

PREVENTT

Preoperative intravenous iron to treat anaemia in major surgery



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PREVENTT News

During November, a further three PREVENTT sites opened to recruitment. Welcome to the teams at Norfolk and Norwich, St Mary's (Imperial) and Gateshead. This brings the total number of sites opened to recruitment to 34 which is a fantastic achievement. A further site initiation was held at Peterborough at the end of the month so welcome to Alexander Hardy, Deborah Butcher and the team there. We look forward to you all recruiting your first patients soon.

During November, the Trial Steering Committee (TSC) also held their sixth meeting. These meetings are always helpful and are key in helping the trial to recruit successfully.

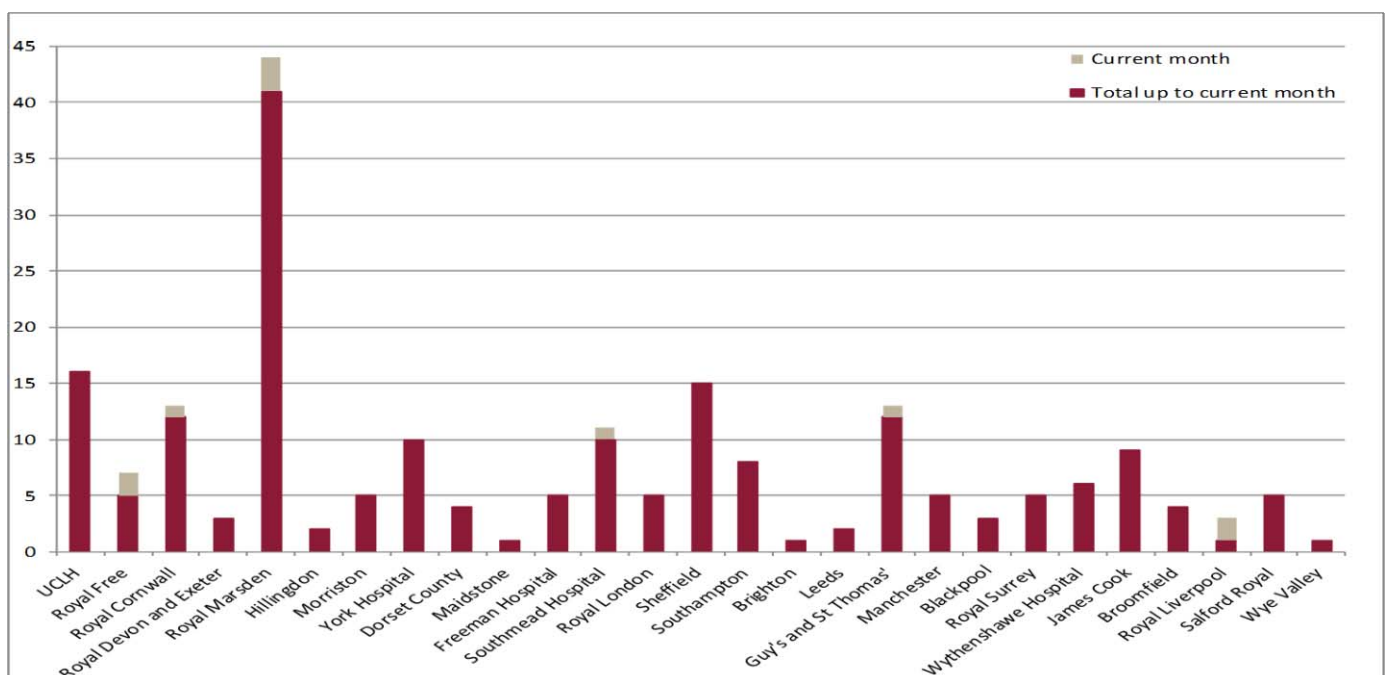
Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for PREVENTT over the past year and wish you a very happy holiday. We look forward to working with you all again in the new year.

PREVENTT Office Christmas Closure

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine will be closed from the 23rd December to the 3rd January inclusive. During this time there will be no cover in the PREVENTT Clinical Trials Unit so if you have any urgent clinical queries please forward them to Toby Richards - toby.richards@ucl.ac.uk or call the PREVENTT freephone on 0808 168 2544. Please also refer to the study website <http://preventt.lshtm.ac.uk/faqs> for a comprehensive list of FAQs .

PREVENTT Recruitment – 206 Patients Randomised!

This month, congratulations go to the team at Southmead Hospital who recruited our 200th patient. This is an important milestone for the trial and we are now nearly half way to our target. Overall 10 patients were recruited at 6 sites. In the new year, a member of the PREVENTT team will be in touch with you to discuss your local recruitment target which was agreed at the start of the year. As the trial moves into 2016, support will be given to all sites to come up with new targets and to work with local teams to ensure that these can be achieved.



Nurses Meeting

There are still a few places available for the study afternoon for nurses and trial coordinators on Thursday 10th December at Bloomsbury House, London. The meeting will start at 12.30 with lunch available and will be finished by 4.00pm. A range of external speakers will be coming to the meeting and we hope that this will be a helpful afternoon. Standard class travel will be refunded and if you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Jo Astarci (josenir.atarci@lshtm.ac.uk). In the new year, the team are also planning to arrange some regional meetings with local sites to include local PIs and research teams. Dates for these will follow soon.

PREVENTT Raffle

There was no winner of the lucky number for November. From December, we are changing the way that we will be randomly allocating our monthly PREVENTT prize. This month, every site which recruits a patient into the trial will be put into a draw and a winner will be randomly selected at the start of January. Therefore keep screening and recruiting as all recruiting sites will be in with a chance of winning our December prize!



Screening Logs

A reminder that all sites need to send in their November screening logs by Friday 11th December. This data will then be reviewed by the project management group.

The PREVENTT team are aware that completing screening logs can be additional work for sites, however this data is important for the trial and in the past has helped to inform protocol changes.

If you have any questions about how to complete your screening log, please contact Laura Van Dyck (laura.vandyck@lshtm.ac.uk).

Screening Tips

With Christmas coming up it is an excellent opportunity to really set up recruitment ready for the start of 2016. The reason is that most surgery generally shuts down over Christmas and New Year. Consequently there is now a push to get cases done by Christmas as most surgeons are planning their diaries till the year end. Second is that many surgeons are booking non urgent cases for January rather than operate over the two week holiday period. Therefore there are opportunities to recruit before Christmas and also plenty of time to plan for cases in January as the time between recruitment and operation will be extended.

Remember that it is also important to keep liaising with members of the clinical team to ensure that a FBC is available for patients as early in the pathway as possible. This can help to ensure that patients are identified as early as possible in the pathway. If you have any questions about the screening process at your site, please get in touch with the PREVENTT team.

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