

# PREVENTT

Preoperative intravenous iron to treat anaemia in major surgery



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## PREVENTT News

Welcome to the latest issue of the PREVENTT newsletter. During March, the 29th PREVENTT site opened to recruitment. Welcome to Toby Hammond, David O'Hara and the rest of the team at Broomfield Hospital in Chelmsford. Set up for the next group of PREVENTT sites will be starting after Easter. A further 8 sites are now starting the set up process.

The Data Safety Monitoring Committee and Trial Steering Committee both met at the start of March. Both meetings were positive and it was helpful to have their input into the trial.

Finally, an amendment to the trial protocol has been submitted to ethics and the MHRA for approval. It is hoped that these approvals will be received during April and the new inclusion/exclusion criteria can then be used for the trial. The new trial documentation will be sent round to all sites once approved. If you have any questions about the amendment, please get in touch with Becky Swinson.

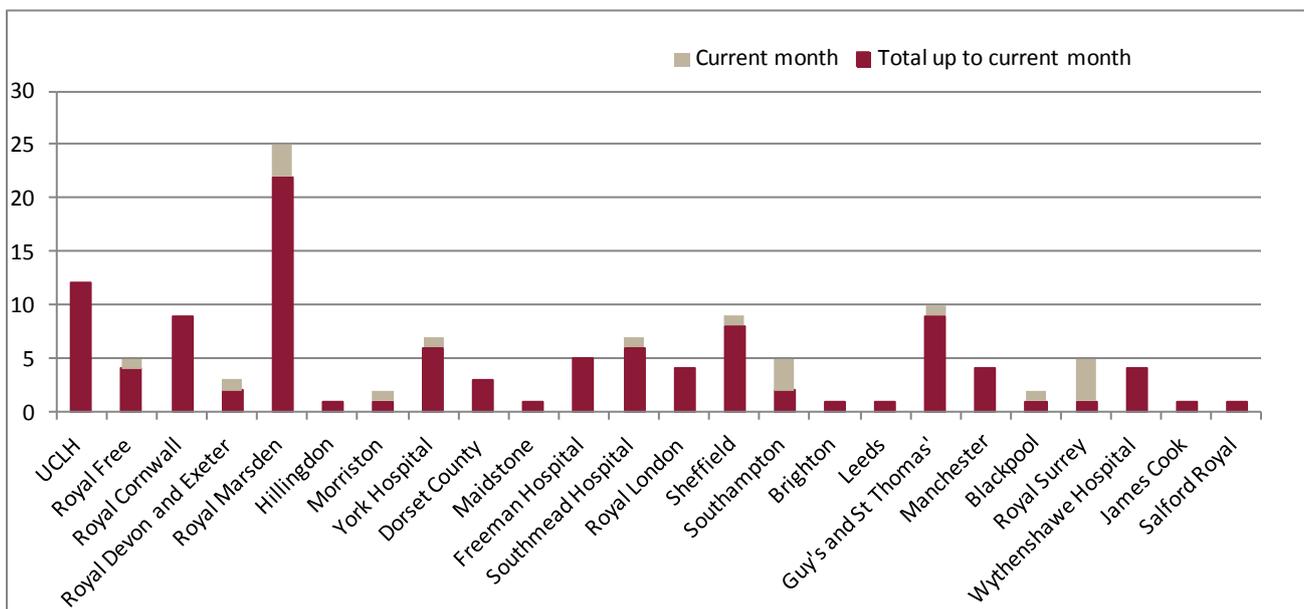
## PREVENTT CTU Easter Closure

The PREVENTT CTU will be closed from Friday 4th April to Tuesday 7th April inclusive and will reopen at 9.00am on Wednesday 8th April. If you have any urgent medical queries during this time, please call the PREVENTT Freephone on 0808 168 2544 or email Ben Clevenger ([b.clevenger@nhs.net](mailto:b.clevenger@nhs.net)).

The PREVENTT team hope you all have a lovely Easter weekend!

## PREVENTT Recruitment– 127 Patients Randomised!

Thank you to all those sites who have recruited patients into the trial during March – we had our best month for recruitment with 18 patients recruited at 11 sites! A special mention this month goes to the teams at Southampton, Royal Surrey and the Royal Marsden who each recruited three patients or more. This is a great effort from the research teams. During 2015, the Royal Free and Sheffield have also averaged one patient per month into the trial, which is another great achievement.



## Postponed Surgery

Here is some guidance on what we need you to do if the planned surgery date has to be postponed for any reason:

- We will still need you to enter the In Hospital forms for the postponed surgery date, unless the surgery is delayed beyond 220 days post randomisation
- Please wait to enter any In Hospital data in the eCRF until the patient is actually admitted for the delayed surgery
- The patient should still complete the pre-op QoL forms at home at approximately 10 days post trial treatment, so you might need to remind them to bring these in with them when they are admitted for surgery
- Please ask the patient to continue to complete Part I of the diary until they are admitted for the postponed surgery
- If the patient is admitted to hospital on their planned surgery date, but then the surgery is postponed, we will need you to enter a Hospital Admission form.

Pre-op central lab samples:

- If the patient is admitted on their planned surgery date and has the central lab samples taken (prior to knowing that the surgery will be postponed) then these samples should be used, and you should not repeat these when the patient is finally admitted for the delayed surgery,
- For all other patients these central lab samples should be taken when they are admitted for their postponed surgery

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Laura Van Dyck.

## Trial Advertising

Several sites have been in touch with the PREVENTT CTU to discuss the possibility of advertising the trial on their local hospital research sites. The PREVENTT CTU are happy for sites to look into this and content can be provided if required. If your site would be interested in this, please get in touch with Becky Swinson.

### Black Giving Sets

The black giving sets issued for use in the trial expire at the end of April. All sites will be sent a pack of new giving sets at the start of the month which should be used for treatment administration. Any lines remaining should be destroyed in line with your normal hospital processes.

### Lucky Number

Congratulations to Jason Cupitt, Emma Brennan and the team at Blackpool Teaching Hospital who won the lucky number during March and received some Easter chocolate. The lucky number for April will be **145** so keep screening to be in with a chance!

## PREVENTT at the ASGBI

There will be a PREVENTT stand at the Association of Surgeons in Great Britain and Ireland (ASGBI) annual meeting in Manchester on 22nd April 2015. If you are attending the meeting or any of your surgical colleagues are attending, please come to visit the stand and meet members of the PREVENTT team.

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