

**Centres and patients recruited**

Armenia	Yerevan (1)
Australia	Melbourne (2)
Austria	Vienna
Canada	Alberta
China	Beijing (Tiantan)
Czech Republic	Brno (8) Olomouc Prague (6) Liberec (2)
Egypt	Mansoura (30)
Georgia	Tbilisi
Germany	Amberg (4) Berlin (7) Berlin (Charite) (2) Dessau (5) Dusseldorf (6) Erlangen (5) Greifswald (2) Heidelberg (4) Jena (1) Kassel Lübeck (3) Magdeburg Munster University (5) Munster Clemens Saarbruecken Saarlandes (6) Wiesbaden (2)
Greece	Athens (4) AHEPA, Thessaloniki Ippokratio, Thessaloniki (3)
Hungary	Pecs (2) Borsod (9)
India	Bangalore (4) Calcutta Hyderabad Ludhiana (3) New Delhi (12) Maharashtra (2) Trivandrum (4) Visakhapatnam(3)
Israel	Haifa
Italy	Sapienza(3)
Latvia	Gailezers (1) Riga (11)
Lithuania	Klaipeda (9)
Macedonia	Skopje (17)
Mexico	Guadalajara Tlalpan (1)
Nepal	Dharan (4)
Netherlands	Groningen
Norway	Trondheim
Pakistan	Lahore (10)
Poland	Bialystok (17) Poznan (1)
Romania	Ciuj (3)
Russia	Novosibirsk (3)
Saudia Arabia	Riyadh
Spain	Granada Santander (9) Valladolid (2) Bilbao
Sweden	Uppsala
Turkey	Istanbul (3)
UK	Aberdeen Cambridge (3) Dundee (5) Edinburgh (2) Haywards Heath Hull Leeds (1) Liverpool Middlesbrough (1) Morriston National Hospital Newcastle (30) Oxford Preston (1) Salford Southampton (2) St. George's (3) Stoke
USA	Albany Bloomington IL Kansas Hartford (4) Loyola Macon (3) Mayo Jacksonville (1) Penn State PA (1) Temple PA (7)

Congratulations to Charité - University Medicine Berlin for winning the prize draw!

Each centre that recruited patients between numbers 251-300 was entered into a prize draw and the lucky number that was picked was 268. Charité - University Medicine Berlin will therefore receive financial help to attend the next Investigator's Meeting!

Our next interim target is 350 patients by the end of June 2010. Recruitment needs to increase to 18 patients per month if we are to stay on target.

Crossovers are a problem!

The overall crossover rate is higher than we had hoped at **12%**. We would like to keep crossovers as low as possible and we will be sending some guidance information shortly via email.

The STICH Team was present at the SBNS Conference in Cambridge, 24th-26th March.



(left to right): Miss Gillian Kenyon (STICH II Secretary), Dr Elise Rowan (Data Manager), Professor A David Mendelow (Chief Investigator), Dr Barbara Gregson (Trial Director).

The following centres have joined the trial since the last newsletter:

- Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, UK
- Instituto Nacional de Neurologia y Neurocirugia, Tlalpan, MEXICO
–recruited 1 patient!
- The University Hospital of North Staffordshire, UK
- Yerevan State Medical University, ARMENIA
–recruited 1 patient!
- Kansas Research Medical Center, USA
- Dr Horst Schmidt Kliniken, Wiesbaden, GERMANY
–recruited 2 patients!
- Loyola University Medical Center, USA
- Klinikum Saarbruecken, GERMANY

We would like to thank a number of our Principal Investigators who have given/are giving STICH presentations at International Meetings on our behalf. These include:

- Dr Andrea Kleindienst** – International Brain Injury Association (IBIA) meeting, Washington, 10th-14th March
- Dr Chris Loftus** – AANS, Philadelphia, 1st-5th May
- Dr Essam Elgamal** – 4th Annual Saudi Association of Neurological Surgery Meeting, Jeddah, 18th-19th May
- Dr Abd Elhafiz Shehab-Eldien** – ECCVA, Alexandria, 21st-23rd July

If there is an International Meeting in your country coming up and you feel you could present STICH II on our behalf, please do send us an email.

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 (axbxc)/2]

Exclusion Criteria

- Aneurysm, tumour, trauma, angiographically proven AVM
- If surgery cannot be performed within 12 hrs
- 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

TO RANDOMISE:

Telephone the 24 hour randomisation service on: **+44 (0)1224 551 261**

Up to date trial information is always available on our website: **www.ncl.ac.uk/stich**