PREVENTT

Preoperative intravenous iron to treat anaemia in major surgery

PREVENTT News

Welcome to the May newsletter which is the 30th PREVENTT edition! We hope that you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend.

During April, the 41st PREVENTT site initiation took place at Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham. The Project Management Group have also been busy finalising the next amendment which will be submitted to both ethics and the MHRA soon. This amendment will include the new patient information leaflet and we are grateful to those sites which have helped to develop this with us. There will also be some minor changes to the inclusion and exclusion criteria.

An application has also been submitted to the HTA to extend the trial. Recruitment is currently due to finish at the end of August 2016. The PREVENTT team will be in touch with sites to discuss the implications of this change and if sites have any questions, they should contact Becky Swinson (Rebecca.swinson@lshtm.ac.uk) to discuss further.

PREVENTT Recruitment – 244 Patients Randomised

During April, 10 patients were recruited which means that we have managed to meet our expected recruitment for the month. Congratulations to the teams at Oxford and UCLH who both recruited 2 patients and the team at Peterborough who recruited their first patient. We are now only 6 patients away from our 250th patient and the halfway mark which is a fantastic achievement. All recruiting sites will be receiving a surprise gift when we reach this trial milestone.

If you are having specific issues with either staff support or your local patient pathway which are impacting on patient recruitment, please get in touch with Becky Swinson to discuss further.



Congratulations!

This month, a big congratulations go to Dave Brealey, Debbie Smyth, James Crosbie and all the team at the UCLH who recruited their 20th patient. Reaching 20 patients is a great achievement for the trial and this reflects the effort put into screening by all the team. Thank you for your hard work and ongoing support for PREVENTT.

The UCLH team Georgia Bercades, Anna Butcher, Debbie Smyth, Alison Macklin, Dave Brealey and Jung Hun Ryu

International Clinical Trials Day!

A number of sites have been in touch regarding promotional materials for International Clinical Trials Day on 20th May. The PREVENTT CTU can supply posters, copies of newsletters and limited numbers of pens for sites if necessary. Please get in touch if you would like any supplies to promote the trial.

Screening Tips

If you are finding screening time consuming, it can be helpful to identify surgeons with GCP training in the surgical specialities that you are targeting. These surgeons can help identify patients early and can discuss the trial with them in clinic.

If you would like a member of the trial team to come and speak with your surgeons about the trial at a grand round or audit meeting, please contact Becky Swinson or Anna Butcher (a.butcher@ucl.ac.uk).



PREVENTT Screening Data

During May, all sites will be asked to keep a screening log as part of our screening snapshot. Data from screening logs form a key part of the management of PREVENTT. Recently, Ben Clevenger presented screening data up to the end of June 2015 at the Network for the Advancement of Patient Blood Management, Haemostatis and Thrombosis (NATA) Annual Symposium in Dublin as part of the poster session. The poster focused on what PREVENTT screening data can show about current preoperative pathways and care. It also won second prize and a copy of the abstract has been included with this newsletter. Thank you to you all for taking the time to complete your screening logs. The data is carefully reviewed and also has the potential to contribute more widely to the debate on patient blood management.

PREVENTT Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Ian Lindsey, Debbie Barker and the team at John Radcliffe who are the winners of this month's box of chocolates! Thank you to the team for their ongoing support for the trial. Another prize is up for grabs in May so please keep screening and randomising

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