



THE IST-3 TIMES

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RECRUITMENT AT 9th June 2011

NUMBER OF PATIENTS RECRUITED

UK	1382
Poland	343
Italy	318
Sweden	290
Norway	202
Australia	176
Belgium	73
Portugal	79
Austria	45
Switzerland	21
Canada	8
Mexico	3

2940

**Nearly there!
KEEP
RANDOMISING**



EDITORIAL

Report on IST3 collaborators meeting 25th May at ESC Hamburg

Peter: Excitement as patient number 2900 recruited

Peter Sandercock started off the meeting with an update on recruitment, which has held up well. Just before the meeting, recruitment was 2899, but just 15 minutes before he was due to speak, the 2900th patient was recruited by the team at Southend University Hospital.



Joanna: heroic numbers of scans read by expert panel – more to go!

Joanna Wardlaw reported on the progress by the scan reading expert panel, who have done a wonderful job and read a total of 4453 scans (with about 1650 still to go). Joanna also outlined the time it takes us to process the scans. So, in order to give our hard working panel enough time to read all these scans in time for the analyses, please send in scans as soon as possible!



Advanced imaging data collection update

The perfusion and angiography scan data collection is also going well; we have baseline CT or MR perfusion in >100 patients and CT or MR angiography in >150. These data will make a substantial contribution to the evidence base for advanced imaging in acute stroke.

A rallying call for a ‘final sprint to finish’

Richard Lindley urged us all to try and maintain recruitment right up to the 30th June, to ensure we get as near to our target as possible. Once recruitment has finished, the focus will shift to maximising data completeness and resolving any queries.

Volcano defeats Karen and Alison’s travel plans

An Icelandic volcano played havoc with the ESC in 2010, and the same happened this year! Despite valiant efforts to avoid the ash cloud, & travel by innovative routes, Karen and Alison couldn’t get to Hamburg.



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Grimsvotn Eruption

However, the ENOS team (Sally, Sharon and Tanya) saved the day, set up the stand, handled the posters, ran the collaborators meeting and answered lots of IST3 enquiries at the stand. We owe them a big 'thank you' (liquid rewards are on their way)!

Slides from meeting on IST3 website

Copies of the slides shown at the meeting and Peter's lecture are available for download from the trial website.

PLEASE KEEP RANDOMISING – WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Recruitment currently stands at **2940** (9th June 2011). With only 21 days to go until the 30th June 2011, we need **ALL** your support and help to reach our recruitment target.

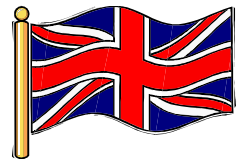
Remember the centre that recruits the 3000th patient will receive a prize of £500!



It could be your centre!



2900th PATIENT RECRUITED!



Congratulations to Dr Paul Guyler and all our IST-3 friends at Southend University Hospital, Westcliff-on-Sea, UK, on randomising the 2900th patient to IST-3. A prize of £500 is on its way to you! Well done and thank you!

LAST EVER CENTRE TO JOIN THE IST-3 TRIAL

Our thanks and congratulations go to the following centre (our last ever centre to join the Trial!) for all their hard work in getting through the start-up procedures and who are now ready to start randomising:

- Dr Vera Cvorovic and the Team at Queen Margaret Hospital, NHS Fife, Dunfermline, UK



FIRST RANDOMISATION

Our thanks and congratulations go to the following centre on randomising their first patient to the Trial:

- Dr Marja-Liisa Lillebo and the Team at Volda sjukehus, Volda, Norway