



STICH II NEWSLETTER



Surgical Trial in Lobar Intracerebral Haemorrhage

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League Table of Top Recruiting Centres*

CENTRE	Total	Change since last newsletter
Newcastle, UK	37	+3
Mansoura, Egypt	35	+3
Bialystok, Poland	18	+1
Skopje, Macedonia	18	+1
Klaipeda, Lithuania	17	+2
P.S. Riga, Latvia	14	0
AIIMS, New Delhi, India	14	+1
Santander, Spain	10	+1
Lahore, Pakistan	10	0
Saarlandes, Germany	10	+1
Berlin, Germany	10	+1
Borsod, Hungary	9	0
University Hospital, Brno, CZ	8	0
Hartford, USA	8	+1
Temple, USA	7	0
Düsseldorf, Germany	7	0
Munster, Germany	6	+1
Prague, CZ	6	0
Dundee, UK	6	0
Dessau, Germany	6	0
Cluj, Romania	6	+1
Erlangen, Germany	6	+1
St Georges, London, UK	6	+1
Bangalore, India	6	0
Dharan, Nepal	6	+2
Athens, Greece	5	+1
Heidelberg, Germany	5	+1
Tlalpan, Mexico	5	+2
Timisoara, Romania	5	+4
Charite, Berlin, Germany	5	+1
Amberg, Germany	4	0
SCTIMST, Trivandrum, India	4	0
Cambridge, UK	3	0
Novosibirsk, Russia	3	0
Istanbul, Turkey	3	0
Gailezers, Latvia	3	0
Lubeck, Germany	3	0
Visakhapatnam, India	3	0
Edinburgh, UK	3	0
Rome, Italy	3	0
Pecs, Hungary	3	0
Macon, USA	3	0
Ippokration, Thessaloniki, Greece	3	0
Salford, UK	3	+2
Ludhiana, India	3	0
Maharashtra, India	3	0
Melbourne, Australia	2	0
Liberec, CZ	2	0
Valladolid, Spain	2	0
Greifswald, Germany	2	0
Poznan, Poland	2	0
Southampton, UK	2	0
Jena, Germany	2	0
Wiesbaden, Germany	2	0
Gwarko, Nepal	2	+2
Penn State, USA	1	0
Mayo, USA	1	0
Middlesbrough, UK	1	0
Preston, UK	1	0
Leeds, UK	1	0
Yerevan, Armenia	1	0

* as of 8 December 2010



We would like to welcome **Rob Smallcombe** to the STICH II Team as the trial secretary.

Season's Greetings!

The STICH II Trial now has 385* patients!

Congratulations and many thanks to all the investigators who have found patients for us this year. We look forward to working with you all in 2011. Patient recruitment is due to close in August 2011 so we encourage all of you to screen as many potential patients as possible so that we reach our final target of 600 patients on time.

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We have now **moved** to new offices and our new address is:

Neurosurgical Trials Unit, 3-4 Claremont Terrace, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4AE, UK.

Please be sure to incorporate these new contact details into your local consent forms and information sheets.

Investigators Meeting!

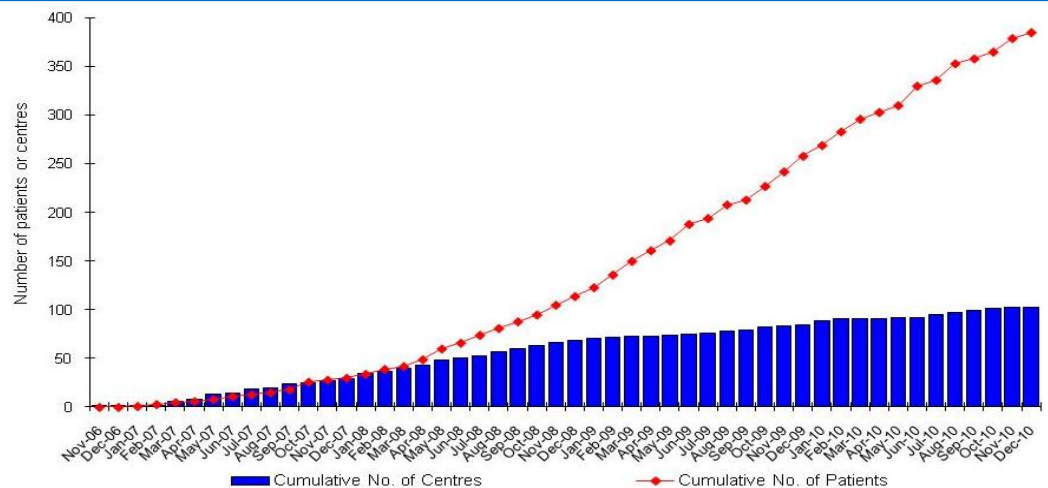
The next Investigators Meeting is in Newcastle, UK on 2nd May 2011 during the Joint EANS Annual meeting – 4th World ICH Conference.

The deadline for submitting the abstracts is 2 February 2011.

Further information about the conference can be obtained from the conference website:

<http://www2.kenes.com/eans-ich/Pages/Home.aspx>

We hope to see as many of you as possible there and will send out more details in the New Year!



We would like to thank our **Principal Investigators** who have given/are giving **STICH II presentations** at **International Meetings** on our behalf. We really appreciate your **dedication and support**. 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.

The following centres have joined the trial since the last newsletter:
St. Ann's University Hospital, CZECH REPUBLIC
Zagazig University Hospital, EGYPT
Kamineni Hospital, INDIA
Hospital Civil de Guadalajara, MEXICO
Huashan Hospital, Shanghai, CHINA
Northwest General Hospital, PAKISTAN
Universiti Sains Malaysia, MALAYSIA

TO RANDOMISE:

24 hour randomisation service
Tel: +44 (0)1224 551 261

Or 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.

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 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

Up to date trial information is available on our website:

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

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