NEWSLETTER Winter 2013



The HALT-IT trial - we are on our way!



- Queen's Medical Centre Campus, Nottingham – 35 patients
- John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford 24 patients
- 3. Blackpool Victoria Hospital 20 patients
- 4. North Devon District Hospital 19 patients
- 5. Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham – 19 patients

- ✓ The 1st patient was randomised at Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital on 4 Jul
- √ The 100th patient was randomised at John Radcliffe Hospital on 26 Sep
- ✓ The 200th patient was randomised at Frenchay Hospital on 1 Nov
- ✓ The **300**th **patient** was randomised at Salford Royal on 26 Nov
- √ 325 patients in total so far and counting...

John Radcliffe Hospital

Back row from left:

Simon Stanworth – Consultant, Adam Bailey – Consultant
Gastroenterologist, Vipul Jairath – NIHR Clinical Lecturer,
James East – Consultant Gastroenterologist and Principal Investigator,
Mike Murphy – Professor of Blood Transfusion Medicine
Front row from left:

Sally Beer – ED Senior Research Nurse, Sian Davies – Gastroenterology Research Nurse, Druin Burch – Consultant Acute General Medicine

Queen's Medical Centre



Amardeep Khanna, Rachel Foster – CLRN Research Nurses & Martin James – Principal Investigator at Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham

Barnsley Hospital



"Embedding clinical research activity into everyday clinical practice is fundamental to successful study delivery at site"

The team at Barnsley Hospital: from left to right James Griffiths – Co-investigator, Sally Pearson – Clinical Research Nurse & Julian Humphrey – EM Consultant and Principal Investigator

JOIN OUR TEAM

Barnsley, Basingstoke & North Hampshire, Blackpool Victoria, Chelsea & Westminster, Dorset County, Frenchay, Glasgow Royal, John Radcliffe, Leicester, Manchester Royal, New Cross, North Devon, Poole, Queen Elizabeth Birmingham, Queen Elizabeth Gateshead, Queen's Medical Centre, Royal Berkshire, Royal Devon & Exeter, Royal Edinburgh, Royal Lancaster, Royal London, Royal Shrewsbury, Royal Sussex, Royal Victoria, Salford Royal, South Tyneside, North Staffordshire, North Tees, West Cumberland, Wexham Park, Whipps Cross, Yeovil and many more!!!

MORE TEAMS IN THE UK!!!

Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital



Andy Appelboam

ED Consultant

Steve Harvey
Senior research nurse

Caroline Dowse
ED Matron

Jennifer Small
Research HCA

Adam Reuben

ED Consultant

Manchester Royal Infirmary



The proud HALT-IT team at Manchester Royal Infirmary



We are also set to start overseas...



Adegboyega Akere, PI at **University College Hospital**, **Ibadan**, Nigeria



Sian Davies at John Radcliffe Hospital:

- Awareness of the trial we all started discussing with various teams in the hospital prior to recruitment through group emails, talks, lectures and meetings. Trial posters are on display.
- Daily screening lots of leg work, though clearly worth it with 20 patients recruited so far!
- Presence of Research Nurse in ED/EAU/Endoscopy/Gastro morning meeting – daily conversation with admitting teams.
- The certificates of contribution for staff have been gratefully received! A good tool to encourage others to get involved!

Martin James at Queen's Medical Centre:

- By having the **support** of the entire Gastroenterology team has meant that every patient admitted acutely with a potential GI bleed has at least been considered for the study.
- Sound feasibility and recruitment strategies were key to our success; early presentations in all departments, journal club, surgical meetings and ward rounds.
- During the time the study has been open at NUH we have been constantly supported by the Clinical Trials Unit (CTU), the communication and feedback has been excellent.

Andy Appelboam at Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital:

- A well-designed, pragmatic study for recruitment in the emergency setting! We were lucky to have supportive collaborators in surgery, acute medicine and gastroenterology and a dynamic R&D, pharmacy and of course the ED research team to take this on.
- Our two dedicated research nurses have worked really hard and
 effectively to promote and run this and a number of other projects. We
 also have a dedicated tier of GCP trained middle grade doctors working in
 the ED, who like the rest of the team are engaged in research and work
 well with the research and consultant teams on the shop floor to ensure
 all suitable patients are considered for clinical trial involvement.



- 1. **REMEMBER:** During office hours please call the office phone. The emergency phone is for urgent out of office hours calls only.
- 2. The maintenance dose should be administered over 24 hrs. In situations when the study drug is paused for some time, you are allowed to 'catch up' increasing the rate to make sure that the infusion finishes within about 24 hrs.

Send us your pictures!