

THE HALT-IT TRIAL IS EXPANDING



Many Congratulations to the following teams for being the first to recruit over 50 patients into the trial:

- Queen's Medical Centre, PI Martin James
- John Radcliffe, PI James East
- Queen Elizabeth Birmingham, PI Elaine Hardy
- Blackpool Victoria, PI Simon Tucker
- Royal Berkshire Hospital, PI Jonathan Simmons



John Radcliffe Hospital
(Back row from left): Simon Stanworth, Adam Bailey, Vipul Jairath, James East, Mike Murphy

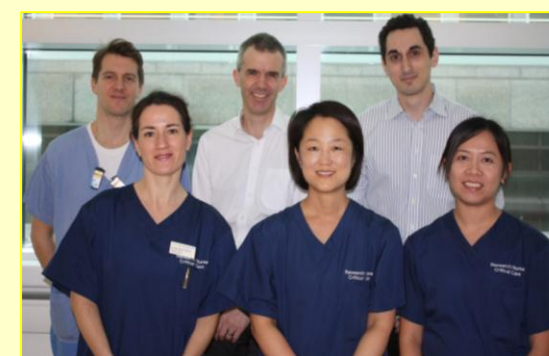
(Front row from left): Sally Beer, Sian Davies, Druin Burch



Queen's Medical Centre (L to R) Amardeep Khanna, Rachel Foster & Martin James



Blackpool Victoria team (L to R): Emma Brennan, Chris Pemberton, Simon Tucker, Sam Guest, Greta Van Duyvenvoorde, Amanda Finch



The team at **University College London Hospital**;
Back L to R: Matthew Banks, David Brealey, Daniel Marks;
Front L to R: Susana Boluda, Jung Ryu, Georgia Bercades



The team at **Chelsea & Westminster Hospital** (L to R): Mark Zubiri, Shweta Gidwani, Hanna Skene, Laura Braidford, Theresa Weldring, Emily Ward, Jaime Carungcong



The team at **Royal Berkshire** led by Jonathan Simmons (inset)



The team at **Yeovil District Hospital**

"HALT-IT is an important study and we are pleased that patients of Yeovil District Hospital have the opportunity to participate in this international trial."
Andrew Allison, PI at Yeovil District Hospital

"We have a great expectation of contributing substantially not only to the number of patients that will be randomised globally but also of ensuring a high quality of data generated from our centres".

Dr Adefemi Afolabi, on behalf of Nigeria Coordinating Centre



The **National Coordinating Centre** team in Nigeria (L to R): Bukola Fawole, Jide Okunade, Sade Adetola, Adefemi Afolabi



The team at **Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital**, led by Adedayo Oluyomi Tade

Nigeria is the second country to recruit patients into the trial

More countries are coming on board...



OVER 25 PATIENTS

- ❖ Darlington Memorial Hospital
- ❖ Dorset County Hospital
- ❖ Glasgow Royal Infirmary
- ❖ Leicester Royal Infirmary
- ❖ Poole Hospital
- ❖ Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital
- ❖ Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
- ❖ Royal London Hospital
- ❖ Royal Victoria Infirmary
- ❖ Salford Royal Hospital
- ❖ Southampton General Hospital
- ❖ University College London Hospital
- ❖ University Hospital of North Staffs

Dear Collaborators,

The last six months have been extremely successful for HALT-IT. Recruitment has been excellent thanks to the hard work and dedication of many wonderful teams.

Nigeria is the second country to start recruitment with two active sites and more preparing to join. This has only been possible through the amazing cooperation of local teams and our Nigerian Coordinating Centre. Well done to all of you!

We would also like to thank the relentless and enthusiastic work of many colleagues around the world who are striving to get their site ready to join.

Please continue your amazing work! The success of the HALT-IT trial is down to you.

With very best wishes, Your Trial Coordinating Centre team

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW
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The team at **Leicester Royal Infirmary** (L to R): Sarina Hussain, Cat Bryceland, Lisa Mcllelland, Sophie Ellis, Tim Coats

"The team here at Leicester work closely with the ED team to educate staff to call us when they have a potential patient for the trial and we reward them with chocolate. This incentive works really well; we receive a lot of phone calls day and night. We currently only recruit from ED and are now collaborating with the wider GI teams to recruit inpatients. A transfer folder entitled 'Looking after your HALT-IT patient' is sent with the patient to the ward and includes; general trial information including when to stop the treatment, what to do if a cannula tissues or the line is needed for other treatments, information on increasing the rate of the medication and what to do with the trial treatment in a medical emergency, advising them not to give TXA as part of the massive haemorrhage protocol".
Tim Coats, PI at Leicester Royal Infirmary



The team at **Ipswich Hospital** (L to R): Julie Cheal, Louise Hunt, David Hartin, Nadine Darlow

"We are proud and delighted to be contributing to this important research project. This is the first piece of collaborative research the ED has been involved in for some time. Our research department have been fantastic in providing support and encouragement to enable Ipswich to start recruiting. The office in London have also been very encouraging and enthusiastic partners in getting us off the ground. We hope to be a major contributor of data to HALT-IT and we are already looking around for the next piece of research work we can get our teeth into".
David Hartin, PI at Ipswich Hospital



PI John Jones and Senior Research Sister Charlotte Owen from **Shrewsbury Hospital**

"Acute GI bleeding remains a common and serious cause for hospital admission. We hope that the contribution our patients are making to the study will help to answer this very important research question and improve care for future patients".
John Jones, PI at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital

"We are delighted to be part of this important study in Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton. Since starting in the last week of January, our team has recruited six patients. We are now spreading our wings beyond the ED and training up our colleagues in gastroenterology, so patients can be recruited from their ward and the endoscopy suite. Another important aspect of such a trial is the impact it has on patients and their families – there is clearly a desire for patients to get involved in clinical trials and the enthusiasm and positivity we have experienced is really encouraging for the future".
James Gagg, PI at Musgrove Park Hospital



The team at **Musgrove Park Hospital** (L to R) : Simon Large, Cliff Mann, James Gagg, Karen Stone



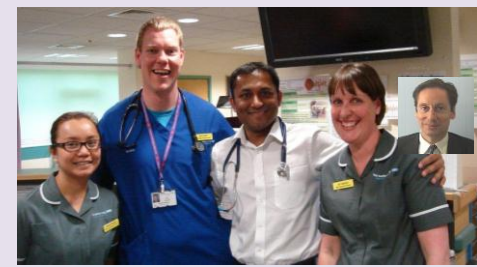
The team at **University Hospital of North Staffordshire** (L to R): Ruth Salt, Clare Bosanko, Jeanette Grocott, Mark Poulson, Anne-Marie Morris, Nicola Pattison, Ian Massey, Holly Maguire

"HALT-IT has been a perfect example of a research team working in close cooperation with the clinical team. The key to our success is an excellent research team based within the Emergency Department, who have built a rapport and have trained and motivated the shopfloor clinicians to recruit patients 24/7. An extraordinary effort especially by our research nurse Ian Massey."
Raghavendra Kamath, PI at University Hospital of North Staffordshire



The team at **Darlington Memorial Hospital** (L to R): Karthik Kittappa, Michael Adamson, Preeti Morje, Rachael Adams, Amanda Cowton, Ola Afolabi, Shaz Afzal

"The team at Darlington Memorial Hospital are enthusiastic, motivated and well supported. This is the secret of the increased recruitment we have seen lately."
Ola Afolabi, PI at Darlington Memorial Hospital



The team at **York Hospital** (L to R): Nora Youngs, Philip O'Donnell, Manish Gaur, Jo Ingham, PI James Turvill (inset). Other team members, not in the picture but with significant contribution into the study: Steven Crane, Jim Lord, Amanda Parker and Becky Coop.

"ED clinicians should consider every eligible patient for the HALT-IT trial to investigate the efficacy of TXA in patients with GI bleed".
Manish Gaur, Co-investigator

1200 PATIENTS RECRUITED TO DATE



The **Royal United Bath Hospital** team led by Phil Kaye (back right); Research Nurse Barbara Madigan (front middle)



The team at **Worthing Hospital** (L to R): Ayesha Abdul-Hamid, Charles Rendel, Wendy Collier, Gill Peters, Mandy Grocutt, Jordi Margalef

"We are fortunate at GRI to have the help of a fantastic team of Clinical Research Nurses who visit the Emergency Department, Acute medical and surgical areas and Endoscopy each morning and track admissions via electronic systems. We have given presentations and updates about HALT-IT to colleagues in Gastroenterology, ED, Acute Medicine, Surgery and ITU. This enables us to keep the study profile high. Our ED colleagues in particular have fully engaged with the study and identify patients who may be candidates for recruitment to HALT-IT".
Dr Adrian Stanley, PI at Glasgow Royal Infirmary



The team at **Glasgow Royal Infirmary** (clockwise from left): Janet Johnstone, Adrian Stanley, Gwen Dube, Susan Thornton

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The team at **King's College Hospital**: (L to R): Vicky Chu, Clair Harris, Alex Chan, Dan Hadfield, Phil Hopkins, Rebecca Sladden, Rob Pinate, Jeff Keep, Sinead Helyar



The research team at **South Tyneside District Hospital** led by Faheem Butt

"As a busy district general hospital we see severe cases of suspected GI bleeding monthly. The HALT-IT trial is relevant to our site as we do not have clear guidance on the use of TXA. We look forward to the trial results to help us clarify this. Several departments work together in order to deliver the trial successfully, with A&E, acute medicine, gastroenterology, endoscopy, pharmacy and research departments all involved. The pragmatic nature of the trial along with the clear and easy to follow protocol means we have been able to recruit well, and have empowered junior doctors and endoscopy nurses to highlight potential recruits to the research team."
Roisin Bevan, Research Fellow at South Tyneside District Hospital



The **Royal London** team: Research nurses Geoffrey Bellhouse and Jason Pott on the left; PI Tim Harris on the right.



The team at **Southampton General Hospital** led by Philip Boger



The team at **University Hospital Ayr** (L to R): Raymond Jamieson, Elma Norwood, Sadie Wilson, Alastair Stevenson, Alan Krichell



The team at **University Hospital Crosshouse**: Back L to R: Elma Norwood, Isla McNeil, Christine Polonis, Stuart Lennox, Elaine Stewart; Front L to R: Shona McLellan, Morten Draegebo, Dave Chung