



NEWSLETTER 11 – NOVEMBER 2008

TRIAL UPDATE

15 PATIENTS WERE RECRUITED IN OCTOBER

870 patients have been recruited to the TracMan trial at the time of going to press. TracMan is now the **largest** tracheostomy timing trial in the world! (...but we are still aiming to have recruited at least **1000** patients by the end of the trial!)

October's recruitment figures are: (in order of number of patients recruited)

Medway Maritime Hospital, Kent	3
Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth	2
Rochdale Infirmary	2
St Thomas' Hospital, London	2
Luton & Dunstable Hospital	1
Raigmore Hospital, Inverness	1
Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital	1
Scunthorpe General Hospital	1
Southampton University Hospital	1
University College Hospital, London	1

November is traditionally a month of fireworks. Let's hope recruitment gets off to a bang this month.

Congratulations to Raigmore Hospital in Inverness who, after only a week of being able to recruit patients, have recruited their first trial patient. Thank you.

NOVEMBER TRACMAN TEASER

With Bond fever sweeping the UK, we thought this month we would ask if you know who wrote the theme tunes to the following Bond films:

The Living Daylights
From Russia with Love
A view to a kill
Casino Royale
Moonraker
Die Another Day
Dr. No

Please send your answers to TracMan@nda.ox.ac.uk, one winner will be drawn on 1st December 2008 and receive a Thorntons Indulgence Hamper worth £55.



OCTOBER TRACMAN TEASER RESULTS

Thank you to all that entered the October TracMan Teaser. The 10 artists were:

The heat is on – Glenn Frey, **Final countdown** – Europe, **A million miles away** – Plimsouls
Doctor Doctor – Thompson Twins, **Nothing's gonna stop us now** – StarShip, **Against all odds** – Phil Collins, **Take on me** – AHa, **Hard habit to break** – Chicago, **You got it** – Roy Orbison, and **Celebration** – Kool & the Gang.

The winning entry drawn was Kirsty Everingham from the RI at Edinburgh who receives £50 of iTunes, runners up who receive £15 iTunes vouchers were Catherine Plowright from Medway Maritime, Michael Margaron from St Richard's Chicester & Glenn Saunders from Weston Hospital.

UKCRN PORTFOLIO

We have been contacted recently by a few Trust offices and LCRNs to see if TracMan data is uploaded to the UKCRN Portfolio.

Please be assured that all patients recruited to the trial are uploaded each month onto the UKCRN system.

RESULTS PRESENTATION

A date for your diaries – the TracMan results will be presented to Collaborators on **Monday 16th March 2009** in London at a lunch time meeting. More details to follow soon.

CONFERENCE PLACES

Congratulations to Medway Maritime Hospital, Kent for being the top recruiting site in October. Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, Rochdale Infirmary and St Thomas' Hospital, London were all tied for 2nd place. This resulted in Medway receiving a conference place and Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth and St Thomas' Hospital being pulled out of the hat to receive the remaining 2 conference places.

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.



TRACMAN WEBSITE

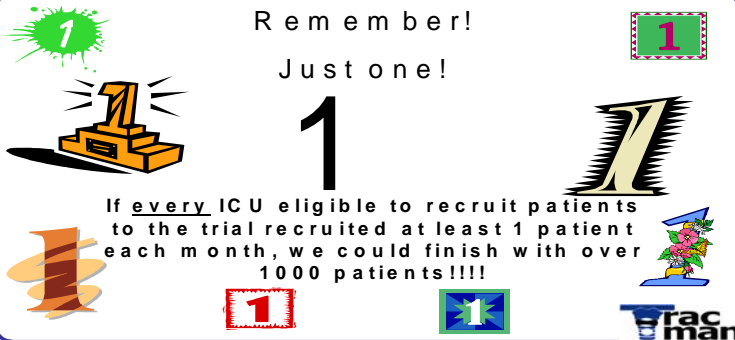
The Website has recently been updated, please log on to take a look.

www.tracman.org.uk



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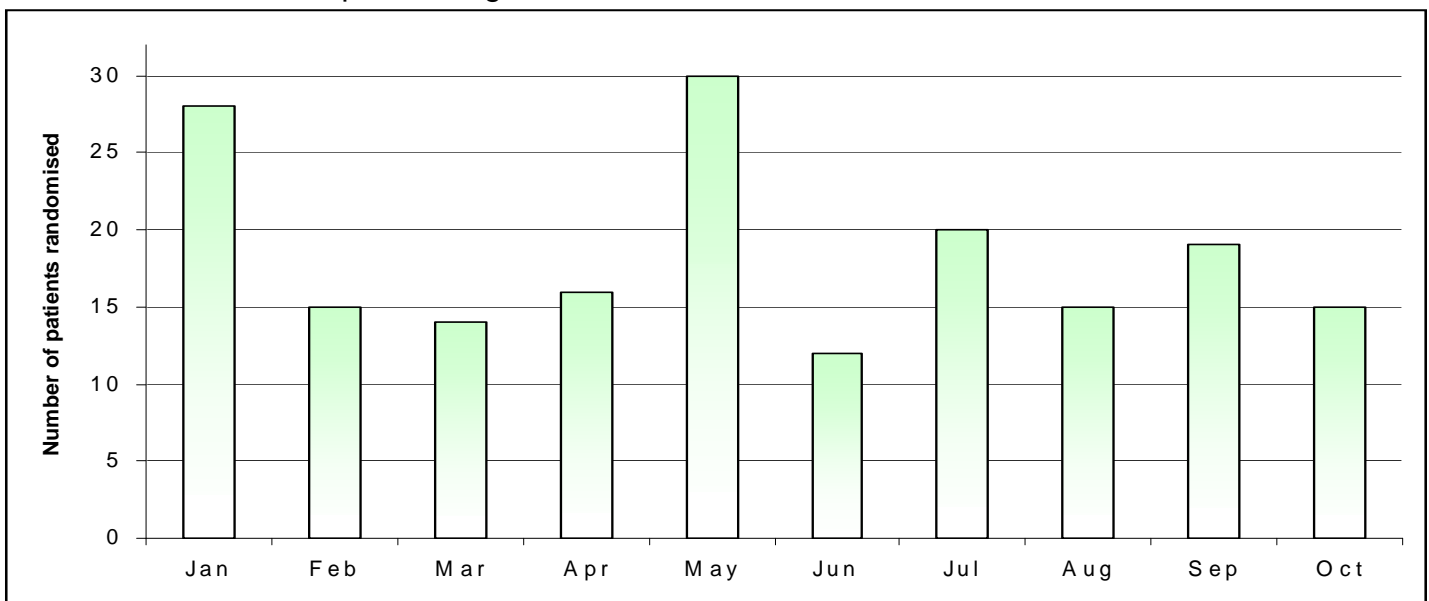
Just one!



If every ICU eligible to recruit patients to the trial recruited at least 1 patient each month, we could finish with over 1000 patients!!!!

RECRUITMENT SO FAR THIS YEAR

Thank you for all of the patients recruited so far this year, we still need another 130 patients to be recruited to hit our 1000 patient target!



USEFUL TRIAL CONTACT DETAILS:

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