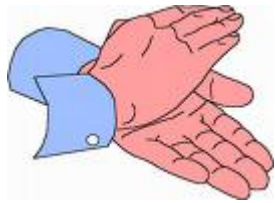




NEWSLETTER 11 – OCTOBER 2008



TRIAL UPDATE

19 PATIENTS WERE RECRUITED IN SEPTEMBER



856 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!)

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

St Thomas' Hospital, London	7
Barnsley Hospital	1
Bedford Hospital	1
Castle Hill Hospital, Hull	1
Derriford Hospital, Plymouth	1
James Paget Hospital	1
Medway Maritime Hospital, Kent	1
Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth	1
Royal Cornwall Hospital	1
Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital	1
Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle	1
Southampton General Hospital	1
Whittington Hospital, London	1



TRACMAN TEASER

As there are just over 80 days to go until recruitment ends on the 31st December 2008, we've created an 80's inspired brain teaser – can you recognise the artists?



The heat is on as we enter the **final countdown**. The end is not **a million miles away** so **Doctor Doctor** please remember **nothing's gonna stop us now**.

Hitting our recruitment goal is not **against all odds** and you know you can **take on me** (well the trial office), for any help or support you need. Recruiting these patients needs to a **hard habit to break**. Go for it, you know **you got it**. Let's aim high and end the trial with a **Celebration!**

If you know the 10 **missing artists** of the above songs, please email TracMan@nda.ox.ac.uk with the names and on 1 November we'll draw a lucky winner to win £50 of iTunes vouchers.



CONFERENCE PLACES

Congratulations to St Thomas' Hospital, London for being the top recruiting site in September. 12 other sites were tied for 2nd place, therefore all names were put into a hat, and pulled out were the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital and the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle.

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.

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.





UKCRN PORTFOLIO

The UKCRN portfolio is a national data resource which assists in the management and allocation of NHS infrastructure funding. In return, this ensures access to NHS service support costs (e.g. pathology and radiology) and NHS infrastructure support (e.g. study promotion, recruitment, follow-up etc) for individual Trusts. TracMan is a UKCRN portfolio study.





The UKCRN has indicated that activity-based funding to NHS Trusts for 2009-10 will be calculated on the basis of total portfolio study accrual at local sites as of 31st Oct 2008. Please note every patient recruited to TracMan is uploaded to this system.



Remember!
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!!!!



TRACMAN WEBSITE

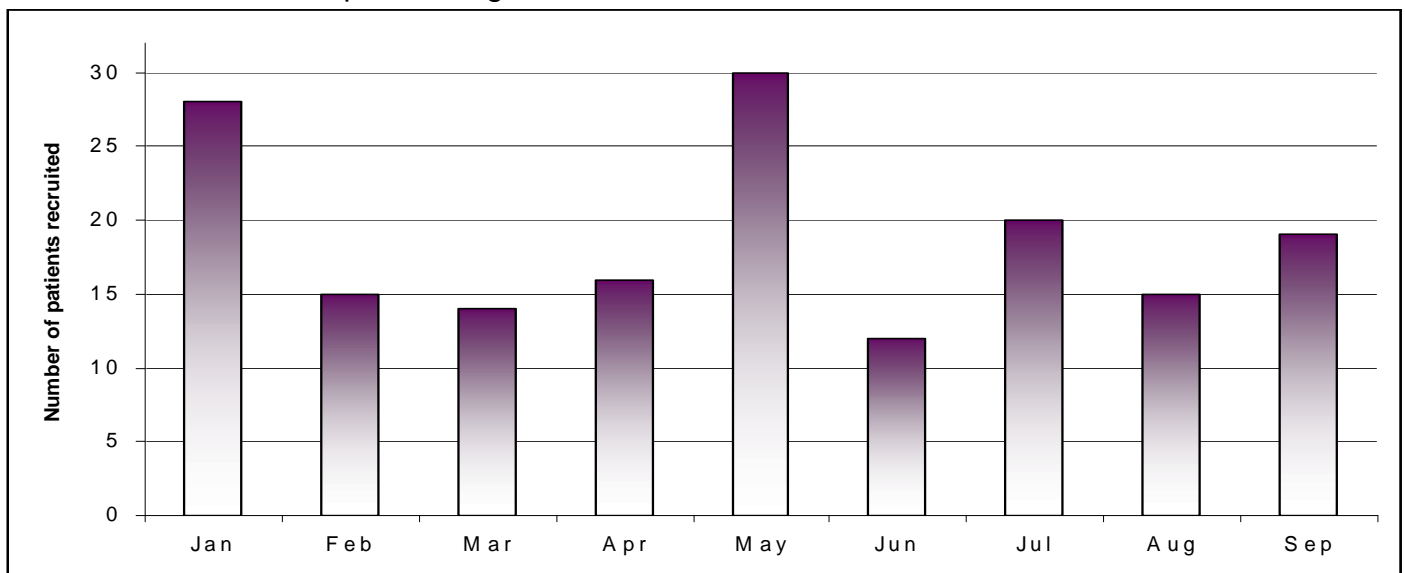
The Website has recently been updated, please log on to take a look.

www.tracman.org.uk



RECRUITMENT SO FAR THIS YEAR

Thank you for all of the patients recruited so far this year, we still need another 144 patients to be recruited to hit our 1000 patient target!



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