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PODCAST: Prevention Of Decline in Cognition After Stroke Trial

GP LETTER: SCREENING

Sponsor: The University of Nottingham
Chief Investigator: Professor Philip Bath

Local Investigators:.....

Dear Colleague,

Your patient

and living at.....

was screened and found to be eligible for recruitment into the PODCAST study; a factorial randomised controlled trial comparing guideline versus intensive control of blood pressure and cholesterol in preventing cognitive decline after stroke. Please find enclosed the 'GP Practice Briefing Sheet' that explains the trial in more detail.

The study aims to recruit patients who do not have significant cognitive impairment and are independent. Patients are initially screened when they present to the hospital services and have a further assessment of cognition and dependency, 2-6 months after their stroke. Your patient was found to be eligible based on the screening assessment done on (dd/mm/yyyy) and is keen to participate in the study.

We will contact you again after the patient is randomised into the study (3-7 months after stroke), as your involvement in treating patients as randomised will be of the utmost importance.

If you would like to know more about the study or have concerns regarding your patient's participation in the study, you can contact a member of the local hospital research centre on the following telephone number..... or visit the trial website at www.podcast-trial.org

Yours sincerely,

Principal Investigator