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PODCAST NEWS

Aintree	1
Airedale	0
Bath	0
Bournemouth	0
Bradford	0
Chesterfield	0
Derby	0
Durham & Darling'n	0
James Cook,	
Middlesbrough	0
Mansfield	0
Newcastle	0
NTees & Hartlepool	0
Northumbria	0
Nottingham	7
Poole	0
Solihull	0
South Tyneside	0
Truro	3
Whitehaven	0
Yeovil	1
York	0

Total number of patients recruited to date on 31 Oct 2011

12

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Investigator Meeting

We hosted a joint PODCAST/ENOS/TARDIS Investigator Meeting on 6 /7th September, 2011 at University Park, Nottingham. A big thank you to all who attended and we hope you found it useful. The talks and workshops covered all 3 trials and received some excellent feedback.



Teleconference

Our first teleconference was held on 11th August. Amongst other topics we covered a nurse's perspective of recruiting for PODCAST and answered questions, including how to maintain blinding of nurses to a patient's randomisation result. Solutions to blinding include DeNDRoN nurses being used to help with the cognitive testing and nurses, from centres local to each other, 'swapping' patients for their follow-up appointments' cognitive tests. The minutes have been circulated and uploaded to the website. The date of the next teleconference is 23rd November, 2011.

Tips of the month

- Please collect all scans ie dopplers (written reports only), MRIs and CTs (reports and images) at any time during the patient's involvement and fax/send to the Co-ordinating centre.
- If a patient fails to complete the Trail Making test or has reached the time limit, then please record their time and score at that point.

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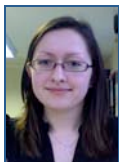
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Congratulations to:

- Yeovil, who have now randomised their first patient.
- Aintree who have successfully randomised their first patient.
- Truro have now randomised 3 patients and have another patient booked in for randomisation. Well done!

PODCAST Demo website

The PODCAST demo website address has changed very slightly (there is a slash instead of a dash in part of the address!) The new address is:

<https://www4.nottingham.ac.uk/~nszwww/podcast/podcasttrialdb-demo/>

What to do if a patient fails telephone screening

All sites will have, for one reason or another, patients who are ineligible for randomisation into PODCAST despite the fact that they have given consent for the telephone screening. It is important to remind all patients that they may 'fail' the screening by being cognitively too well. If, when the patient is contacted for the telephone screening, they refuse or 'fail' please:

- Document on the participation and enrolment log that this patient is ineligible or has changed their mind.
- Print off the screening form (or retain the handwritten copy if you have it)
- Print off the 'reason for fail' email and then retain
- Retain the consent for screening/patient's details/informant details and retain.
- This can all be stored in a separate folder(s) of awaiting telephone screening / failed screenings.

******Recently Updated Forms******

- GP Briefing Letter, version 1.5
- Patient Details Fax Form, version 1.3
- CRF One month follow-up form, version 1.4
- CRF Patient Screening form, version 1.2
- CRF Patient Baseline form, version 1.2

PODCAST now has 21 sites.
More sites are welcome.