

REPAIR Trial Newsletter

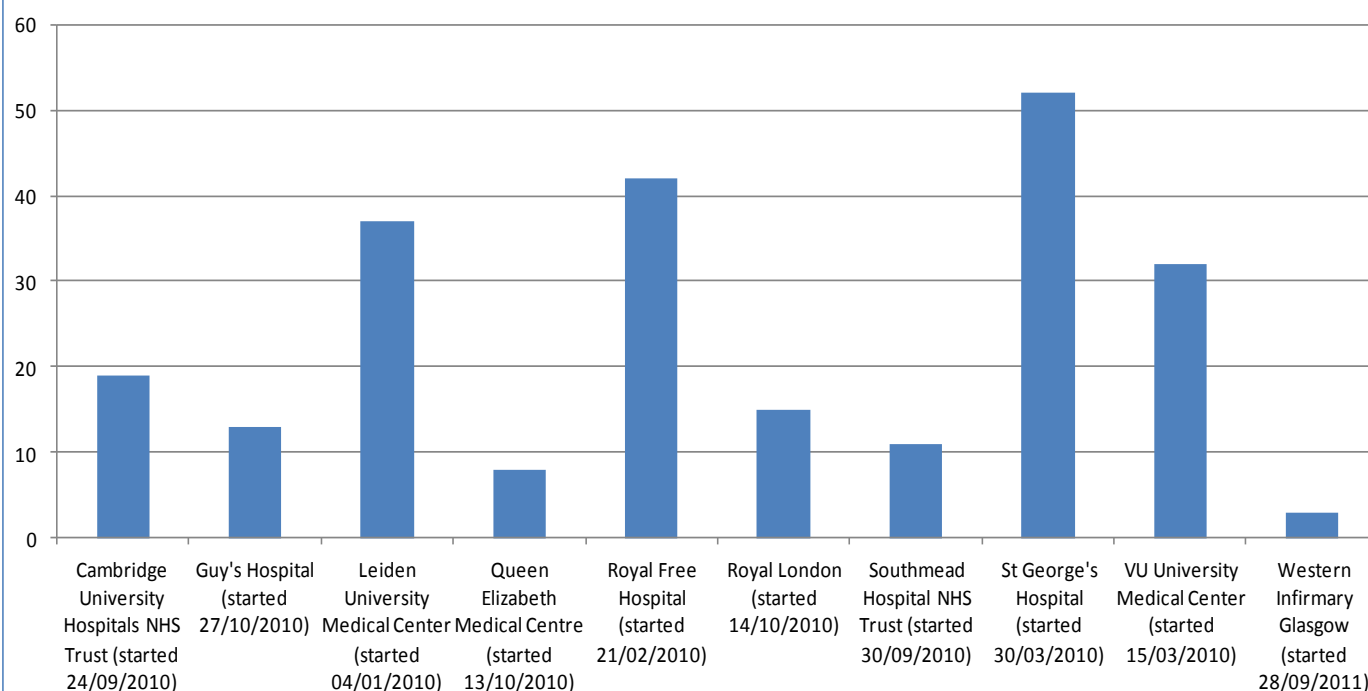


Renal Protection
Against Ischaemia
Reperfusion in
Transplantation

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Recruitment update

232 randomised to
end of November 2011



FAQ—dialysis and preconditioning

Question: Can the preconditioning stimulus be applied immediately before or even during a dialysis session?

Answer: Some patients will need to undergo dialysis prior to transplantation. It is recommended that if dialysis is needed, it occurs prior to the 24 hour randomised procedure. Therefore, if possible, dialysis should not be scheduled to occur during or at any time after the first preconditioning intervention and before surgery. The reason for this is that preconditioning stimulus releases as yet unknown substances that are carried in the blood to stimulate protection. Should a patient undergo dialysis there is a risk that the dialysis might remove the protecting substance and prevent it from being effective. However, this is at present theoretical, and should a patient need to be dialysed in the 24 hour period before surgery then please record this on the eCRF, including the timing of the dialysis.

Christmas and New Year Closure

The trial coordinating centre at LSHTM will be closed from Friday 23rd December 2011 until Tuesday 3rd January 2012. If you have an urgent clinical query please email either Raymond at r.macallister@ucl.ac.uk or Kristin at kristin.veighey@nhs.net. All other queries will be dealt with when the office reopens on Wednesday 4th January 2012.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a very happy holiday. We look forward to working with you again in the New Year!