

PREVENTT

Preoperative intravenous iron to treat anaemia in major surgery

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News

During March, several further site initiations were completed at Guy's and St Thomas', Royal Sussex County Hospital and the Royal London Hospital. It was lovely to meet all the research teams and look forward to your first recruits over the next month.

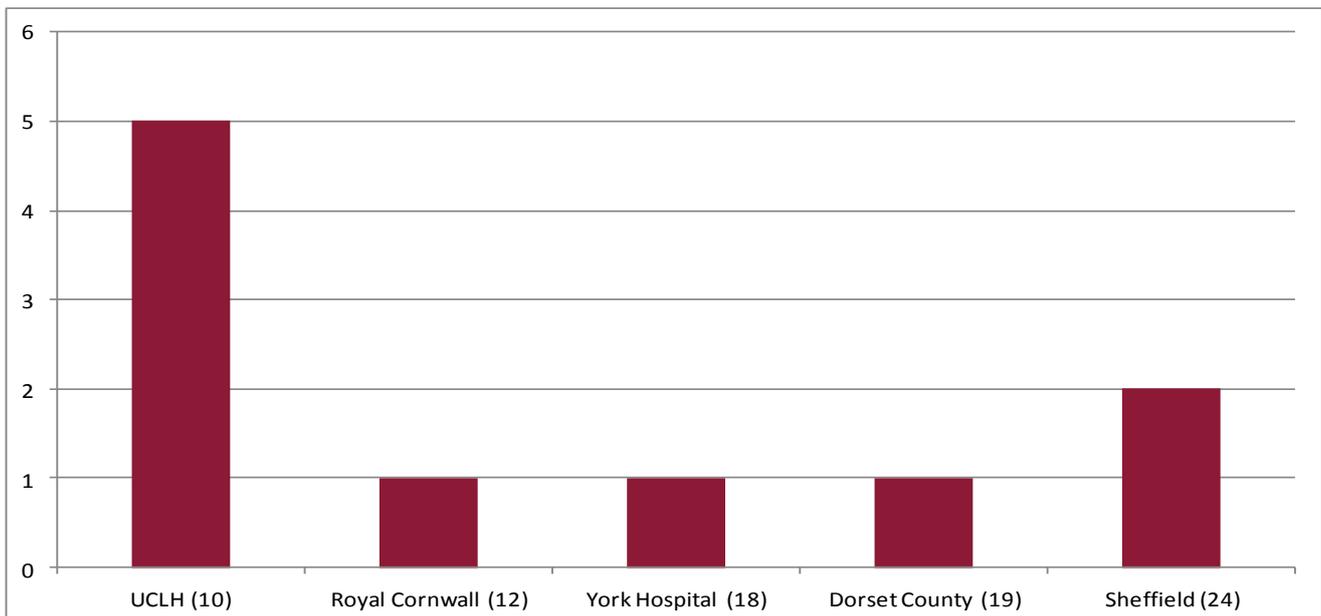
As part of this months newsletter, some further information is included around treatment administration as this is a key part of this trial. Thank you to the unblinded nursing team at UCLH for their input into this.

Finally, do not forget, there are posters available for you to advertise PREVENTT in your hospital. If you need any more of these, please get in touch with the PREVENTT team.

PREVENTT Recruitment

There are now 12 actively recruiting centres. Congratulations to the team at UCLH who have recruited their fifth patient and are the top recruiting PREVENTT site and to Northern General who have recruited their second patient!

During March, a further 4 patients have been recruited bringing the total number of PREVENTT patients to 10.



PREVENTT Site-up Update

During the next few months, the team look forward to arranging site initiation visits and meeting the research teams at several new PREVENTT sites. Set up is progressing well at a number of sites however, if there are any specific issues affecting the progress of your local R&D office, please get in touch with Becky Swinson (Rebecca.swinson@lshtm.ac.uk) to discuss further.

Treatment Administration

A key part of the PREVENTT trial is the trial treatment administration. This can cause several challenges for the unblinded staff, in particular ensuring that the patient remains blinded to the treatment they are given. Below are some points that you may wish to consider when planning how you will administer the treatment:

- The standard giving sets provided are not compatible with pumps and the main advice is to watch this carefully and run it slower for safety if you wish to.
- The treatment SOP only states that the treatment should be given over a **minimum** of 15 minutes so the infusion can be given over a longer period of time. At UCLH, nurses have generally administered the treatment over 30 minutes.
- Have the drip stand behind the patient to help maintain blinding. If you wish to check the bag easily, you can then cut a hole in the back so you can still monitor the infusion regularly.
- If available, you can also use a curtain to help shield the patient from the drip.
- Use a bandage/gauze at the insertion site to help with blinding.
- Check the patient's observations at the start, partway through and at the end of the treatment administration.

It is also important to ensure that staff involved in the administration of the trial treatment are GCP trained.

If you have any questions regarding this aspect of the trial, please get in touch with the PREVENTT office.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How to proceed if a patient is admitted for their planned surgery, but then it is postponed:

- You should still collect the pre-op QoL forms from the patient and enter into the eCRF (because the date of these forms is not dependant on when they have their surgery)
- Please ensure the patient takes their part I patient diary back home with them to continue completing until they are admitted for their rescheduled surgery
- Central lab bloods for TDL:
 - if these were taken before you knew the surgery was cancelled, then please use these bloods
 - if not, then wait to take these until the patient is admitted for the rescheduled surgery
- Wait to enter the "In hospital" eCRF forms until the patient is admitted for the rescheduled surgery
- You will need to enter a "Hospital admission" form for the day they came in for the cancelled surgery

Patient Travel Expenses

Remember, there are travel expenses available for PREVENTT patients for one extra visit as part of the study. If you have any patients who wish to claim this, please ensure that they are aware that those processing the form will have details of their name. Details of the expense form with a copy of any receipts should be sent to the PREVENTT CTU and these will then be processed. Expenses are usually reimbursed directly to the patient by UCL.

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