

FIRST ABC Christmas Newsletter!

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Over 400 patients randomised!

Think FIRST over Christmas



Over the festive period, don't forget to ensure that there is cover for screening/recruitment, as well as oversight of delivery of CPAP/HFNC, at your site! The FIRST-ABC online training remains available to train additional staff members. We recognise that this is an extremely busy period for you all so please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any support or additional FIRST-ABC materials.

Patient follow-up



As we are now almost six months into the study, we will soon be commencing the six-month follow-up (February 2020). Ahead of making contact with parents, we will be in touch with you to confirm patient status. Please check if you are able to access the NHS Spine database to ensure that the most up to date records on patient status are checked.

Screening logs

Thanks to everyone who has been regularly submitting the screening log to us—these are very useful for study monitoring. Please don't forget to remove any patient identifiable information prior to submission.

FIRST milestones



Congratulations to **Royal Manchester Children's Hospital** for randomising **the 100th patient into the step-up RCT**, to **Alder Hey Children's Hospital** for randomising **the 100th patient into the step-down RCT**, and to **Birmingham Women and Children's Hospital** for randomising **the 200th patient into the step-down RCT!** We are very grateful to everyone across all of the sites for your continued enthusiasm and engagement with the study—keep up the brilliant work!



Data collection

Following feedback from sites, we would like to confirm that—for patients who receive respiratory support for a prolonged period—daily observations, weaning, switch/escalation forms are only required to be recorded up to (and including) 30 days after the start of respiratory support post-randomisation. All other data should be recorded as usual (e.g. the outcome form should be completed when the child has been liberated from all forms of respiratory support and is discharged, etc.). Please also review the latest version of SOP 008 which provides details on the data required for patients that are transferred.

Top 3 recruiters in 2019

Step-up RCT

- 20 St. George's Hospital
- 20 Bristol Royal Hospital for Children
- 18 Chelsea and Westminster Hospital

Step-down RCT

- 61 Great Ormond Street Hospital
- 32 John Radcliffe Hospital
- 30 Royal Brompton Hospital

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Merry Christmas



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