

REVIVED

Top 5 REVIVED myths - clarified



Myths



Truths

Patients need to have heart failure symptoms to be entered into the trial

This is a trial of left ventricular dysfunction rather than symptomatic heart failure. NYHA 1-4 are eligible.

Patients need to be optimised on medical therapy before being entered into the trial

Patients who have been started on HF medication can be randomised. If a CRT device is implanted, there is no need to repeat the echo before randomisation.

Patients with any degree of angina must be excluded

Angina is only an exclusion if this is the predominant and limiting symptom, which is thought to warrant revascularisation. Breathlessness is not considered an angina-equivalent.

Patients must have ICDs before entering the trial

ICD implantation is at the discretion of the treating clinician but the decision to implant (or not) should be made before randomisation.

Patients who present with acute heart failure are not eligible for consideration of REVIVED

Acute HF admission lists should be actively screened. Patients with a new HF diagnosis will need to be initiated on medical therapy and the echo reassessed,

Message from the Chief Investigator

Having made a solid (if slightly slow) start, REVIVED is entering a crucial stage: we will have 2 full years of recruitment left, from March 2016 (for the cricket fans among you, we are moving from a test innings to limited-over mode and while the required run rate may be high, the task is very clearly defined - and achievable). We recently sent you individual centre targets for the next 2 years and if I haven't done so already, will visit or speak to each PI and research team to work out an individualised plan to achieve this goal. This process has already been very useful and has revealed many misconceptions about the trial as well as local barriers to recruitment, which can be addressed in most cases.

This is our unique opportunity to provide a definitive answer to an important question but we can only do so if each centre achieves their individual target. Thank you for your renewed recruitment efforts.