



# STITCH (Trauma) NEWSLETTER



**Surgical Trial in Traumatic Intracerebral Haemorrhage**

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## Centres able to recruit patients:

**India**  
Acharya Vinoba Bhave Rural Hospital,  
Maharashtra  
Care Hospital, Visakhapatnam  
Christian Medical Hospital, Ludhiana

**Lithuania**  
Klaipeda Hospital

**UK**  
Newcastle General Hospital

## Centres who have expressed an interest in the trial:

**Austria**  
Medical University, Graz

**China**  
Beijing Tiantan Hospital  
Prince of Wales Hospital, Hong Kong  
Tianjin Medical University

**Croatia**  
University Hospital Center, Osijek

**Cuba**  
Mornon General Hospital

**Czech Republic**  
University Hospital, Brno

**Egypt**  
Mansoura International Hospital  
Zagazig University, Sharkia

**Germany**  
Klinikum St Marien, Amberg  
Klinikum Kassel  
Saarland University Hospital, Homburg

**Greece**  
Evangelismos Hospital, Athens  
St George General Hospital, Chania

**Hungary**  
Borsod Hospital, Miskolc  
University of Pecs

**India**  
AIIMS, New Delhi  
AMRI Hospitals, Calcutta  
Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi  
BGS Global Hospital, Bangalore  
CSM Medical University, Lucknow  
Fortis Group of Hospitals, Noida  
Fortis Malar Hospital, Chennai  
Himalayan Institute of Medical Sciences,  
Dehradun  
Kamineni Hospitals, Hyderabad  
Kerala Institute of Medical Sciences, Kerala  
Medical Trust Hospital, Kochi, Kerala

**Israel**  
Rambam Medical Centre, Haifa  
Tel-Aviv Sourasky Medical Centre

**Latvia**  
Clinical Hospitals Gailezers, Riga  
Pauls Stradins University Hospital, Riga

**Lithuania**  
Kaunas University Hospital

**Malaysia**  
Kuban Kerian

**Nepal**  
Neuro Hospital, Biratnagar

**Poland**  
Warsaw Voivodeship Hospital

**Romania**  
Cluj-Napoca Hospital

**Spain**  
Marques de Valdecilla, Santander  
Valladolid Hospital

**USA**  
Albany Medical College  
Penn State Hershey Medical Centre  
Temple University Hospital

**Ukraine**  
Vinnitsa National Medical University  
Uzhgorod Regional Centre of Neurosurgery

**UK**  
Hurstwood Park, Brighton Hospital  
Ninewells Hospital, Dundee  
Southampton General Hospital  
St Georges Hospital, London  
University College London

## Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Newcastle General Hospital who randomised our very **first** STITCH (Trauma) patient on the 17th December 2009. Congratulations also to our newly registered centre Acharya Vinoba Bhave Rural Hospital, Maharashtra, India who have randomised 3 patients! Thank you for all your hard work!

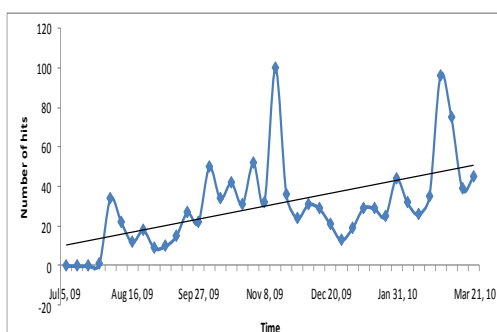
The following **new centres** have completed all the regulatory processes and can now recruit patients: **Care Hospital (Visakhapatnam), Christian Medical College (Ludhiana) and Klaipeda Hospital (Lithuania)**! If you require any assistance with obtaining Ethical/IRB/SSA approval please contact a member of the STITCH (Trauma) team who will be happy to help!

If you randomise a patient you will receive a certificate from the STITCH (Trauma) team acknowledging your efforts. This can be retained for your appraisal and/or your re-validation folder.

## Website Information

<http://research.ncl.ac.uk/trauma.STITCH>

The graph below illustrates the number of website hits from July 2009 - March 2010:



## Site Recruitment Update

The table below summarises the sites around the world who have expressed an interest in the STITCH (Trauma) trial so far:

Location of sites	Number of interested sites	Number (%) with regulatory approval	Number (%) of sites ready to recruit patients
UK	6	3 (50%)	1 (17%)
Europe	20	3 (15%)	1 (5%)
Asia	21	5 (24%)	3 (14%)
Africa	2	1 (50%)	0 (0%)
North America	3	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Caribbean	1	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>12 (23%)</b>	<b>5 (9%)</b>

## STITCH (Trauma) Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

### STITCH (Trauma) Inclusion Criteria

- Adults aged 14 or over
- Evidence of 1 or 2 TICHs or contusions with a confluent volume of attenuation significantly raised above that of the background white and grey matter that has a total volume greater than 10mls (calculated by width x height x length /2 in cm).
- Within 24 hours of head injury.
- Clinical equipoise: only patients for whom the responsible neurosurgeon is uncertain about the benefits of either treatment are eligible.

### STITCH (Trauma) Exclusion Criteria

- A significant surface haematoma (EDH or SDH) requiring surgery.
- Three or more separate haematomas fulfilling inclusion criteria.
- If surgery cannot be performed within 12 hours of randomisation.
- Severe pre-existing physical or mental disability or severe co-morbidity which would lead to a poor outcome even if the patient made a full recovery from the head injury.
- Permanent residence outside a study country preventing follow up.

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### Dates for your diary.....

Members of the STITCH (Trauma) team will be present at the forthcoming conferences and will have a satellite meeting for the study:

**EMN - 6th - 9th May 2010 - Turkey**

**ICRAN - 29th June - 1st July 2010 - St Petersburg Russia**

To express interest in the trial please contact us at:

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**Randomisation Service Number:**  
**Available 24 hours**

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