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Where's our lolly?



DUTY payments are linked to info in the study database so don't delay to enter your recruits. PCIS funding is also informed by accruals reported via the database—another reason not to let those CRFs gather dust before you put them on!

How are we doing?

Almost 1000 patients have been recruited by practices supported by the Bristol study centre, with urine samples for 91% of DUTY children. This is fantastic! The Bristol centre is still significantly ahead of target, while the study as a whole is well on target with over 2,000 recruits.



The joys of spring!

Welcome to the March edition of the DUTY study newsletter. DUTY is now recruiting to capacity, all of the database problems appear to be fixed (touch wood!) and we're looking forward to making massive progress towards our targets during the rest of this year. New sites are coming on board in Cornwall, Devon, and South West London, and we're turning our attention to harmonizing recruitment processes across sites and checking the quality of the data collected so far. Watch this space for feedback on data quality, and hopefully some of our early findings.

ouch, that gave me a splinter.



Learning lessons from recruitment

As with all clinical studies, the success of DUTY depends on recruiting children who meet the eligibility criteria, in the spirit of the study protocol. It is essential that children are only recruited if acutely unwell, in the parent or carer's view, and if the parent or carer has contacted the surgery to request a consultation. This helps to ensure that at the end of all this hard work we will have accurate results that represent our target group of children, and that can be used to inform and improve clinical practice.

DUTY super stars

- Children's Emergency Department, Bristol Royal Infirmary - 109 patients
 - Calli Smith in Somerset - 85 patients
 - Beth Evans at Mendip Country Practice - 34 patients
 - Vicky Lam in Lancashire - 33 patients
 - Portland Practice and Hatherley Surgery, Cheltenham - 300 patients!
 - The Wellspring Surgery, Bristol - 58 patients
 - Crown Medical Centre, Taunton - 42 patients
 - Tudor Lodge Surgery, Weston Super Mare - 32 patients
 - The Cumbria and Lancashire CLRN sites have recruited 87 patients
 - Julie Cunningham and Chris Soper - 7 patients from Cornwall already!
- If there was room all recruiters would be listed. Each patient counts, so even if you have only had time to recruit a few, we really appreciate it.

Recruiting sites update: DUTY is now recruiting in over 50 practices supported by the Bristol study centre, ranging from Cornwall to Cumbria. Liz Thomas, the full-time DUTY Senior Research Nurse, currently provides support and mentoring for all Option 2 recruitment, and limited support for Option 1 sites in Bristol. Option 2 is reimbursed at £100 per patient, and Option 1 at £60 per patient..



Stick with us...



CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

This month, the DUTY team challenges you to come up with a clean joke about wee that is better than this one:

The first little pig walked into the bar and said, "Can I have a rum and coke?" The bar man said, "Okay." Then the little pig said, "Can I use your toilet?" The bar man told him it was straight ahead. Then the second little pig walked into the bar and said, "Can I have a rum and coke?" The bar man said, "Okay." Then the little pig said, "Can I use your toilet?" The bar man said straight ahead. The third little pig walked into the bar and said, "Can I have a rum and coke?" and the bar man said, "Okay." Then the bar man said, "I suppose you want to use the toilet?" But the third little pig replied, "No, I'm the pig that goes wee wee wee all the way home."



Did you know that DUTY samples are being analysed by NHS microbiology laboratories in over 30 hospitals across the UK and Wales? And another 10 labs will be coming online this spring. The technicians and microbiologists in the laboratories process DUTY samples in the same way as they would process a standard paediatric urine sample, then they enter the results of urinalysis and culture onto the DUTY study database via the web. The success of the DUTY study relies not only on the hard work of all our recruiters, but also on the ongoing efforts of the NHS lab technicians, who in turn rely on the DUTY samples standing out from the crowd - or ocean - of regular urines. So please remember to beautify your local lab samples and brighten up the benches with these stunning tangerine treasures and carry on sticking!



Have you met any DUTY supermums - or dads?

If you come across parents who make big efforts for the study or who are interested in getting more involved please let us know so that we can thank them too.

DUTY AUDIT ON THE WAY

Not very exciting, but inevitable. We are planning to audit paper CRFs from a selection of practices. We'll get in touch if your practice is selected, and refund you for any postage costs in getting all the paper CRFs to us.

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