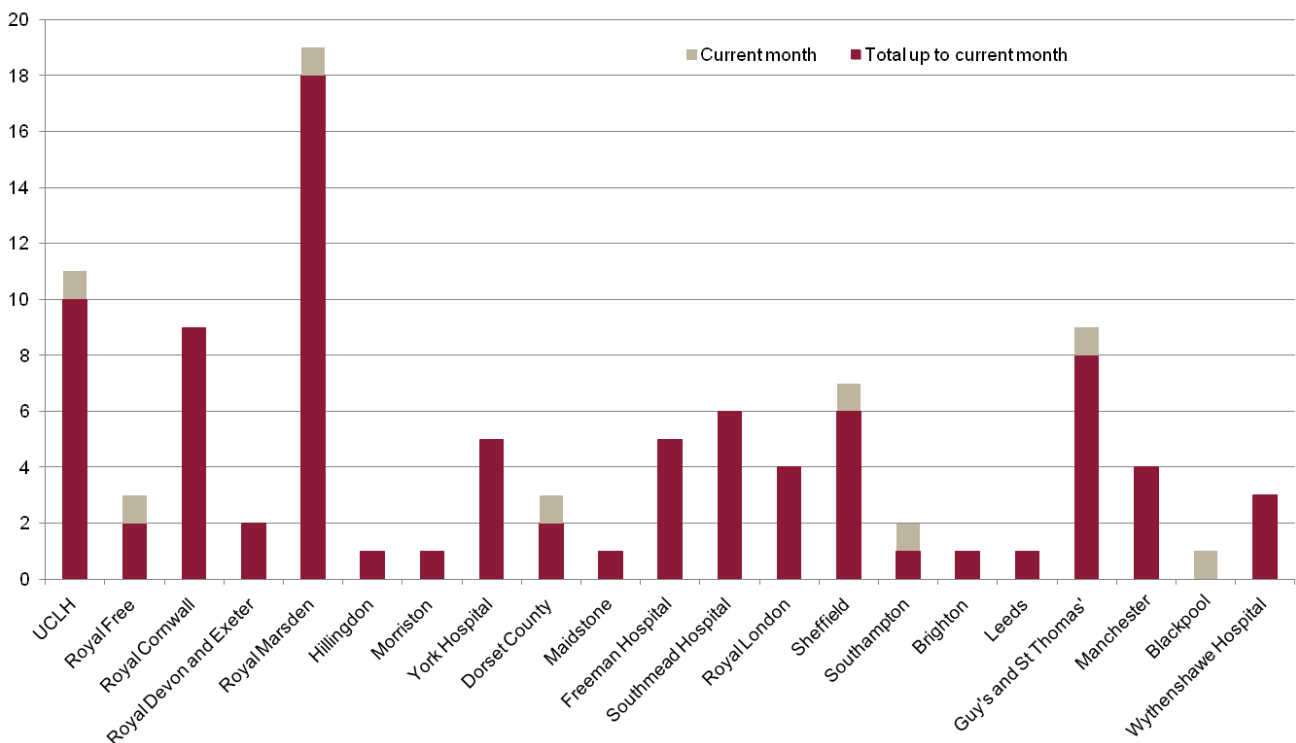
Over the next week, all sites will be contacted about reviewing your local recruitment target. During 2015, we will need to recruit at least 15 –20 patients per month to ensure to help us reach our target. These updated recruitment targets will be key in helping update recruitment projections and the CTU team will work with each site to ensure that these targets are met.



Delegates at the PREVENTT Investigator Meeting

PREVENTT Recruitment– 98 Patients Randomised

Congratulations to the team at Blackpool who randomised their first patient at the start of January. A total of 8 patients were randomised at 8 sites.



Screening Log Data

As part of the updates at the PREVENTT Investigator Meeting, we gave a summary of the screening data collected as part of the trial. Over the past year, the screening data has been an important way that the trial can be monitored and it has helped inform changes to the protocol.

Overall the main reasons that patients are excluded have remained consistent for the past few months and around half the patients screened are excluded due to having a Hb out of range. Other common reasons for excluding patients are laparoscopic surgery and being unable to complete randomisation and trial treatment in the required timeframe

Thank you for all your hard work completing the screening logs and sending these to us on a monthly basis. During 2015 we will be changing this process slightly and with the exception of new sites, we will only be asking for the screening log to be completed and sent to us during May and November. If you have any questions about this new process, please get in touch with Laura (Laura.VanDyck@lshtm.ac.uk).

Adverse Event Reporting

Reminder about timelines for adverse events

Please remember that unless the event is a SUSAR, the cut off for reporting of all other events (AEs, ARs, SAEs, SARs) is day 30 post trial treatment. If you need to quickly see when this date is it appears at the top of the patient page in the eCRF (once you have entered the date the trial treatment was given in the baseline form). If you have any questions about this please don't hesitate to contact Laura (laura.vandyck@lshtm.ac.uk).

PREVENTT Lucky Number

Unfortunately, there was no winner of the lucky number for January. The lucky number for February will be **109**. Good luck screening and recruiting and we look forward to sending out a box of chocolates to the winning site!

Clinical Trials Short Course

The Medical Statistics Department (MSD) at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) will be running a short course in clinical trials.

This course provides attendees with a clear understanding of the fundamental principles of Randomised Clinical Trials (RCTs). Lectures and practical sessions cover the key issues to be considered in design, conduct, analysis and reporting, with a focus on major clinical trials which directly influence clinical practice. Topics are addressed with perspectives from both public sector research and the pharmaceutical industry. The course is relevant to those who are keen to gain an understanding of the rigorous evaluation of interventions in health care including clinical research professionals, research managers and other scientists with an interest in clinical trials.

Places on the course are limited.

The course runs for 5 days from the 15th to 19th June 2015.

The June 2015 course has been approved by the UK Royal College of Physicians for 30 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits.

For further information and an application form please visit: <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/sct.html>

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