

# The OSAC Trial Christmas Challenge

## A Christmas message for all OSAC clinicians

Are you waiting for next day recruitment?  
Why wait? Patients might not come back anyway.  
Just kidding!



*The ghost of Christmas Past? No, just still waiting for MHRA approval*

On a serious note, **40 patients** have been recruited so far. One practice has recruited 8, earning **£2,250 in service support costs** and research reimbursements. At least 4 other practices have recruited 4 patients each, earning £1,260 for the practice coffers. 13 sites have started recruiting... But we need more of you to give OSAC a go in order to make the trial a success.

We'd like to invite you to take part in the **OSAC Christmas Challenge**. For every patient recruited before 20 December 2013, the recruiting clinician will receive a special **festive gift\***.

Furthermore, if you can make space to try OSAC out, you could find out that the trial is actually quite **FUN** and a practical way of earning £315 that will help us to answer a really valuable research question:

**Could corticosteroids provide an alternative treatment for a nasty cough, which reduces overuse of antibiotics, helps patients to feel better and reduces the costs to society and the NHS caused by this common winter complaint?**

If you haven't recruited yet and would like to discuss starting up, refresh your memory about the trial procedures or have any other query about the trial, please don't hesitate to contact your local Trial Co-ordinator, or the Trial Manager Harriet Downing ([harriet.downing@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:harriet.downing@bristol.ac.uk)).

### \*The prize

You could win the chance to be featured discussing the joys of completing the OSAC trial CRF in the next issue of the trial newsletter. Or, in the **unlikely event that you would prefer it**, you can choose **your favourite** from the following treats, to share (or not) with your colleagues:



If you want to take the OSAC Christmas challenge, fax your CRF3 and consent form to 0117 928 7341, and email [harriet.downing@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:harriet.downing@bristol.ac.uk) with your choice of Christmas treat. Good luck, and may your days in the surgery be as **merry and bright** as is possible within primary care!

## IMPORTANT: RECRUITMENT OVER CHRISTMAS 2013

OSAC trial recruitment will close on 20 December 2013, i.e. **Friday 20 December is the last day** on which a patient can be consented into the trial. Recruitment will open again from Friday 3 January 2014. Trial team contact details for any OSAC issues that may come up during the holiday period will be provided in the Christmas newsletter ("What, another one? Haven't you university researchers got any proper work to do?") and posted on the trial website, [www.osactrial.org.uk](http://www.osactrial.org.uk).