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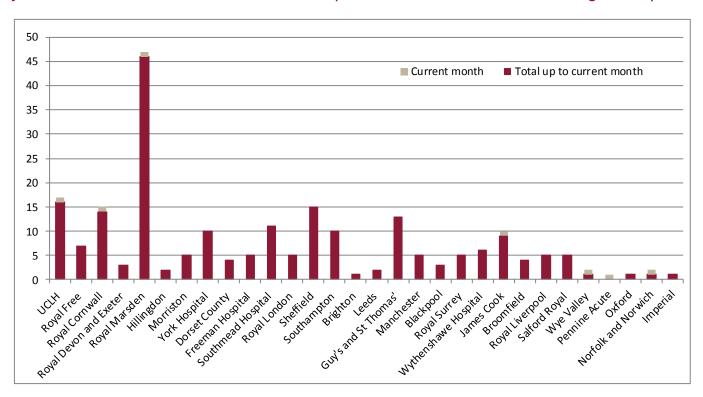
Preoperative intravenous iron to treat anaemia in major surgery

## **PREVENTT News**

Welcome to the March newsletter. During February, a further two site initiations for the trial took place, welcome to the teams at Royal Infirmary Edinburgh and King's College Hospital. There are now a total of 37 sites open to recruitment and further site initiations are currently being arranged during March.

### PREVENTT Recruitment - 223 Patients Randomised!

Congratulations to Pennine Acute Hospital who recruited their first patient into the trial, and also to James Cook who recruited their tenth. Overall 7 patients were recruited at 7 sites during February.



## **Clinical Trials Short Course**

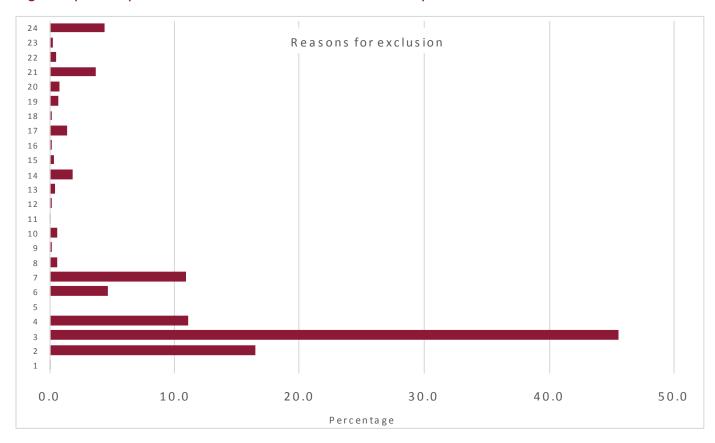
The Medical Statistics Department (MSD) at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) will be running a short course in clinical trials. This course provides attendees with a clear understanding of the fundamental principles of Randomised Clinical Trials (RCTs). Lectures and practical sessions cover the key issues to be considered in design, conduct, analysis and reporting, with a focus on major clinical trials which directly influence clinical practice. Topics are addressed with perspectives from both public sector research and the pharmaceutical industry.

The course is relevant to those who are keen to gain an understanding of the rigorous evaluation of interventions in health care including clinical research professionals, research managers and other scientists with an interest in clinical trials. Places on the course are limited. The course runs for 5 days from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

The course has been approved by the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom for 30 category I (external) CPD credit(s). For further information and an application form please visit: <a href="http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/sct.html">http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/sct.html</a>

## Screening Log Data

Thank you again to all sites for completing the screening logs, the data from the logs has proven to be very helpful with guiding us on potential changes to eligibility criteria. The following data is based on the logs completed up until end of November 2015, where 5557 patients had been screened across 34 sites.



The main reasons for exclusion have remained fairly steady over recent months, with the largest reason being the Hb result is out of range (code 3=45.6%), and the next 2 highest reasons are that the patient is not having major surgery (code 2=16.5%), and the randomisation/trial treatment not being able to be done 10-42 days prior to surgery (code 4=11.1%). For a full list of exclusion codes please see version 4 of the screening log.

#### **PREVENTT Raffle Winner**

Congratulations to Dave Brealey, Debbie Smyth and the team at UCLH who are the winners of this month's box of chocolates. Another prize is up for grabs in March so keep screening to be in with a chance of winning.

# 250th patient

When the 250th patient is recruited there will be a surprise gift sent out to all sites. And here's a clue to what it will be...



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