

NOVEMBER 2005

RANDOMISING CENTRES IN SEPTEMBER WERE

(Patients recruited in the last 30 days as at 1 November 2005)

Institute of Psychiatry & Neurology, Poland
5

Ullevål Sykehus, Norway
3

Donauklinikum Gugging, Austria
1

University Hospital Aintree, UK
1

TOTAL NUMBER OF RANDOMISATIONS BY COUNTRY

UNITED KINGDOM
176

NORWAY
73

POLAND
72

ITALY
47

BELGIUM
37

AUSTRALIA
16

SWEDEN
8

AUSTRIA
1

TOTAL RECRUITED
430

Collaborators Meeting - First Announcement

The IST- 3 Collaborators and MRC Launch Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th May 2006 in Brussels. Further details will be issued when the venue and times of the meeting have been confirmed. One night's accommodation and some assistance with travel can be claimed dependent on centre status.

Report from Professor Rory Collins on behalf of the Data Monitoring Committee

"The Data Monitoring Committee for the IST-3 trial reviewed the interim outcome data by teleconference on 1 September 2005, and had no safety concerns. We would encourage all collaborators to support this important trial and the study organisers to explore all appropriate ways to achieve the required rate of recruitment as rapidly as possible".



IST-3 Recruitment Challenge

For each patient randomized between 1st November and 23rd December 2005, each centre will be given the chance to win £500 for ward funds by being entered into a prize draw.

The more patients you randomize, the bigger your chance of winning. The name of the winning centre will be drawn and announced in January.

Good luck and get randomising!



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where the news can
be read by the stroke
team in your centre.

WELCOME ON BOARD – 10 NEW CENTRES



- Dr Tony Rudd and the team at Guy's & St Thomas Hospital, London.
- Dr Gillian Mead and the team at the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh
- Dr Karl Matz and the team at the Donauklinikum Gugging, Austria
- Dr Hambraeus and the team at the Falu Hospital in Sweden
- Dr Welin and the team at the Lidköping Hospital in Sweden
- Dr Tivenius and the team at the University Hospital Orebro, Sweden
- Dr Andsberg and the team at University Hospital, Lund, Sweden
- Dr Desfontaines and the team at the Centre Hospitalier Chretien, Montegnee, Belgium
- Dr Bigaroni and the team at the Ospedale Di Gubbio, Italy
- Dr Mark Thieben and the team at the Nepean Hospital, Penrith, Australia

UPCOMING IST-3 MEETINGS & PRESENTATIONS

2005

- November 7th – World Congress of Neurology, Sydney
- November 12th – All-India Institute of Medical Sciences Evidence-Based Medicine Symposium
- November 18th – Italian Stroke Forum
- November 21st – IST-3 Collaborators meeting, Oslo

2006

- February 8th/9th – BASP
- February 15th – Royal College of Physicians, London Advanced Medicine Symposium
- March 9th - Italian Stroke Society Meeting, Florence
- March 29th – IST-3 Sweden collaborators meeting, Stockholm
- April 20th – ABN, Brighton
- May 16th – IST-3 MRC Collaborators/Launch Meeting, Brussels
- May 17th – 19th – ESC, Brussels
- September 1st – EFNS Glasgow
- October 26th – ISS/Mediterranean Stroke Society, Capetown
- December – UK Stroke Forum

MRC CENTRE SUPPORT

Don't forget that each centre will receive £100 (or equivalent amount) for randomising their first patient into the study on receipt of the data and scans and £50 for each subsequent patient.