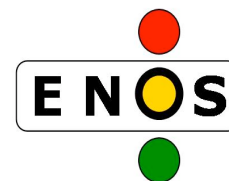


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ENOS NEWS



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Current Recruitment

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Congratulations to
Institute of Psychiatry
and Neurology,
Poland
for recruiting our
260th patient



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The Newsletter for the 'Efficacy of Nitric Oxide in Stroke Trial'

Trial Simplification

In response to comments received on site visits we wish to simplify the trial protocol so that patients baseline details, consent form, drug chart and CT scan can all be faxed together following day 7. This should cut down on administration time for recruitment sites and reduce time demands on already busy clinicians.

Tip of the month

In the event of making an error when entering randomisation data please forward details of the error to the ENOS office via email and fax so it can be amended on our trial database. Please do not attempt to re-enter the data as this will result in the patient being randomised twice. If you discover a patient was taking prior antihypertensive medication following randomisation please contact the trial office as soon as possible to allow entry into the stop vs continue arm of the trial.

MRC Funding Award

We are pleased to announce that ENOS has recently been awarded some funding from the Medical Research Council towards the collecting, processing and analysis of CT and MRI scans. This is part of a multicentre project based around the ongoing ACCESS neuro-imaging project run from Edinburgh that aims to develop the use of the GRID (which is proposed to be the new internet) for use in trials.

New ENOS Staff

Dr Nikola Sprigg is to take over as Trial Medic from Dr. Mark Willmot with Chris Weaver (Trial Manager) also handing over to Ulrike Ferentzi our new Clinical Trial Nurse. Obviously we wish both Mark and Chris well in their new projects and we thank them for their hard work in the past. Bev Whysall has also joined us recently as Trial Administrator and is a welcome addition to our team.

Monthly Award for Highest Recruitment

Despite an increase in the number of sites recruitment rate does not seem to be keeping up. In order to continue on course we need to be aiming for sites to be recruiting a minimum of 2 patients a month. We are aware of the time constraints and pressures on staff and very much appreciate your continued hard work. In order to reward this endeavour we are pleased to announce we are now able to award £100 per month to the site with the highest recruitment rate.

*****£100 award for 300th patient*****