

PREVENTT Case Study

Earlier this year, the randomisation system was updated. The exact surgical (TCI) date for patients does not need to be known.

This change allows the trial to fit more easily into current hospital pathways. Below, is an outline of how this could help with recruitment at your site:

- * Identify a patient on an MDT list or at surgical outpatients appointment. Patient is scheduled to have open surgery.
- * Patient is seen in clinic however they are not given an exact date for surgery.
- * Speak with the surgical team or clinical nurse specialist to find out if the patient will be having surgery in at least 10 days time.
- * If yes, the patient can be approached to take part in the trial.

Currently, several sites have reported that although they may identify an eligible patient, they often have to wait for an exact date of surgery. Dates can be given with short notice and it is then difficult to randomise and treat them within the timelines for PREVENTT. With this change, it should be possible to recruit these patients more easily.

Nurses' Meeting

There will be a meeting for nurses and other staff working on the trial on 29th September in London. This half day meeting will be a great chance to celebrate our success so far and to get our final year of recruitment off to a great start. Details about the meeting can be found in the attached invitation with the newsletter. If you have any ideas for what you would like to get out of the afternoon, please get in touch with Becky.

127 patients to go!

Recruitment Spotlight

June has been one of the top months for recruitment during 2017. Thank you to you all for your efforts screening patients, every patient counts. Only 27 patients are needed over the next three months to reach the goal of 400 patients by the nurses' meeting.

As outlined in the mid month bulletin, all sites who randomise at least one patient between the start of June and the end of September will receive a bottle of champagne. So far, five sites will be enjoying a glass of fizz! Congratulations to the teams at Kings, Southmead, UCLH, James Cook and the Royal Marsden.

Infographic

To help promote the trial with your surgical teams, an infographic summarising the trial has been developed. You can also share this with other staff involved in the surgical and preoperative care of patients. This may include clinical nurse specialists, MDT coordinators and CPET clinics. The aim is to ensure that as many patients as possible are referred on to you and to encourage staff to take a full blood count.

A copy of the infographic is included with the newsletter and you can add your local contact details to this if you wish.

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