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Recruitment Data

Randomised Patients

Total: 121
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary - 4
Aintree Hospital - 6
Airedale (Yorkshire) - 3
Brighton - 2
Charring Cross - 1
Freeman Hospital - 1
Guy's & St Thomas' - 5
King's College - 3
Leeds - 1
Leicester - 1
Musgrove Park - 1
Ninewells Hospital - 4
Pinderfields - 1
QEQM - 2
Royal Bournemouth - 1
Royal Cornwall - 2
Royal Devon & Exeter - 4
Royal Hallamshire - 8
Royal London - 1
Royal United - 1
Southampton 2
Southend - 6
St George's - 40
University Hospital of North
Staffordshire - 1
Watford - 15
Western General (Edinburgh) - 3
Yeovil District Hospital - 2

We now have 121 Randomised Patients!

Many thanks to those centres who have continued to recruit to the CADISS Study. We are still looking for new centres who are likely to be high recruiters. For more information please contact the CADISS Coordinator, or refer to the CADISS website –

www.dissection.co.uk

Non-randomised Arm Results and Paper

The results of the non-randomised arm were presented at the European Stroke Congress in May. In almost 100 patients, there was no evidence of any difference in outcome between patients treated with antiplatelet agents and anticoagulants. The data was combined with a meta-analysis of all published data and again, this showed no significant difference between the two treatments. None of this data is from randomised trials and therefore, it needs to be interpreted cautiously. Nevertheless, it does mean there is no reason not to randomise patients to either of the two treatments and emphasizes why we need results from a randomised study such as CADISS. Therefore, please do keep randomising.

We have written up the results of the non-randomised arm and all investigators should have received a copy of the draft publication for comments. If you have not, then please do let us know and we can send a copy to you. We have included the top three recruiting centres as authors and plan something similar for the randomized paper.

Investigator's Meeting

We are pleased to announce that the CADISS Coordinating Team have secured a slot at the UK Stroke Forum 2011 for an Investigator's Meeting. The meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday the 30th November, between 13.40 and 14.25. Further details and an agenda will follow closer to the time but we hope to see as many of you there as possible. If there is anything in particular you would like us to cover during the meeting please feel free to contact us. Let's hope the weather in Glasgow is a bit better this year!

Goodbye From Me.....

I'm sorry to announce that I will be leaving St. George's at the end of June. My last date is Thursday the 30th June so if any of you have any queries/issues to be resolved before then, please get in touch with me over the next week so we can work through them before I leave. My replacement, Elizabeth Hayter, will be starting at the beginning of August. Eithne Smith will be covering the CADISS study for the month of July but there may be some delays. Please be patient with us until Elizabeth starts her new role.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your hard work and support over the last 14 months. It has been great to meet and work with so many lovely people. Wishing you all the best for the future, perhaps we will meet again. Good luck and I hope you continue to recruit to CADISS!