



Summer 2021 Newsletter

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Over 450 patients randomised!



Congratulations to the team at **James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough** for recruiting the 450th patient into the **step-up RCT!**

We are now over **70%** of the way to reaching the overall sample size. We are very grateful to everyone across all sites for your continued support and engagement - there are not many more months to go now!

Recruitment



With only around **seven months** left of recruitment, we are now really focused on maximising recruitment and hope to see the proportion of eligible patients recruited increase. We would encourage you to train new staff for out-of-hours coverage, to screen potentially eligible patients in ED, wards and following theatre and to display the FIRST-ABC staff posters as a visual reminder of the trial!

Screening



Thanks to all of the sites who are keeping the Screening Logs up to date and regularly to submitting them to the FIRST-ABC Study team. To help us understand reasons for not randomising eligible patients - when selecting a pre-specified reason on the screening log (Section D), it's really helpful if you can add any further comments.



PICANet extracts

If your unit participates in the PICANet audit, please submit the PICANet data for your step-up RCT patients, if you haven't done so already. We will cross-check the data received with the data expected (as indicated on MACRO) and be in touch with you if any discrepancies are identified.



New sites

We are pleased to welcome two new sites - **Luton and Dunstable University Hospital** and **Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital** - who will be starting recruitment in the coming weeks!

Message from Ram



"There have been plenty of ups and downs over the past few months, so a massive thank you to everyone who has continued recruiting patients through these tough and uncertain times. Thanks to your efforts, we are now nearly three-quarters of the way to our target of 600 patients (step up RCT), with just 7 months left to go!"

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TOP 5 RECRUITERS IN 2021



Royal Manchester Children's Hospital



Great Ormond Street Hospital



St George's Hospital



Royal Brompton Hospital



Hull Royal Infirmary

Parental Stressor Scale questionnaire

Please note that the parental stressor scale questionnaire should be completed at/around the time of consent in hospital. This questionnaire is not valid if completed outside the hospital setting. Therefore, this questionnaire should not be sent to parents together with any postal consent approaches. Please also note this questionnaire is not included on the postal consent form as one of the aspects of the trial for which parents can consent.