

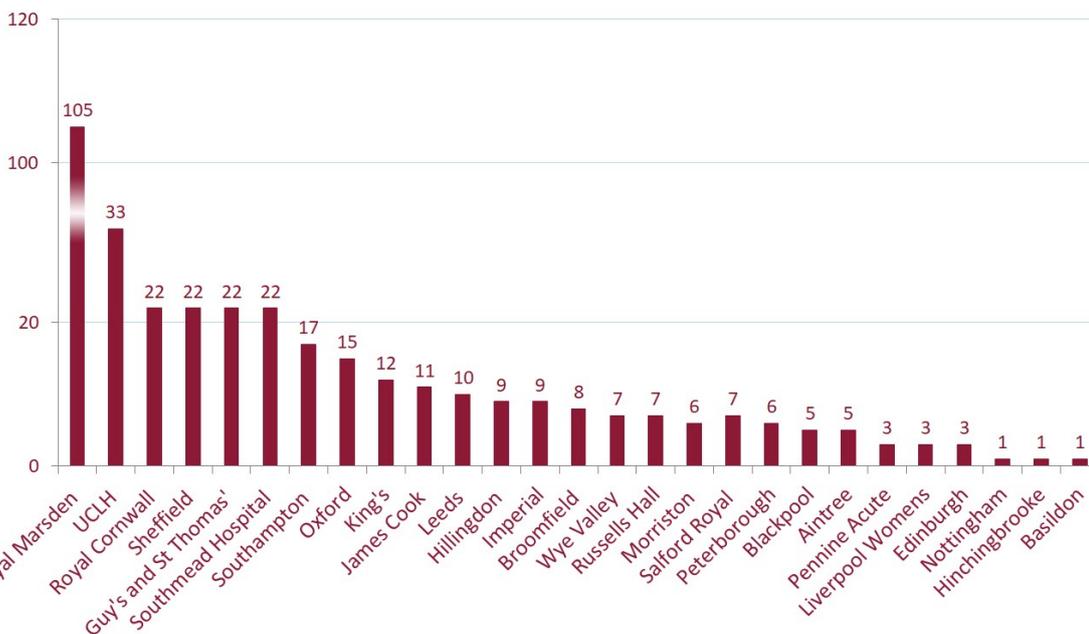
PREVENTT

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Preoperative intravenous iron to treat
anaemia in major surgery

TOTAL RECRUITED	REMAINING
437	63

Race to the finish—5 months of recruitment remaining



As we enter the last five months of recruitment, there is still time to make your mark and contribute to the success of PREVENTT. If each collaborating site recruits two to three patients each over the next five months, we will easily reach our target. We need your support to answer this important question. **Remember that every patient counts!**

Taxis for PREVENTT visits

Patient's transport cost for additional PREVENTT research visits can be covered by the trial.

The process is simple, we have set up an account with Addison Lee and taxi bookings will be made using our account and PIN number. Neither you or your patient will make any upfront payments, as the trial will be invoiced directly.

This service will also be provided for patients that are travelling longer distances. This should make it easier for patients to return to the hospital for research visits which may help patients in their decision to participate.

We encourage all sites use this service to make the trial easier for patients.



Please call the PREVENTT office (020 7927 2505) where a member of the team will provide the PIN number to staff so that you can make a booking.

Trial videos

We now have a series of videos, presented by the Chief Investigator of PREVENTT, Prof Toby Richards, on a range of topics including:

Why should we do a trial?

What is the PREVENTT research and why do we need to do this?

Asking a patient to help in a clinical trial

Some ideas about presenting the trial and asking a patients to be in a trial

They are extremely valuable for staff working on the trial and we would strongly advise sharing this link with all staff working on the PREVENTT trial.

<http://preventt.lshtm.ac.uk/useful-videos>

Interview with Southmead

Southmead Hospital joined PREVENTT in February 2014. **Connie Shiridzinomwa**, one of the research nurses, give us an insight into how the team have made PREVENTT a success at Southmead. Thank you Connie!

What do you think makes a great PREVENTT site team?

Communication! You have to have good communication between the research nurses, doctors and Principal Investigator (PI). We are constantly communicating with our local PI.

How do you and the research team undertaking screening for PREVENTT at Southmead?

There are two of us here and we are constantly screening for patients. We screen from a range of places, including theatre, gynaecology, urology, surgery waiting lists and diagnostic cancer clinics. From these lists, we will identify potential patients and then track them. For any potential patient on the surgery waiting list, we'll ask for the patient's pre-op clinic appointments to be scheduled at least 10 days before their surgery, where possible.

What are your top tips for approaching a patient?

Depending on where the patient is on their path to surgery, we would either: send the invitation letter and documents, then follow-up with a phone call about a week later; or approach them face-to-face while they're in hospital for an appointment. We find that if we are friendly, patient and enter the conversation with an open mind, we tend to have a positive response to the trial.

How do you remind patients about completing and returning their HRU patient diaries?

As we are a regional hospital, we don't tend to see patients again once they have left hospital following their surgery. Instead, we phone patients 3-4 weeks before their diaries and other follow-up are due to let them know that these items will be arriving soon and to please complete them. We'll include a stamped addressed envelope so that they can easily return the diaries to us.

March recruitment

Seven patients were recruited to PREVENTT in March, which makes it our best month of recruitment since November 2017!

This is excellent news which leaves us with only 63 patients to recruit by the end of August.

Very well done to the following teams who were successful in recruiting a patient last month. You will all be sent a special gift as a thank you for your successes.

Congratulations to Mark, Samantha and the **Southampton** team for recruiting their 17th patient

Well done to Ethel, Ravi and the **Royal Marsden** team for recruiting 2 patients making their total count 105 patients



Well done to Connie, Salah and the **Southmead** team for recruiting their 22nd patient putting them in joint 3rd position alongside Royal Cornwall, Sheffield and Guys and St Thomas's

We are thrilled that Fiona, Lauren, Toby and the **Broomfield** team recruited their 8th patient, which takes them into the top half of the recruitment board

Congratulations also to Katherine, Manju and the **Salford** team for recruiting their 7th patient, alongside Wye Valley and Russell's Hall

Finally a huge well done to Mark, Ramachandran and the team in **Basildon** for recruiting patient number 1!!! Very well done to you all

A huge thank you also to the many teams who have had near misses over the past few months. Your efforts are understood and are very much appreciated. Keep screening the same way and you will succeed!

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