

## NEWSLETTER 8 – MAY 2008

### TRIAL UPDATE

**85 PATIENTS HAVE BEEN RECRUITED  
SINCE THE START OF 2008!**

**768** patients have been recruited to the TracMan trial at the time of going to press!

TracMan is the **largest** tracheostomy timing trial in the world! (...but we need to get even bigger and are aiming for **1000 patients!**) **Recruitment to the trial will finish in just under 8 months on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008.**

**March and April's recruitment figures are: (in order of number of patients recruited)**

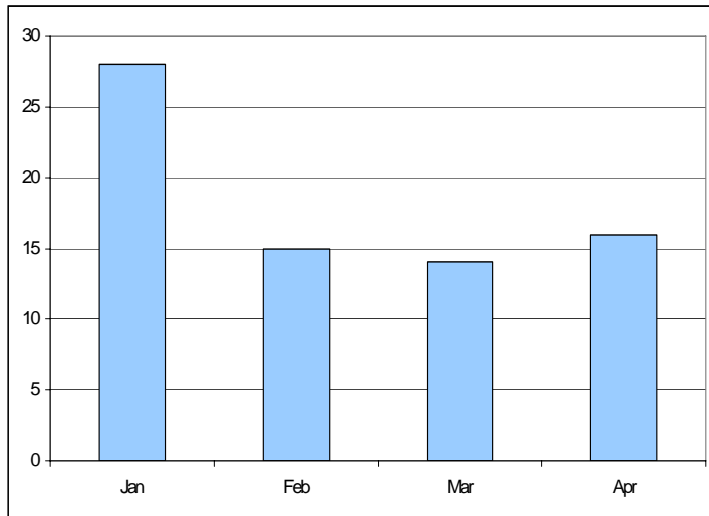
Derriford Hospital, Plymouth	4
Medway Maritime Hospital, Gillingham	3
St Thomas' Hospital, London	3
University Hospital Lewisham	3
Yeovil District Hospital	2
City Hospital, Birmingham	1
King George Hospital, Essex	1
Kingston Hospital, London	1
Luton & Dunstable Hospital	1
Princess Alexandra Hospital, Essex	1
Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth	1
Rochdale Infirmary	1
Royal Surrey County Hospital	1
Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley	1
Scunthorpe Hospital	1
St Richards Hospital, Chichester	1
Stafford General Hospital	1
Taunton and Somerset Hospital	1
University College Hospital, London	1
Whittington Hospital	1



**The ICS Spring Meeting – MANCHESTER 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
**TracMan will have a stand at the Spring Meeting (Stand 8) – please come along and say hello to the TracMan team**

## RECRUITMENT SO FAR THIS YEAR

Thank you for all of the patients recruited so far this year, we still have another 232 to go to hit our 1000 patient target; this will need us to recruit 30 patients a month from May onwards!



## CONFERENCE PLACES



Congratulations to St Thomas' Hospital, London and to Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, who were the 2 highest recruiting TracMan units in April.

This results in each unit being able to claim up to £640 to allow staff to attend a conference of their choice as a small thank you from the Trial.

## NEW UNITS

Since the start of the year we have had six new units join us, and following a recent circular, another 10 units have shown interest in joining the trial. The trial is still open to new units up until the end of the year as every patients counts in our push to 1000 patients.



## UNIT VISITS

Joanne and Linda – members of the Trial team, are more than happy to visit units to talk about the trial, its background, which forms to fill in, to any size of audience.

They are also happy to visit and give small group teaching sessions in helping identify patients that should be entered into the trial.

If you would like Jo or Linda to visit your unit, please contact the Trial office, or contact Jo or Linda directly.



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