

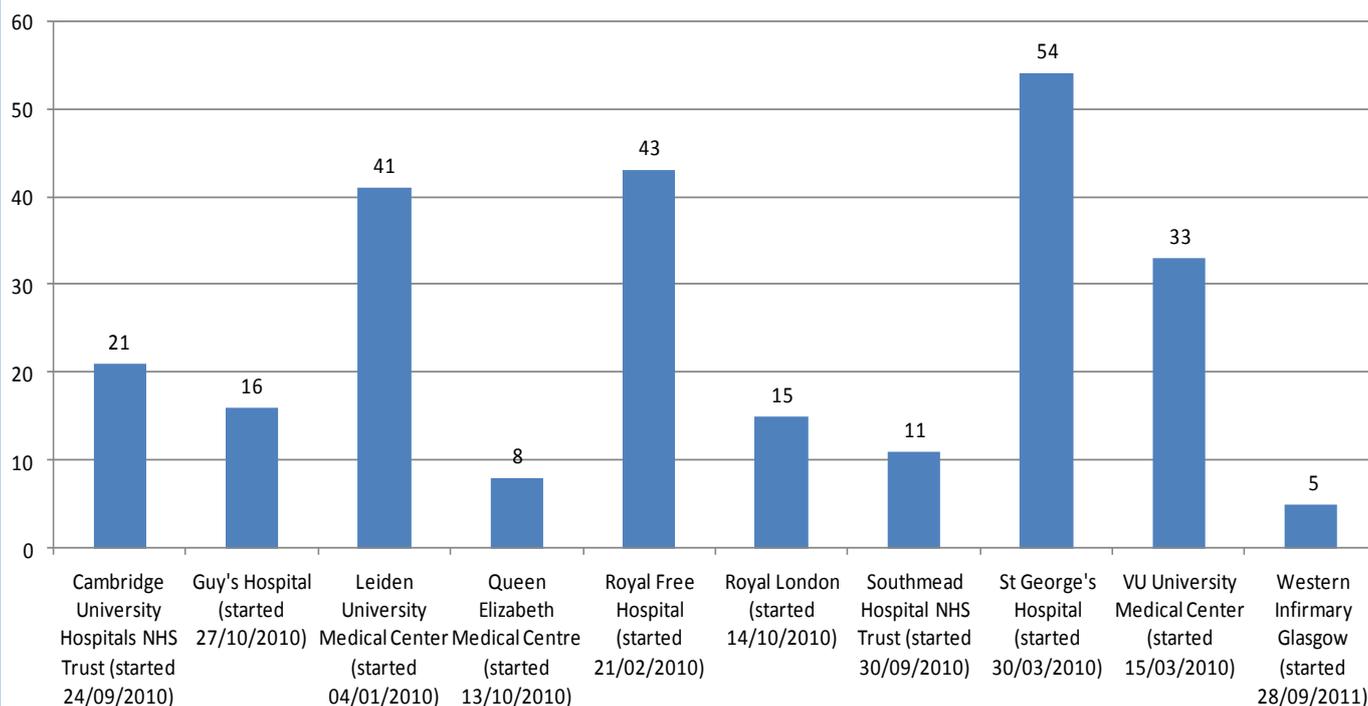
REPAIR Trial Newsletter



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Recruitment update

247 randomised to
end of January 2012



Investigators' Meeting 2012

The next investigators' meeting will be held in London on Friday 27th April 2012. The venue will be in central London and further details will be sent nearer the time. The meeting will start at around 12:00pm, when lunch will be available, and finish at around 5:00pm. A drinks reception will be held after the meeting. Second class travel expenses will be reimbursed so please ensure you keep all receipts for your travel.

We are delighted to announce Professor Derek Yellon will be giving a talk on the background to preconditioning and how this is applied to REPAIR. Professor Yellon is Director of the Hatter Cardiovascular Institute (University College London) which was established in 1990 and has today become one of the leading Cardiovascular translational research centres in the world, which includes research into preconditioning.



Professor Derek Yellon

The majority of the meeting will focus on the final year of recruitment and the importance of obtaining the primary outcome data.

We look forward to having representation from as many centres as possible on the day.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What happens if a pair is randomised but the transplant is cancelled at the last minute?

Answer: If this happens the patients can continue to be in the trial when the transplant is re-scheduled. The patients should not be re-randomised but should keep the original intervention allocation and study ID numbers. When the transplant is rescheduled the donor and recipient should be re-consented and the interventions should take place 24 hours before and on the day of operation as per the protocol (even if the operation was cancelled after the original interventions had been completed). If the patients underwent an intervention before the cancelled transplant, the rescheduled transplant should be at least 1 week after the cancelled operation. Data collection should then proceed as normal from the time of the rescheduled interventions. If there is a different donor please contact the REPAIR trial coordinating centre to discuss before proceeding.

Samples – transfer and storage

We are very keen to transfer as many of the blood samples as possible to the Royal Free Hospital (RFH), particularly the 1 year follow up (iohexol). However, there has been an issue with storage of the samples which has now been resolved. Rosey has been in contact with most of the sites now regarding the transfer. Please arrange for a courier to transfer the samples to the RFH (notifying them that you require dry ice for transfer) and inform Kristin Veighey with regard the transfer date as she will need to be there to receive the samples. Please ensure that the samples are all correctly boxed and labelled and the sample log is completed and emailed to Kristin.

Please send a copy of the invoice to Rosey for reimbursement of courier costs but ensure that the actual invoice is made out to UCL.

If you have any questions about the samples please either contact the REPAIR office or Kristin on kristin.veighey@nhs.net.

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

Profile—Jenny Nicholas trial statistician

We would like to welcome Jenny Nicholas to the team here at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Jenny is a medical statistician who joined LSHTM in January 2012. Jenny is the trial statistician for REPAIR and is responsible for producing the reports on the trial data and progress for the Data Monitoring Committee. Previously Jenny worked at King's College London (where she also completed her PhD at the end of 2010) and her research has included design and analysis of clinical trials as well as projects examining the use of epilepsy and diabetes medications and adverse drug reactions.



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