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Welcome to New Recruiters!

- The Surgery (15 High St)
- St Mark's Dee View
- Kingsway Surgery
- Vale of Neath Practice
- Greenmount Surgery

How Are We Doing?

By the end of January, **431** patients had been recruited across Wales meaning we are ahead of our target!

With **388** urines, we're achieving a **90%** successful sample return rate.

For the best outcome we need to keep the number of urine samples as high as possible, so please don't stop reaching for that 

Good News!

Payments for recruited patients from mid-October '10 to mid-January '11 should be winging their way to you very soon! Keep your eyes peeled for those cheques people!



Welcome to the third edition of the Cardiff DUTY Study Newsletter!

It's an excellent start to 2011 as following on from the December newsletter we are delighted to announce that Cardiff along with Bristol, Southampton and London has now recruited over a 1000 patients in total - over 15% of our overall target. Well done to all DUTY recruiters; this hefty figure is all down to your hard work and enthusiasm. We couldn't do it without you!

Introducing Yvette Ellis, Option 1 Recruiter, NISCHR, S.W. Wales.



At 100%; Yvette has the highest urine retrieval rate out of all the DUTY recruiters! We tried to discover the secrets of her success.....

Q: What role do you play in the study? I am the NISCHR CRC primary care facilitator/ Team lead and am currently assisting with recruitment at option 1 sites in South West Wales

Q: What do you think are the main challenges for this study? Getting the urines! The majority of urines that I have obtained have been collected from patient homes, this saves the parent having to come back to the surgery with a poorly child. Once I agree a time to collect a sample I always try and ensure I am there on time, so even if another suitable patient were to present at the end of a busy clinic I may not recruit them if I need to go out to collect urines from children recruited earlier.

Q: What is your top tip for successful recruitment? In addition to working with large practices, which have an open appointment system and therefore larger number of eligible under 5's seeming to present; my top tip would be good communication. The ability to discuss the study clearly with the parent; what it involves and any impact on them is key. Building a good rapport with the parents has also undoubtedly helped with the retrieval of urines.

Q: How will DUTY help you in the future? Duty has been an excellent study to promote research in primary care, which is part of my role as a primary care facilitator. The study is simple and practices are able to see the benefits that the study could have on future treatment. The study has given the practices a chance of becoming involved in a research project without it being too much of a burden on their time.

Q: What do you do when not at work? I sit on the sidelines watching my 6 and 8 year old sons playing rugby, trying not to shout too loud and embarrass them!

URINE DIPSTICK TEST

DUTY wants to find out whether doctors diagnoses are influenced by urine dipstick testing. We ask you to record how you intend to manage the patient before, and after you have seen the DUTY dipstick test result. EVEN IF YOU ALREADY KNOW the result we'd still like you to record before and after diagnosis and management to the best of your knowledge.



QUICK QUIZ: TRUE OR FALSE?



1. The E. coli naturally present in our guts produce significant amounts of Vitamin K.
2. The name Escherichia comes from the Greek word meaning "with tails".
3. The bacterial version of sex (conjugation) occurs only between the same bacterial species.

Send your answers to RobertsV2@cf.ac.uk to win a prize for your practice.



3 month notes review

At 3 months from the date of recruitment, DUTY will review patient medical notes to find out how many primary care contacts (not related to routine immunisations and screening), hospital visits and tests have taken place since recruitment, and how many of these were related to UTI. We also want to find out what medication the child has been given, and the results of any further urine samples.

The questionnaire for collecting information from the medical notes has now been finalised and will shortly be piloted in a few practices in Wales before we start to contact individual surgeries for this work to be done. If you would like to see a copy of the pilot questionnaire, please contact Emma Thomas-Jones (details below)

And Now for Something Completely Different.....

Work out the answers to the clues and find them in the wordsearch.



DUTY now needs to record NHS numbers for all patients recruited. We will be in contact with your practice in next few months to update our data with this new information.

Clues:

- Welsh band from Cwmaman: The _____ (13)
- He was married to Liz: Richard _____ (6)
- Model granddaughter of Roald: _____ (6, 4)
- Welsh Poet: Dylan ____ (6)
- Merlin's place?: _____ (4, 2, 6)
- Caves in Swansea: _____ (3, 2, 4)
- Forget Rome, this fortress outside Newport wasn't built in a day: _____ (8)
- 'Capitol' of Anglesey?: _____ (9)
- Flowery clothes designer: _____ (5, 6)
- A tale of King Arthur?: _____ (3, 10)
- Celebrated on January 25th: Dydd _____ (6, 7)
- The Welsh "Trainspotting"?: _____ (5, 7)
- Poet who wrote about Wales' flower: William _____ (10)
- It flows on the black mountains: _____ (3, 5, 3)
- The red "stronghold": _____ (7, 4)
- "Guns don't kill people": _____ Chain (6, 6)
- Land of my Father's: _____ (3, 4, 2, 6)
- Comedian with infamous catchphrase "Just like that!": _____ (5, 6)
- Olympic hurdler: _____ (5, 7)
- Last "native" Prince of Wales: _____ (5, 7)

Answers will be provided in issue 4.

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