

## 457 patients recruited

Many thanks to the PREVENTT recruiting sites for your hard work in recent weeks. We are really pleased to have received so many queries about potential patients, and we are aware of how much effort everyone is contributing.

On the 25th June 2018 the Trial Steering Committee met, and the chair, Professor Andrew Bradbury, passed on his praise to all involved in the trial. The focus of the meeting was to consider the next steps after the end of the recruitment period and to start making plans for the publication.

The message over the coming weeks is clear:

**Please continue to screen and randomise as many patients as possible. Every additional patient counts.**

Each additional patient recruited between now and the end of recruitment will help us to better understand the role of IV iron in major surgery and bring additional validity to our conclusions, so maximising recruitment is important.

We would like to thank all staff for your ongoing commitment, and hope that you are enjoying the glorious weather.

## Recruitment Success

Well done to the following sites for their hard work this month:

**Claire, Samantha, Mike and the team at Southampton**—1 patient recruited

**Ravi, Ethel and the team at the Royal Marsden**—2 patients recruited

**Jason, Gemma and Emma and the team at Blackpool**—2 patients recruited



Last month we were pleased to see a tweet about a chocolate hamper selection we sent to the team at Kings College Hospital. Congratulations to them for their well deserved goodies. Please email us your pictures or tweet us [@CTU\\_LSHTM](https://twitter.com/CTU_LSHTM)



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Q&A with the Royal Marsden team

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The Royal Marsden Hospital, have been very successful in recruiting to PREVENTT, having enrolled **110** patients to the study in total. This is nearly one in every four PREVENTT patients enrolled. This month, we caught up with the PI, Dr Ravi Raobaikady and Research Nurse, Sister Ethel Black to find out some of the secrets to their success.

**Q: How does your research team screen patients?**

A: Patients are screened through the electronic patient record every week, looking at the different clinics and theatre list for the coming months. Some patients are referred by the teams. We discuss with CNS, ANP if they have patients who are eligible for the trial. If there is enough time before they come to the pre assessment unit they are sent information about PREVENTT.

**New trial statistician**

I'm Matt and I have recently started working as the statistician for PREVENTT. I will be helping to monitor the safety and efficacy of the trial (in co-operation with the independent Data and Safety Monitoring Committee) and also the validity of the data received. I'm looking forward to working with you all and being part of such an important trial.



**Interests:**

Travelling, running and going to gigs.

**Favourite thing about summer:**

Calippos and (this year) the World Cup.



*Dr Martin Rooms, consultant at Royal Marsden*

**Q: What have you enjoyed about PREVENTT?**

A: The training and support given from the PREVENTT trials team.

**Q: What do you think makes the Royal Marsden such a great PREVENTT site?**

A: There is good communication between the different departments (consultants, nurses and doctors), patients are aware of trials, they are willing to participate especially if they are told that it can all be done on one visit.

**Q: What does your team do to maintain such impressive recruitment numbers?**

A: Our Research Nurse goes to the clinics to remind the consultants that the trial is still ongoing and goes to the pre assessment unit to see if there is a walk-in patient who can be recruited to the trial. Also PI and Co investigators are actively involved in pre-assessment process and available to the recruitment process anytime.