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Headlines:

- Australian Stroke Trials Network approve ENOS
- Nordic Cerebrovascular conference
- Recruitment rate
- ENOS Committee meetings
- Funding for centres

ENOS milestones:

- 1st patient – 20/7/01
- 2nd site – 26/12/01
- Largest GTN trial (n=91) – 17/3/03
- Bigger than metanalysis (n=128) – 8/6/03

Recruitment total: 173

- Aberdeen - 20
- Bishop Auckland - 10
- Boston - 0
- Cheltenham - 0
- Halifax (Canada) - 5
- Liverpool - 3
- Mansfield - 0
- Manila - 0
- Nottingham (City) - 62
- Nottingham (QMC) - 0
- Sheffield (Hallamshire) - 1
- Singapore - 44
- Sydney (Canada) - 1
- Rhyl - 0
- Warsaw (IPN) - 23
- Warsaw (MMA) - 4

ENOS NEWS

The Newsletter for the Efficacy of Nitric Oxide in Stroke Trial

Australian Stroke Trials Network approve ENOS

In September the Australian Stroke Trials Network (ASTN) met and discussed whether to participate in the ENOS trial. The executive committee

subsequently approved the protocol and has recommended it to ASTN sites. Hopefully this will enable Australia and New

Zealand stroke sites to join ENOS.

Nordic Cerebrovascular Conference

The 17th Nordic Conference on Cerebrovascular Disease played host to a lively debate on the merits of

lowering BP in acute stroke. There was much interest in ongoing randomised controlled trials of acute BP lowering,

including ENOS.

Recruitment rate

The first 6 months of 2003 have seen some of the highest recruitment rates so far into the ENOS trial. However the 3rd quarter

figures for recruitment are much less impressive! We'd like to remind centres to do their best to find

eligible patients that can be included in ENOS. Hopefully the study can break the 200 patient milestone by the new year.

ENOS Committee Meetings

Several important ENOS committee meetings are scheduled to take place this autumn. At the beginning of November the ENOS Data Monitoring Committee will be

convening by teleconference. Similarly, the ENOS trial Steering Committee will hold a teleconference at the end of November. We will pass on reports of these in the next

newsletter.

Funding for Centres

We are pleased to announce that the ENOS trial can now offer a small amount of financial support to its participating centres. This funding has recently been approved by the UK Multicentre Research Ethics Committee. £50 per patient will be available to cover

expenses such as the purchase of GTN patches, CT scans and for office costs.

We welcome sites who are interested in ENOS to fax, email or phone us at the trial office. You will find the address for this below. Also, please note that if you don't

have time to fill out a lengthy ethics application then we can often help fill one out for you.