



The BHF SENIOR-RITA Trial

Newsletter

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News

Dear SENIOR-RITA Investigators and Team,

Welcome to the March 2017 BHF SENIOR-RITA newsletter and what a busy month we have had!

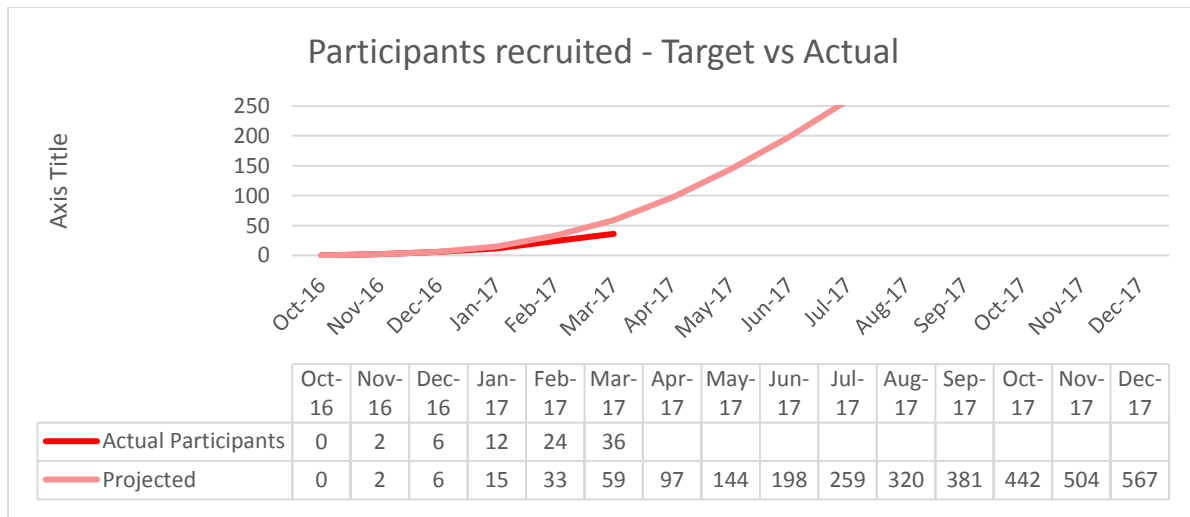
South Manchester, Ayrshire & Arran, Northumbria and Lanarkshire have opened to recruitment this month. We must congratulate **Dr Justin Carter and his team at North Tees** who recruited their first 2 participants on the last day of February, so missed out in getting a mention in our last Newsletter, and have increased their recruitment total to 4 this month. Congratulations also to **Prof Rob Storey and his team at Sheffield** who have recruited their first 4 participants this month. **Newcastle, Chesterfield and Blackpool** have also recruited this month – many thanks to all!

We are very pleased to announce that the following **11 sites** have expressed an interest in joining this trial:

Glan Clwyd North Wales – Dr Satheesh Balakrishnan-Nair and team
 Glasgow - Queen Elizabeth - Prof Colin Berry and team
 Imperial College London – Dr Rahsa Al-Lamee and team
 Mid Essex – Dr Gerald Clesham and team
 North Cumbria - Dr Louise Buchanan and team
 Plymouth – Dr David Sarkar and team
 Royal Berkshire – Dr Charlie McKenna and team
 Royal Free London - Dr Roby Rakhit and team
 Surrey & Sussex – Dr Shrilla Banerjee and team
 Torbay & South Devon - Dr Dirk Felmeden and team
 Wringington Wigan & Leigh – PI to be confirmed

We would also like to welcome a new Senior Trial Manager at the Newcastle Clinical Trials Unit, Dr Sonya Carnell, who has recently taken over from Dr Lesley Hall.

Recruitment is slightly under our recruitment projection this month with 36 patients recruited to date – 11 this month - however with your ongoing support and the additional sites joining us we know we will be back on target soon to reach our overall 2300 patients target for SENIOR RITA



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Trial Recruitment Update

SENIOR-RITA Sites	Principal Investigator	SIV	Date active for R~	No. Recruited
Newcastle	Dr. Vijay Kunadian	20/09/2016	31/10/2016	10
South Tees	Dr. David Austin	05/10/2016	02/12/2016	6
Edinburgh	Prof. Dave Newby	04/10/2016	01/12/2016	1
Chesterfield	Dr. Paul Sheridan	23/11/2016	30/11/2016	4
Blackpool	Dr. Gavin Galasko	25/10/2016	15/11/2016	4
Essex	Dr. Rajesh Aggarwal	01/12/2016	02/12/2016	2
North Tees	Dr. Justin Carter	02/02/2017	23/02/2017	4
East Sussex	Dr. Robert Gerber	31/01/2017	21/02/2017	1
Sheffield	Prof. Rob Storey	08/11/2016	25/01/2017	4
South Tyneside	Dr. Abdul Nasser	31/10/2016	16/12/2016	-
Gateshead	Dr. Ray Meleady	07/11/2016	09/12/2016	-
Lincoln	Dr. Kelvin Lee	12/01/2017	27/01/2017	-
Glasgow – Royal Alexandra	Dr. Keith Robertson	29/11/2016	28/02/2017	-
South Manchester	Dr. Freidoon Keshavarzi	15/02/2017	15/03/2017	-
Ayrshire and Arran	Dr. Vera Lennie	17/01/2017	22/03/2017	-
Northumbria	Dr. Craig Runnett	10/02/2017	27/03/2017	-
Lanarkshire	Dr. Ross McGeoch	16/11/2016	30/03/2017	-
Durham and Darlington	Prof. Jerry Murphy	16/03/2017	TBC 2017	-
Borders	Dr. Paul Neary	21/04/2017	TBC 2017	-
London – Royal Free	Dr. Roby Rakhit	24/04/2017	TBC 2017	-
Aberdeen	Dr. Aswan Noman	TBC 2017	TBC 2017	-
Dundee	Dr. John Irving	TBC 2017	TBC 2017	-
Swansea	Dr. Dave Smith	TBC 2017	TBC 2017	-
Imperial College	Dr. Rasha Al-Lamee	TBC 2017	TBC 2017	-
North Wales – Glan Clwyd	Dr. Satheesh Balakrishnan-Nair	TBC 2017	TBC 2017	-
Plymouth	Dr. David Sarkar	TBC 2017	TBC 2017	-
Royal Berkshire	Dr. Charlie McKenna	TBC 2017	TBC 2017	-
Mid Essex	Dr. Gerald Clesham	TBC 2017	TBC 2017	-
Wrightington Wigan & Leigh	TBC	TBC 2017	TBC 2017	-
Surrey & Sussex	Dr. Shrilla Banerjee	TBC 2017	TBC 2017	-
Torbay & South Devon	Dr. Phil Keeling	TBC 2017	TBC 2017	-
Glasgow - Queen Elizabeth	Prof. Colin Berry	TBC 2017	TBC 2017	-
North Cumbria	Dr. Louise Buchanan	TBC 2017	TBC 2017	-

SITE TELECONFERENCE

A huge thank you to the 14 sites who dialled in to our first Site Teleconference at lunchtime on Tuesday 28th March – we hope you found this useful and we appreciate you sparing the time.

- Points of interest from this were the issues around recruitment **and in particular being able to approach participants before the clinical decision has been made.**
- We took on board your comments about having a SENIOR-RITA poster to profile this trial to your clinical teams so we have submitted a poster for the necessary approvals and we will be distributing this to you all in due course.

Any feedback or suggestions for future bi-monthly site teleconferences would be appreciated – please email seniorrita.support@newcastle.ac.uk with your comments or ideas.

OTHER INFORMATION FOR SITES

- Important to check that the participants have received all the appropriate medication & that sites follow the routine pathway and that they are seen by the cardiac rehabilitation team
- Screening logs – we are aware there has been some confusion over the screening logs. The electronic screening log is compulsory and must be completed for all people approached, whether they are recruited or not. The paper screening log provided in the Investigator Site File is optional. However please note that Sites must continue to manually complete the Patient Identification Code List in their site file.

Please remember to keep checking The SENIOR-RITA website
<https://research.ncl.ac.uk/seniorrita/>

Also, don't forget to follow us on Twitter  [@SNR_RITA_Trial](https://twitter.com/SNR_RITA_Trial)

Please mark your diaries for **6 June 2017 SENIOR-RITA Investigator meeting** during the British Cardiovascular Society Conference in Manchester Central Cobden Room 1. We would love to meet you all in person there!
Full programme to follow...

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