

PREVENTT

Preoperative intravenous iron to treat anaemia in major surgery

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PREVENTT News

During October, set up has continued at a number of PREVENTT sites and the 35th site initiation was completed with the team at Norfolk and Norwich on 26th October. Welcome to Debbie O'Hare and the team. One other PREVENTT site, Oxford, has also opened to recruitment and 33 sites are now screening patients for the trial.

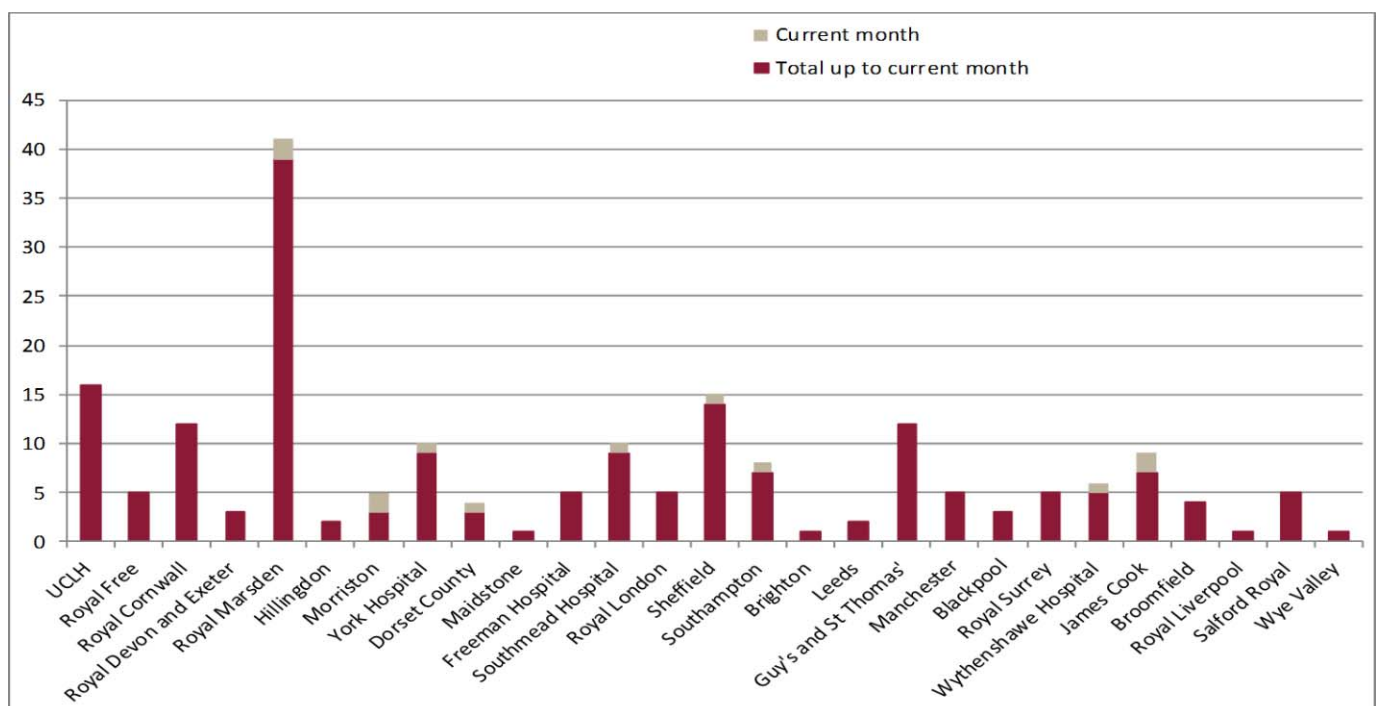
We also held our first PI teleconference with some of our PREVENTT investigators. This was a helpful meeting which raised several important issues. One of the key points raised is the importance of identifying patients early in the pathway at surgical appointments rather than waiting for preassessment. To do this, PIs need to liaise across the clinical team with all those involved in the surgical pathway, especially surgeons.

As we did last year, this year we are asking all sites to recruit one patient before Christmas. If we can do this, then we would have at least 30 patients recruited before the end of the year which would be a fantastic achievement. Last year, thanks to the efforts from all sites, we had one of our best months for recruitment and hopefully we can improve on that for December 2015!

PREVENTT Recruitment – 196 Patients Randomised!

During October, both York and Southmead hospitals randomised their 10th patients, bringing the total number of sites with 10 patients or more to 7. Thank you to Jonathan Wilson, Kate Shaw and the team at York and Salah Albuheisi, Connie Shiridizomwa and the team at Southmead for all your hard work over the past 2 years. Well done also to Royal Marsden who recruited their 40th patient this month, which is quite an achievement.

Overall during October 12 patients were recruited at 9 sites. This is an improvement but we will still need to build on that to reach our target of 20 per month.



Screening Logs

During November, we are asking all sites to keep a screening log of all the patients that you screen. This should include all patients that you consider for the trial, including those who you do not approach as they are found not to meet the criteria. In particular, it is helpful to have the reasons why eligible patients do not want to participate in the trial.

Screening data is a key part of the trial and over the past two years has played an important role in helping the project management team and trial steering committee to amend the protocol where necessary. Please contact Laura Van Dyck (laura.vandyck@lshtm.ac.uk) if you have any questions on how to complete the log and what needs to be included.

Nurses Meeting

Nurses at all sites should now have received an invitation to our meeting which will be held on 10th December at Bloomsbury House, London.

Up to two nurses from each site can attend the meeting and standard class travel will be refunded.

The meeting will start with lunch at 12.30pm and will finish by 4.00pm. The agenda for the meeting is currently being finalised and if you have any suggestions of topics you would find useful to cover, do let us know. Please RSVP with your availability by Monday 16th November and if you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Jo Astarci (josenir.atarci@lshtm.ac.uk)

In the past, our nurses meetings have been valuable opportunities for sites to meet with each other and the team hope to see as many of you as possible in December.

8 Week Follow-up

With this being a pragmatic trial we are flexible on the follow-up visit dates, as we know that the standard hospital follow-up visits for the trial patients do not always fit in with the 8 week and 6 month post-surgery dates, as specified in the protocol.

However we would like to ask that if at all possible, that the 8 week follow-up be done at least 30 days post-surgery. This way we would be assured to get the end point data, even if the patient became lost to follow-up before the 6 month date.

Congratulations!

A big congratulations goes out to Becky this month as she got married a few days ago. We hope the day all went smoothly.



Lucky Number

Unfortunately, there wasn't a winner of the lucky number during October. However which ever site recruits patient 210 during November will receive a box of chocolates. Keep screening to be in with a chance of winning!

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