



Recruiting Centres:

Mansoura, Egypt	43
Newcastle UK	41
Klaipeda, Lithuania	28
Skopje, Macedonia	26
Timisoara, Romania	26
P. S. Riga, Latvia	22
Bialystok, Poland	20
AIIMS, New Delhi, India	19
Berlin, Germany	15
Hartford, USA	15
National Hospital of Sri Lanka	11
Santander, Spain	11
Lahore, Pakistan	10
Saarlandes, Germany	10
St. George's, London, UK	10
Berlin (Charite), Germany	9
Borsod, Hungary	9
Cluj, Romania	9
Dessau, Germany	9
Dharan, Nepal	9
Duesseldorf, Germany	9
Prague, CZ	9
Temple, USA	9
University Hospital Brno, CZ	9
Heidelberg, Germany	8
Dundee, UK	7
Athens, Greece	6
Bangalore, India	6
Erlangen, Germany	6
Munster University, Germany	6
Peshawar, Pakistan	6
Rome, Italy	6
Tlalpan, Mexico	6
Amberg, Germany	5
Cambridge, UK	4
Pecs, Hungary	4
SCTIMST, Trivandrum, India	4
Edinburgh, UK	3
Gailezers, Riga, Latvia	3
Ippokration, Greece	3
Istanbul, Turkey	3
Kanto, Tokyo, Japan	3
Ludhiana, India	3
Luebeck, Germany	3
Macon, Georgia, USA	3
Maharashtra, India	3
Novosibirsk, Russia	3
Poznan, Poland	3
Salford, UK	3
Visakhapatnam, India	3
Chicago, USA	2
Clemens, Munster, Germany	2
Greifswald, Germany	2
Jena, Germany	2
Lalitpur, Nepal	2
Leeds, UK	2
Liberec, CZ	2
Melbourne, Australia	2
Preston, UK	2
Shanghai, China	2
Southampton, UK	2
Valladolid(Rio Hortega), Spain	2
Valladolid, Spain	2
Wiesbaden, Germany	2
Haywards Heath, UK	1
Johor Bahru, Malaysia	1
Mayo Clinic, USA	1
Middlesbrough, UK	1
Penn State, USA	1
Yerevan, Armenia	1

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR INVESTIGATORS!

The telephone randomisation number for the trial has changed

The new number is: +44 (0)1224 273 661

You can still randomise by the web as usual



65 patients to go!

The STICH II trial has recruited 535 patients!

Thank you to all our Investigators for their hard work in the STICH II trial. Please continue to screen for suitable patients and include them in the trial. Our target is **600**, we are almost there!



We would like to be able to present the STICH II results at the next International Stroke Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii! To do this we must complete recruitment by April 30th 2012.

Centres who have joined the study since the last newsletter:

Steve Biko Academic Hospital, Pretoria, SOUTH AFRICA

Medical University Vienna, Vienna General Hospital, AUSTRIA

University of Louisville Hospital, USA

Alexandria University Hospital, EGYPT

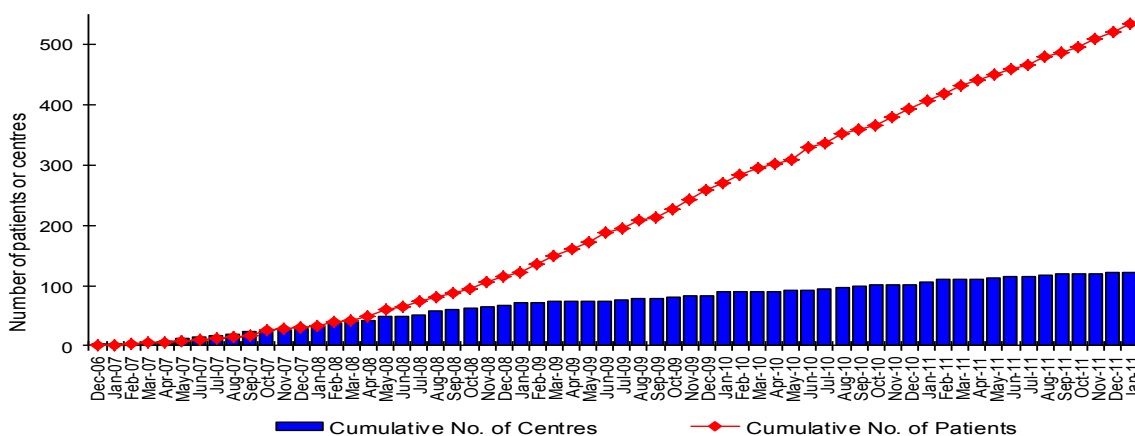
The STICH Team will be at the following meetings:

BNRG - 8th-9th March 2012, Darlington, UK

AANS Meeting - 14th-18th April 2012, Miami, USA

SBNS - 18th-20th April 2012, Aberdeen, UK

EMN Meeting - 27th-28th April 2012, Cluj, Romania



The Data Monitoring Committee for the STICH II trial have approved the continuation of the trial until completion.

Continue to look out for suitable patients!

TO RANDOMISE:

Telephone the 24 hour randomisation service

+44 (0)1224 273 661

Or

use our web based system:

<https://viis.abdn.ac.uk/hsru/stich>

If you would like to be able to randomise patients via the web please contact the STICH Office for a username and password.

Up to date trial information is always available on our website:

<http://research.ncl.ac.uk/stich>

Inclusion Criteria

- Spontaneous lobar ICH on CT scan (1cm or less from cortex surface of the brain) within 48 hours of ictus
- Best MOTOR score on GCS of 5 or 6 and best EYE score on the GCS of 2 or more
- Volume of haematoma between 10 and 100ml [using Broderick Method (abxhc)/2]

Exclusion Criteria

- Aneurysm, tumour, trauma, angiographically proven AVM
- If surgery cannot be performed within 12 hrs of randomisation
- Intraventricular haemorrhage
- Hydrocephalus
- Brain stem/cerebellar/basal ganglia/thalamic haemorrhage
- Pre-existing physical or mental disability or severe co-morbidity
- Unreversed clotting or coagulation problems

See where you are on the recruitment league table!