

ProMISe Newsletter

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Over a third of the way there...!

463 patients recruited

As you can see, with 463 patients, we are now over one third of the way to the target 1260 patients required for the ProMISe Trial...!

At this important recruitment landmark, I just wanted to thank all the local ProMISe Teams for your support and hard work both screening for, and recruiting to, the ProMISe Trial.

Please remember that the ProMISe Team at ICNARC are here to answer any queries or to help you out with specific issues. Please keep up the good work...

Kathy Rowan, Chief Investigator



The ProMISe Medal Table

Well done to the sites listed below who have recruited the highest number of patients between March and May 2012.


The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn	8
Addenbrooke's Hospital	6
Hull Royal Infirmary	6
Manchester Royal Infirmary	6
Royal Berkshire Hospital	6
Whiston Hospital	6
Musgrove Park Hospital	5
Royal Surrey County Hospital	5
Salford Royal Hospital	5
Arrowe Park Hospital	4
Leicester Royal Infirmary	4
Poole Hospital	4
Queen Elizabeth Hospital Gateshead	4
Worthing Hospital	4
York Hospital	4

All the sites listed have recruited above target over the last three months. Our current winner is The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn with 8 patients recruited. However, there are several sites not far behind! Please keep up the good recruitment and maybe you'll be featured on our next Olympics Medal Table!

International race for gold

Similar trials are currently ongoing in the United States (ProCESS - Protocolized Care for Emerging Septic Shock) and in Australasia (ARISE - Australasian Resuscitation in Sepsis Evaluation).

ProMISe, ProCESS and ARISE have harmonised protocols and datasets, which will enable us to evaluate the trial aims from an international perspective.

ProCESS: 
1950 patients/40 sites
Opened March 2008

ARISE: 
1600 patients/50 sites
Opened October 2008

Number of patients left to recruit

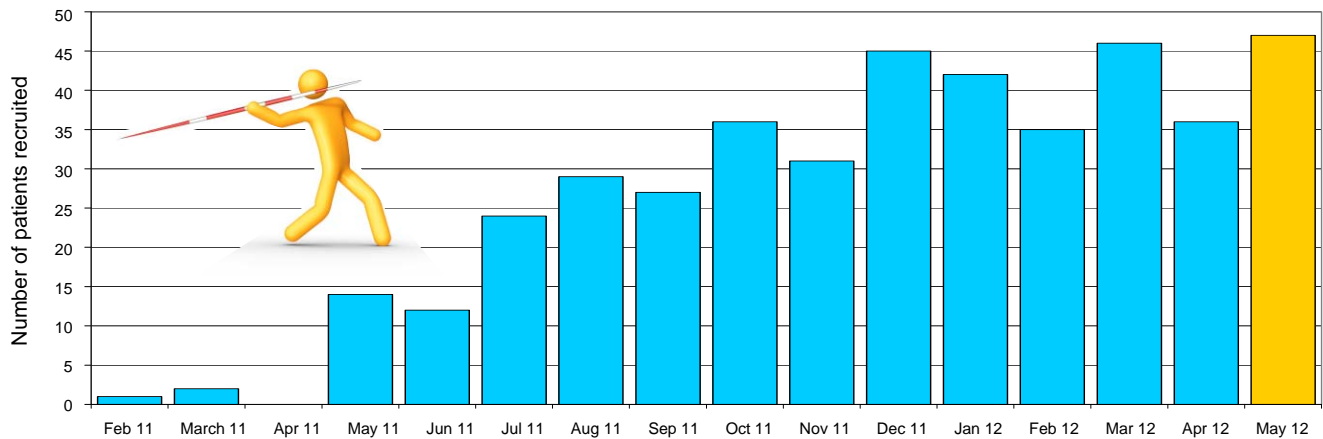
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Both trials got out of the starting blocks before us, but with your help we are catching up and on course to grab the gold medal with a photo finish!

ProMISe sets a personal best in May!

47 patients were recruited in May. It would be great to keep this recruitment rate going and hopefully we can reach our monthly target of 56 patients over the coming months...



On your marks, dataset, go...

It is vital to the success of the trial that the ProMISe protocol is followed for all patients. We are continuing to review adherence to the protocol, and are contacting sites regarding any anomalies in your data.

Data validation is coming online for ProMISe, so please ensure your data are as complete as possible.



Pre-match preparation

For me, understanding the flow of patients through the ED is key to ensuring effective screening. At Addenbrooke's, patients arrive at the ED either through the front doors (self presenters) or through the ambulance bay. They are triaged by nursing staff and directed to the appropriate area of the department. The triage nurses are crucial for early recognition of possible recruits and ensuring that we are informed via bleep.

Effective communication and enhanced training with ED clinical staff has led to an overall increase in research awareness. Addenbrooke's also offers a GP liaison service, allowing GPs to pre-alert the ED to patients needing hospital assessment. A significant number of ProMISe recruits have been referred to us via the GP liaison sisters, allowing us to approach patients early in their admission.

Andy Scott-Donkin, Clinical Research Nurse

Date for your diary

ProMISe Monthly Teleconference

Tuesday 17 July 2012, 12:30 – 13:30

Frequently Asked Questions

Oncology patients often go to the Oncology Department for assessment rather than the ED. Can these patients be recruited?

Yes - if the patient presents at the Oncology Department from the community and meets the eligibility criteria within six hours of presentation.

Can patients who present at the ED from either a rehabilitation centre, community hospital or nursing home be considered for ProMISe?

Yes - if the facility they were transferred from does not provide acute care.

Can you clarify the timeframe for randomising a patient?

A patient must meet the eligibility criteria (all inclusion and no exclusion criteria) within six hours of presenting at the ED. As soon as all physiological inclusion criteria have been met, you have two hours in which to consent and randomise the patient.

Can we recruit patients who are HIV positive?

Yes - only patients who have a known history of AIDS at the point of randomisation are not eligible.

Important contacts

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