



# STITCH (Trauma) NEWSLETTER



**Surgical Trial in Traumatic Intracerebral Haemorrhage**

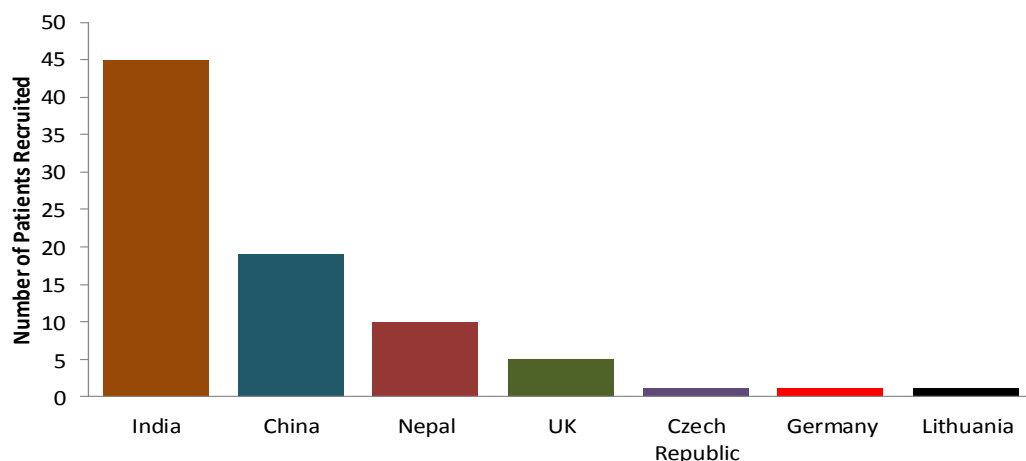
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## 82 patients now recruited!

**Congratulations to Kaunas University Hospital, Lithuania who recruited their first patient on 28th June 2011!**

**We are delighted to announce that we now have 38 fully registered centres who are able to recruit patients, including our latest centre to join — St Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Canada!**



### Recruitment targets

The NIHR-HTA (our funders) have set an interim trial target of **110 patients** by November 2011, including **12 UK patients**. Fifty per cent of our registered centres have recruited, can your centre help us reach our target?

Please email:  
[trauma.stitch@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:trauma.stitch@ncl.ac.uk) if you would like any promotional materials.

Up to date information and presentations from our recent Investigators meeting can be found at our website at:

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

### 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 48 hours of head injury.
- Clinical equipoise: only patients for whom the responsible neurosurgeon is uncertain about the benefits of either treatment are eligible.

### 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.
- If the haemorrhage/ contusion is located in the cerebellum.
- 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.
- Patient and/or relative has a strong preference for one treatment modality.

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The STITCH (Trauma) team will be at the following meetings:  
20th Annual Conference of Neurotrauma Society of India, Ranchi, India; 19-21 August 2011  
SBNS, Brighton, UK; 7-9 September 2011  
EANS 2011—14th European Congress of Neurosurgery, Rome, Italy; 9-14 October 2011  
Brain Edema, Tokyo, Japan; 22-24 October 2011

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