

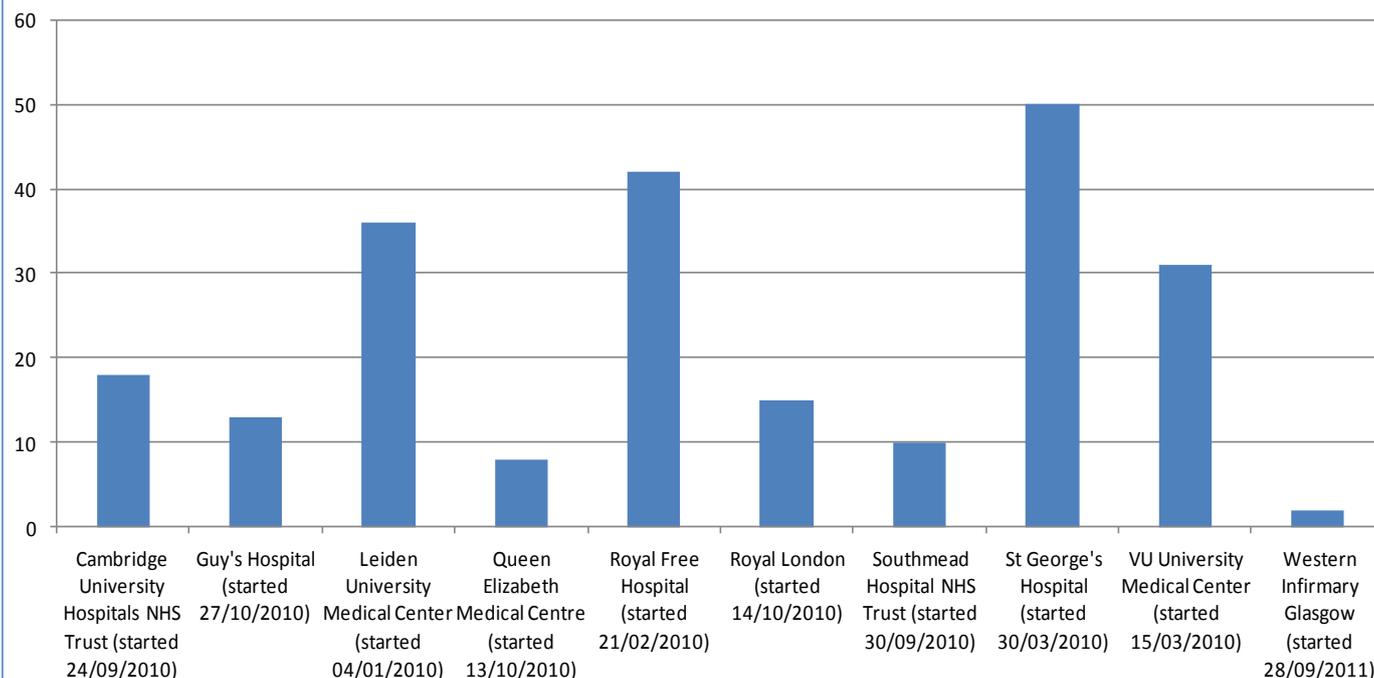
REPAIR Trial Newsletter



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Recruitment update

225 randomised to
31 October 2011



Monthly recruitment breaks previous record!

October has been the best month so far for recruitment with **18** pairs recruited, and all active centres have recruited at least one pair in September or October which is excellent news. We now have 225 pairs in total and need about 14 pairs each month to stay on target to finish recruiting by the end of 2012. Well done and many thanks for your continued support.

Investigators' meeting

We are planning to have an investigators' meeting in April 2012 in central London. Possible dates are 20th or 27th April and an email asking about your availability will be sent out soon. We hope to hold the meeting at LSHTM and further details will follow when the date and venue have been confirmed.

All reasonable travel costs will be covered as with previous meetings. The invitation is for 2/3 people from each centre.

The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the progress of the trial with regards recruitment and follow-up and there will also be a guest speaker who will talk about an interesting topic related to REPAIR. An agenda will be circulated closer to the date.

It should hopefully be an exciting time to visit London so pencil these dates into your diary now!

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What is the process for arranging transfer of samples to the Royal Free Hospital?

Answer: We are keen to receive as many of the samples back from the sites as soon as possible. This was originally set up so that sites would organise their own method of transfer, as hospitals have their own preferred couriers, and pay for this themselves. This was incorporated into the Material Transfer Agreement, which each site should have a signed copy of. The sites would then send an invoice to UCL for reimbursement of costs. However, this has proved not to be possible in some of the hospitals. We are presently looking into a way of making this an easier process and will keep you informed. In the meantime if you are able to arrange transfer yourselves then please liaise with Rosey and Kristin.

REPAIR profile – Trial Steering Committee



The Trial Steering Committee (TSC) is set up to provide overall supervision of the trial to ensure that it is conducted to the standards of Good Clinical Practice.

The main remit is to ensure the quality and integrity of the trial concentrating on the progress of the trial, adherence to the protocol, patient safety and the committee also considers any new information that may emerge relating to the research question.

Professor Tom Meade REPAIR is very fortunate to have the expertise of those involved in the TSC for this trial. Our independent chair is Tom Meade (pictured) who is Professor of Epidemiology (Emeritus), based at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Our independent members are Adam McLean who is at Imperial, John Forsyth based in Edinburgh and Lisa Silas who is at Guy's. Our PIs are represented by Chris Watson in Cambridge and Mark Harber at the Royal Free Hospital. Our 2 consumers (Neil and Francesca) were recruited from the Royal Free Hospital where there is a very active support network for patients who have undergone kidney transplantation. The project management group are represented by Raymond, Tim and Rosey.

The TSC agreed terms of reference at the initiation of the trial and the aim is to work closely with the Data Monitoring Committee (DMC). Following each DMC meeting the chair (Rajesh Kharbanda, Oxford) writes to Tom Meade informing them of their recommendations.

Presently the REPAIR TSC meets annually with the next meeting due to be held on the 6th December. During the meetings Raymond and Rosey present updates and changes to the protocol, any trial amendments and recruitment.

Any specific trial issues are raised and valuable contribution is always made by the committee members. Feedback from the December meeting will be included in the January newsletter.

Eligibility

Inclusion criteria

- Patients undergoing living donor transplantation
- Patients aged 18 years and above

Exclusion criteria

- Patients on ATP-sensitive potassium channel opening or blocking drugs
- Patients on ciclosporin
- Patients with a known iodine sensitivity (who cannot undergo iohexol clearance studies)
- Patients with ABO incompatibility
- Any patient requiring HLA antibody removal therapy

Please ensure these criteria are checked and confirm patient is eligible **before** completing the randomisation process

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