



NEWSLETTER 1 – JUNE 2006

A new phase of the trial started on 1st April 2006, the Medical Research Council (MRC) took over funding!

ICU RECRUITMENT

With the MRC funding we are able to expand the trial to include more ICUs. The following joined the trial recently:

1. Glenfield Hospital
Lead: Dr Sanjay Agrawal
2. James Paget Hospital
Lead: Dr Andreas Brodbeck
3. City Hospital Birmingham
Lead: Dr John Bleasdale
4. Luton & Dunstable Hospital
Lead: Dr Mark Patten

Welcome!

This makes a total of 51 ICUs live and able to recruit patients, with a further 10 awaiting approvals to formally collaborate.



PATIENT RECRUITMENT

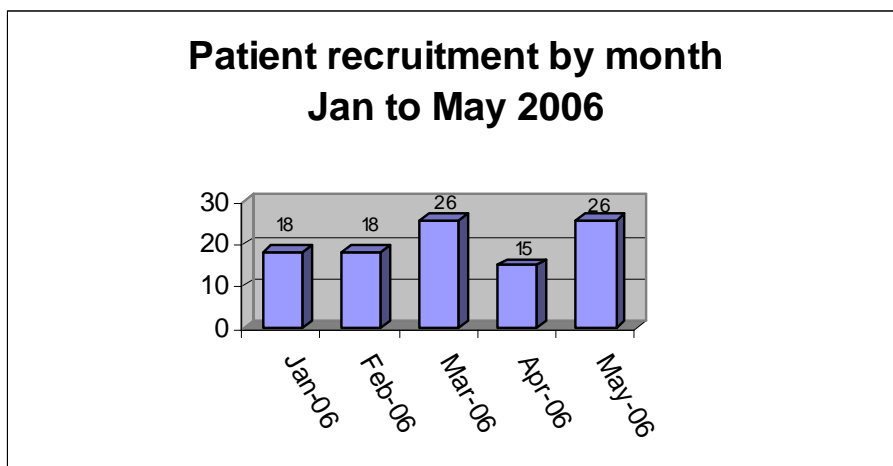
340 patients have been recruited to date (at 1st June). We are encouraging each ICU to recruit at least one patient a month, every month! If you can think of ways to promote the trial in your ICU please do let us know!

JANUARY TO MAY RECRUITMENT

Thank you to the following ICUs who recruited patients between January and end May 2006:

Hospital:	No. patients recruited
Derriford Hospital	16
Southampton General Hospital	8
St Thomas' Hospital	8
Wythenshawe Hospital	8
Bedford Hospital	6
Rochdale Infirmary	5
Taunton and Somerset Hospital	4
University Hospital of Lewisham	4
Whiston Hospital	4
Castle Hill Hospital, Hull	3
Eastbourne Hospital	3
James Paget Hospital	2
Leicester Royal Hospital	2
Medway Maritime Hospital	2
Peterborough Hospital	2
Queen Alexandra Hospital	2
Royal Cornwall Hospital	2
Royal Surrey County Hospital	2
St Richard's Hospital	2
University College Hospital	2
Yeovil Hospital	2
Barnet Hospital	1
Dumfries and Galloway	1
Glan Clwyd DG Hospital	1
James Cook University Hospital	1
John Radcliffe, Oxford	1
King's College Hospital	1
Kingston Hospital	1
Manchester Royal (General ICU)	1
Ninewells Hospital & Medical School	1
Royal Alexandra Hospital	1
Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital	1
Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh	1
Weston General Hospital	1
York Hospital	1

Graph showing monthly recruitment in 2006:



In addition to the collaborators listed in the January to end May recruitment, the following ICUs are taking part:

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary
Alexandra Hospital
Barnsley Hospital
Chorley Hospital
Kingston Hospital
Leeds General Infirmary

Manchester Royal Infirmary (Cardiac ICU)
North Middlesex Hospital
Royal Hampshire Hospital
Sunderland Royal Hospital
Torbay Hospital
Worthing Hospital

PENS AND SWEETS



If you are in need of further supplies of TracMan pens and sweets, contact Deirdre in the trial office and she will arrange this!

DATA MONITORING AND ETHICS COMMITTEE (DMEC)

The next meeting will be held in August. As we need to submit as much of the patient data as possible we will be in touch to obtain any outstanding data forms. Please return all Patient Data Booklets to us as soon as the patient is discharged from your ICU. Many thanks.



WE NEED NURSE INVOLVEMENT!



Each collaborating ICU has a lead consultant. But we really want nursing staff to be involved in the trial too! Does your ICU have a link nurse for TracMan? If not, would you like to be 'link nurse'? As link nurse you will be kept abreast of TracMan news and you will be invited to the annual collaborators meeting (expenses paid)! In return we ask you to raise the profile of TracMan locally and support the consultants in identifying suitable patients for the trial. If you are a nurse and would like to know more about TracMan please contact the trial office.