

PREVENTT

Preoperative intravenous iron to treat anaemia in major surgery

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PREVENTT Recruitment– 141 patients to go!

Welcome to the May newsletter. Hopefully you all had enjoyed the bank holiday weekend. During April, there were further site visits to both the Countess of Chester and Liverpool Womens' Hospital. Both sites will be opening to recruitment soon and thank you to both teams for your hospitality. If there are other sites that you know may be interested in participating in PREVENTT, please pass their details on to Becky (rebecca.swinson@lshtm.ac.uk) as there is still time for new sites to get involved.

Cancer Pathway

One of the main recruitment challenges for PREVENTT is identifying patients then having time to randomise them at least 10 days before their surgery. This can be particularly difficult for patients on cancer treatment pathways.

At Peterborough Hospital, the research team have worked with their MDT and local cancer pathway coordinators to agree that randomisation into PREVENTT can be considered the patient's first treatment. This is based on advice in the cancer waiting time guide. If you would like to consider taking this forward in your local trust, please get in touch with Becky to discuss further.

All sites should now have received pens and updated posters. The posters are designed to promote the trial with local surgical and preoperative teams.

As International Clinical Trials Day is approaching on 20th May, please get in touch if you would like any additional supplies.

Recruitment Spotlight

Thank you to all sites who recruited patients during April. In total, five sites recruited patients during April; the Royal Marsden, Pennine Acute, Leeds, Kings and Russells Hall.

This month, special mention goes to Stephen Jenkins, Ranjit Gidda and the team at Russells Hall hospital who randomised their fifth patient which is a fantastic achievement. We look forward to more sites hitting some key recruitment milestones during May.

Save the Date

Following on from our successful investigator's meeting last September, we are planning to hold a meeting for nurses' and research coordinators on 28th September 2017 in London. The venue will be confirmed soon and the meeting will be taking place in the afternoon, starting with lunch. In the meantime, please keep the date free and please get in touch with the PREVENTT team if you have any ideas for subjects we can cover on the day. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in September.

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