



NEWSLETTER 10 – SEPTEMBER 2008



TRIAL UPDATE

35 PATIENTS WERE RECRUITED
OVER JULY AND AUGUST



833 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!)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ENTER AS MANY ELIGIBLE PATIENTS INTO THE TRIAL AS YOU CAN as recruitment to the trial will finish in just under 4 months on 31st December 2008.

July and August's recruitment figures are: (in order of number of patients recruited)

Rochdale Infirmary	6
St Thomas' Hospital, London	6
University College Lewisham	4
Medway Maritime Hospital	3
Stafford General Hospital	3
Derriford Hospital, Plymouth	2
John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford	2
Bedford Hospital	1
City General, Stoke-on-Trent	1
King George Hospital, Essex	1
Kings College Hospital (Liver ICU), London	1
Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth	1
Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital	1
Scunthorpe Hospital	1
South Tyneside District General Hospital	1
The Whittington Hospital, London	1



BEST JULY RECRUITMENT SINCE THE TRIAL BEGAN

July and August are traditionally quieter months of trial recruitment, however this July the largest number of patients were recruited since the trial began.

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.

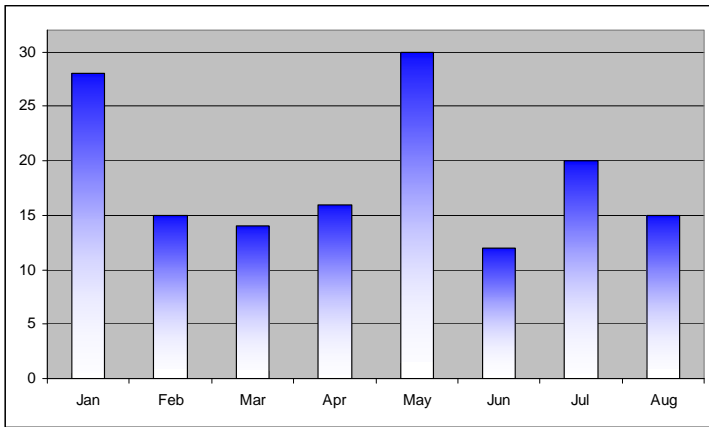
TRACMAN WEBSITE

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 167 patients to be recruited to hit our 1000 patient target; this will need us to recruit 42 patients a month from now onwards!



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.



CONFERENCE PLACES

Congratulations to Rochdale Infirmary, University Hospital Lewisham and Medway Maritime Hospital, who were the 3 highest recruiting TracMan units in July.

Congratulations to St Thomas' Hospital, London, University Hospital Lewisham and Stafford General Hospital who were the 3 highest recruiting TracMan units in August.

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.

ETHICS APPROVAL REVISED

TracMan was approved before the introduction of the Mental Capacity Act; consequently as at the 1st October 2008 it would not have had all the necessary approvals to be compliant with this Act.

A new ethics application has therefore been submitted and approved by the Southampton and South West Hampshire REC (A) for all English and Welsh sites (Scottish and NI sites were not affected by this legislation). Trust R+D offices are now being contacted by the Trial Office to inform them of the trials' compliance with the Act.

This new approval does not change any of the paperwork currently used to recruit patients into the Trial, however there are now additional leaflets explaining to Consultees how the Mental Capacity Act works and their role in it. These leaflets are additional to current paperwork and are optional for units to utilise. These are being sent out of the Trial Office once we have had approval from each Trust.



Remember!

Just one!

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



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