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Welcome to the fourth edition of the PREVENTT e-bulletin. We hope these will keep you better updated on progress of the trial and any other notices.

Contacting us

For all future queries, requests and anything else you'd like to share with us, we ask that you use the PREVENTT email (PREVENTT@lshtm.ac.uk). This email is always checked by a member of the team and is often the quickest way to get your message to the right person. This e-bulletin is not sent to everyone at the sites, so can you please make sure to pass this message around to everyone involved in PREVENTT at your site.

Data Safety Monitoring Committee (DSMC)

The first DSMC meeting is currently being organised. The DSMC is set up to monitor independently the safety of the study participants and to suggest amendments to the protocol if deemed necessary for patient safety or feasibility of study procedures. At this meeting, the DSMC will agree a charter and discuss how often they would like to meet.

FAQs

We would like to provide answers to your most frequently asked questions. These will appear on e-bulletins as they come in and will be available later on the website for future reference.

Q. *Why have you chosen to exclude patients who are having laparoscopic rather than open surgery?*

A. We have decided to exclude patients having a laparoscopic procedure as the primary endpoint for PREVENTT is blood transfusion. Data suggest that laparoscopic resection is associated with a lower blood transfusion rate, therefore more patients would be required for the trial. If we have any problems recruiting, this may be reviewed by the Trial Steering Committee at a later date.

Protocol

Copies of the protocol are available on request.

If you have any ideas or questions for future e-bulletins, please send them in.

Best wishes

Rebecca