

NOTTINGHAM CENTRE UPDATE—JAN 2014

Recruitment Progress

Number of Open/Active Practices —10

Practices awaiting IMP— 4

Number of Patients Recruited—11

More Patients Needed—89

Thanks for your continued efforts in the New Year, we've had 4 more patients recruited this month. We're (rather morbidly) hoping for a cough-filled January!

If you're struggling for recruits, try a tip from **Sedbergh in Cumbria**, who send reminders to their GPs to be on the look out for acute coughs and refer patients to see the trial team in research slots.

Next Day Recruitment

We have now received approval for Next Day Recruitment. This means that if a patient cannot make the baseline (CRF 3 & 4, and Consent) the day they are screened, they can come in the next day instead!

As always, they should take the medication on **the same day they complete the baseline** which is counted as "Day 1" of the Trial, even though it is the 2nd day they have been involved.

In addition, if you are going to also prescribe antibiotics to the patient, **remember to give a delayed prescription** until "Day 2" unless the patient requires urgent antibiotic treatment.

Temperature Deviations

We have had reports from a couple of practices that as the heating went off over the Christmas/ New Year period, the temperature in the medication storage dropped to 14°C.

Generally, this shouldn't be an issue and **doesn't** render the medication unusable. A short, slight and gradual drop below the 15°C threshold is not a concern. Record it on your temperature logs and let us know. If the drops are recurring, sudden or extended; then let us know immediately and we will be able to assess if the medication should be taken out of circulation.

Medication Supply

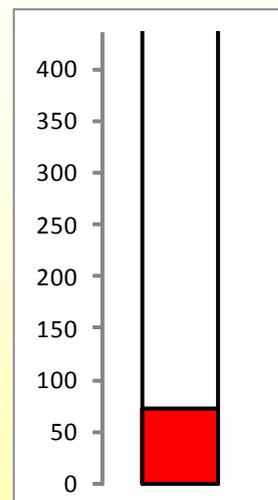
As you may know already, we have had problems with the supply of the IMP from Piramal.

We have been chasing the manufacturer, and are currently expecting the 2nd wave of packs by the end of January *at the latest*. If you run out of medication prior to this, please let us know. We may be able to do a bit of shuffling of patient packs from surgeries who haven't recruited as many to those that have to ensure recruitment continuity.

A Farewell...

Sadly, Sarah Todd will be leaving at the end of January, as she is starting a new role for Derby Hospitals Foundation Trust as Patient Experience Manager. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her the best of luck!

We will circulate contact details for a new Research Associate as soon as we can, but in the meantime, please address any queries to Peter or Liz.



Above: Total Trial Recruitment
Below: Nottingham Recruitment

