

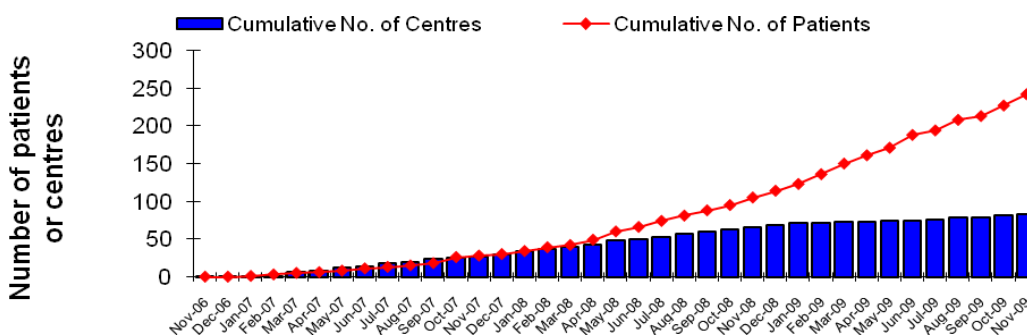
**Centres registered and patients recruited**

Australia	Melbourne (2)
Austria	Vienna
Canada	Alberta
China	Beijing (Tiantan)
Czech Republic	Brno (7) Olomouc Prague (6) Liberec (1)
Egypt	Mansoura (21)
Georgia	Tbilisi
Germany	Amberg (4) Berlin (5) Berlin (Charite) Dessau (4) Düsseldorf (3) Erlangen (3) Greifswald (2) Heidelberg (4) Jena (1) Kassel Lübeck (3) Magdeburg Munster University (5) Munster Clemens Saarlandes (5)
Greece	Athens (4) AHEPA, Thessaloniki Ippokratio, Thessaloniki (2)
Hungary	Pecs (2) Borsod (8)
India	Bangalore (1) Calcutta Hyderabad Ludhiana (3) New Delhi (9) Maharashtra (1) Trivandrum (4) Visakhapatnam (3)
Israel	Haifa
Italy	Sapienza (3)
Latvia	Gailezers (1) Riga (10)
Lithuania	Klaipeda (9)
Macedonia	Skopje (13)
Mexico	Guadalajara
Nepal	Dharan (1)
Netherlands	Groningen
Norway	Trondheim
Pakistan	Lahore (10)
Poland	Bialystok (9) Poznan
Romania	Cluj (2)
Russia	Novosibirsk (3)
Saudia Arabia	Riyadh
Spain	Granada Santander (8) Valladolid (2) Bilbao
Sweden	Uppsala
Turkey	Istanbul (3)
UK	Cambridge (3) Dundee (5) Edinburgh (2) Haywards Heath Hull Leeds (1) Liverpool Middlesbrough (1) Morriston National Hospital Newcastle (29) Oxford Preston Salford Southampton (1) St. George's (3)
USA	Albany Bloomington IL Hartford (1) Macon (3) Mayo Jacksonville (1) Penn State PA (1)

Merry Christmas to all our collaborators!

63% of participating centres have recruited patients so far into the STICH II trial. If your centre is having difficulty finding STICH II patients or has only recently joined the trial, these tips may help:

- ◆ Nominate a STICH II registrar/nurse at your centre to look for patients each week and complete/submit the screening logs
- ◆ Promote the trial at any regular weekly/monthly meetings for neurosurgeons within your hospital/department.
- ◆ Remember to circulate the monthly e-mail newsletters and promotional items to your colleagues.



Dates for your diary:

- Stroke Conference, San Antonio 23rd-26th February 2010
- International ICH Conference, Palm Springs 7th-9th March 2010
- International ICH Conference, Newcastle 2nd-5th May 2011

Out of hours helpline:

If you experience any difficulties with randomising a patient please call the STICH Office at any time of day. If the office is closed you will be given a mobile number to call, this is carried at all times by a member of the STICH II team.

STICH(Trauma)
Please contact Helen Atkinson at trauma.stich@ncl.ac.uk for a questionnaire or visit the website at <http://research.ncl.ac.uk/trauma.STICH>

Up to date trial information is always available on our website: www.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 (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**

