



STITCH (Trauma) NEWSLETTER



Surgical Trial in Traumatic Intracerebral Haemorrhage

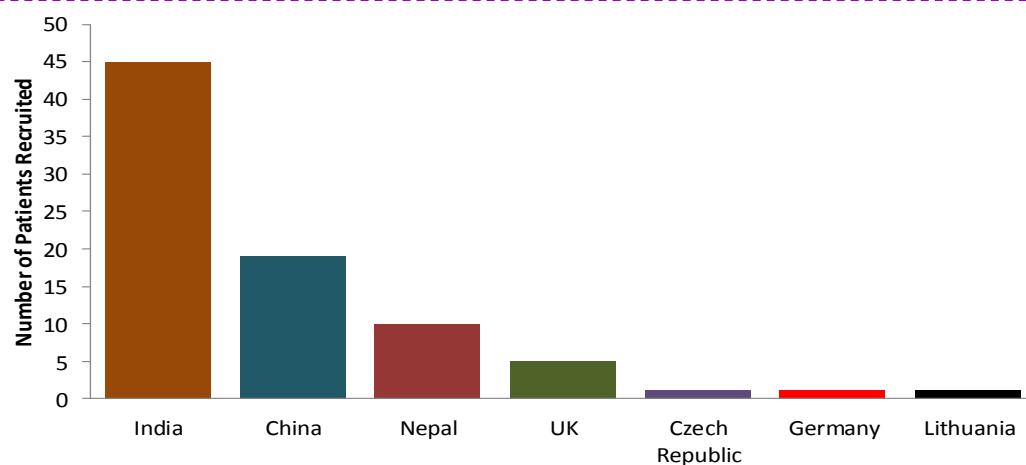
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Centre	Total	Change since last newsletter
Lucknow	15	6
Beijing	14	7
Dehradun	12	4
Biratnagar	10	3
Visakhapatnam	7	4
Ludhiana	3	0
Newcastle	3	0
Tianjin	3	1
Wardha	3	0
Mysore	2	1
Shanghai	2	0
Bangalore	1	1
Brno	1	0
Chennai	1	1
Dundee	1	0
Heidelberg	1	0
Kaunas	1	1
Peshawar	1	1
Southampton	1	0
Calcutta	0	0
Haryana	0	0
Haywards Heath	0	0
Hyderabad	0	0
Jena	0	0
Kerala	0	0
Klaipeda	0	0
Kubang Kerian	0	0
Munich	0	0
New York	0	0
Pennsylvania	0	0
Rome	0	0
Santander	0	0
Szeged	0	0
Timisoara	0	0
Toronto	0	0
Ulm	0	0
Yerevan	0	0
Zagazig	0	0

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 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 comorbidity 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, Toyko, Japan; 22-24 October 2011

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