

PREVENTT

Preoperative intravenous iron to treat anaemia in major surgery

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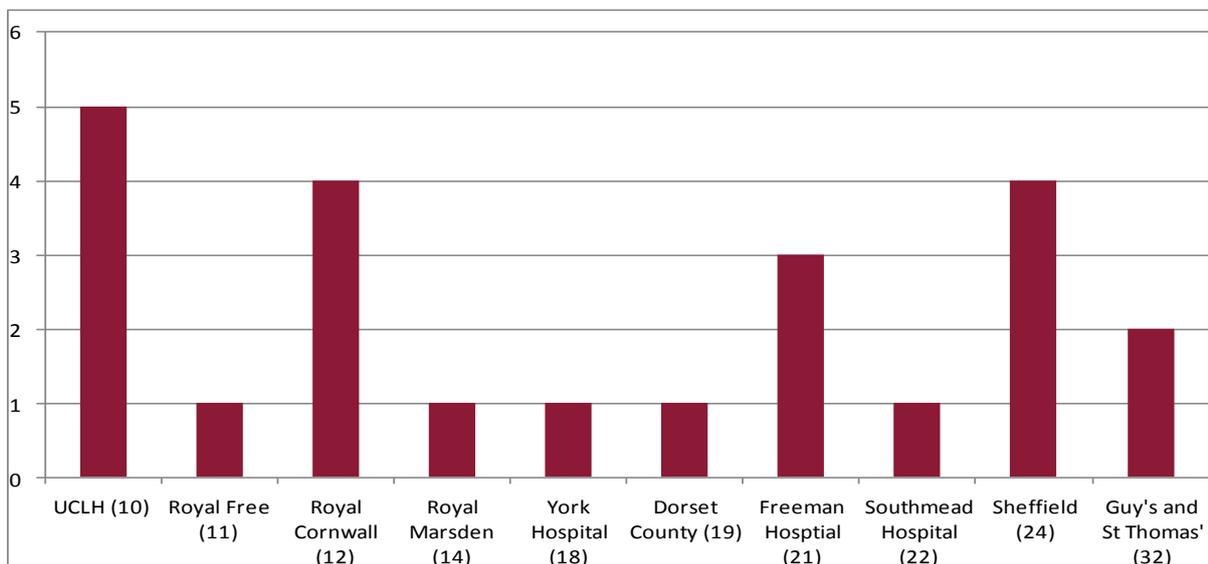
Welcome to the latest edition of the PREVENTT newsletter. It has been another busy month in the PREVENTT Office as a further 3 site visits were completed - thank you to the teams at Royal Devon and Exeter, Morrision Hospital and Central Manchester for your time during the site visits.

Alongside Royal Devon and Exeter, a further 3 sites also opened to recruitment bringing the total number of sites to 17. Welcome to the research teams at Guy's and St Thomas', the Royal London and Bristol Royal Infirmary.

PREVENTT Recruitment- 23 Patients Randomised!

PREVENTT Recruitment Summary			
UCLH	5	Royal Free	1
Northern General	4	Hillingdon	0
Royal Cornwall	4	Maidstone	0
Freeman Hospital, Newcastle	3	Royal Devon and Exeter	0
Guy's and St Thomas'	2	Royal London	0
Dorset County	1	Royal Sussex, Brighton	0
Royal Marsden	1	Southampton	0
Southmead	1	University Hospitals, Bristol	0
York	1		

During May, 8 patients were recruited, the best month for recruitment so far! Congratulations to the Royal Marsden and the Royal Free who recruited their first patients during May. In particular, a special mention this month goes to Jugdeep Dhesi, Lizzie Roberts and the rest of the team at Guy's and St Thomas' who recruited two patients during May. Their first patient was recruited within nine days of their site activation which is a fantastic achievement. Thank you also to the teams at the Royal Cornwall, Freeman and Northern General Hospitals who have also recruited patients during May.



Site Profile– Guy’s and St Thomas’

PI: Jugdeep Dhesi

Lead Research Nurse: Lizzie Roberts

At Guys’ and St Thomas’ Hospital the PREVENTT study is being run by the Proactive care of Older Patients undergoing Surgery (POPS) service. This specialised multidisciplinary team uses principles of comprehensive geriatric assessment to assess and optimise complex older people prior to surgery. Patients are followed through the surgical pathway to provide proactive in-patient medical and multidisciplinary support from admission to discharge. Emergency surgical patients are identified and managed alongside elective cases.

Surgical teams refer elective patients to POPS using an electronic form. In order to identify patients early for PREVENTT, a screening blood order set has been added to this electronic referral form. All of these electronic referrals to POPS are screened by the research nurse according to the eligibility criteria for PREVENTT. This method means the surgical team do not need to remember to flag up eligible patients. Patients are contacted by telephone prior to their POPS appointment and literature sent by post. When attending the POPS clinic they have their initial meeting with the research nurse and a doctor from the POPS team. Treatment is provided by the nurses in the Older Persons’ Assessment Unit where the POPS clinic takes place.

POPS works closely with the wider surgical team including ward medical and nursing staff, and CNSs to ensure all patients who may be eligible are promptly identified for PREVENTT.

Nurses Teleconference

Thank you to all the nurses who dialled into the recent teleconference. It was really helpful to have your feedback and to discuss some of the common problems that are occurring across different sites.

The main points to consider from the teleconference are:

- The importance of the PI being actively involved in screening patients and raising awareness of the trial locally, especially with the surgical team
- The need to ensure that a clinical FBC is taken as early as possible in the patient pathway. This is often best achieved via a request from the surgeon at the initial clinic appointment rather than at the pre assessment appointment

A further teleconference will be arranged later this year. Please get in touch with the PREVENTT CTU if you have any suggestions for subjects to be covered in future meetings.

Central Laboratory Bloods

As you are all aware, PREVENTT central laboratory bloods are taken at baseline and on the day of surgery. Blood kits for your first patient are provided at the site initiation visit however after this, you will need to manage your own supplies directly with TDL. The blood kit re-order form can be found on page 17 of the central laboratory SOP. Please note that supplies can take up to 5 working days to be delivered so please remember to order kits in advance to ensure that you have these for any potential patients.

For sites outside London using DHL to collect samples, please get in touch if you have patients coming into clinic on Friday and there are issues regarding collection over bank holiday weekends.

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