



# Cardiff Study Centre

# NEWSLETTER

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

## How Are We Doing?

As of the end of September, the Cardiff team have recruited **1090** participants and have a urine retrieval rate of **87%**

All recruiters have done fantastically well so far, but next winter is our last season and best chance to capture urine samples from unwell children. We want to finish on target and in style, so we would love to know if you have any hints or tips on maximizing recruitment that we can share.



## DUTY Study workshop

### 17th October 2011



### Agenda

12:00pm - 12:40pm	Lunch
12:40pm - 1:40pm	Session 1
1:40pm - 2:40pm	Session 2
2:40pm - 3:00pm	Afternoon Break
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Session 3
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Presentations
6:30pm	Evening Meal

Park Plaza Cardiff Hotel, Greyfriars Road, Cardiff, CF10 3AL, Tel: 02920 111 111  
<http://www.parkplazacardiff.com/>

**We look forward to seeing you there!.....**

**3-month note reviews**

A big **thank you** to everyone for completing and returning the 3-month note reviews. We really appreciate your promptness and efficiency!!!!

## Staff Update

We would like to correct some information we printed in error in the last month's Staff update.

Claire Duggan works in Hywel Dda Health Board in the South West Wales Network, not North Wales as we incorrectly printed.

We apologise for this misinformation.

## Clinical Examination

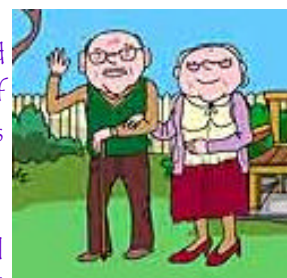
We have discovered that a high proportion of GPs are not performing all the examinations on recruited patients and are ticking the 'Not Examined' option box for some of the examination questions on Section 4 of the CRF. All of this information is essential to the study and we ask you to encourage all GPs to perform **ALL** the examinations and complete these questions. Many thanks.





## Who can give consent?

Consent for DUTY is only valid if given by the child's parent or legal guardian. The child's mother or father is the safest bet. However, it is all too possible to mistakenly recruit a child who has been brought into the surgery by a grandparent who, through providing childcare is acting in loco parentis for the child on that day. Unfortunately, despite the unarguable status of grandparents as heroes of the modern world, the legal restrictions around informed consent mean that this is not valid.



DO NOT DESPAIR!

If parental consent can be obtained after the event, the recruit will still be valid. If this happens to you, please let us know and we will try to obtain the mother's or father's consent retrospectively, on your behalf.

## Mystery Prize Draw



We would like to get as many recruits as possible this winter. From now on, if you recruit a patient, we will automatically enter you into a draw for a mystery prize at the end of that month.

We promise that this will be something worth winning, so not a DUTY mousemat, mug, or that tin of grapefruit segments that seems to be the only thing you ever win at the school Christmas raffle.

September's prize draw winner is:

Julie Bennett from  
Ely Bridge  
Surgery

## Spot the DUTY sample...

In busy NHS labs, it is all too easy to miss DUTY urine samples, if they are not labelled - on both the sample pot and on the form - with the garish orange DUTY sticker. For sites using electronic requesting systems, please remember to stick the sticker to the form and enter the unique DUTY study ID number onto the requesting system as this will enable the lab to identify the sample and enter the urine culture result - which is the ultimate goal for each recruit. (Entering "DUTY study" or "DUTY" will not give the lab all of the information that they need). Oh yes, and don't let that sample pot out of your hands until the DUTY sticker's well and truly stuck....



## LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

Last month we quizzed you on folk remedies for kidney stones and gave you the task of deciphering which was the fake. We're sure you've all been waiting with baited breath for the answer, well, as promised, here it is.....



And the Fake was:

The practice of some tribes, even as recently as 200 years ago, of eating the perirenal fat of human victims!

But eating human flesh was practiced; although not to cure kidney stones but in order to imbibe the strength of enemies. Nice.

But you'll think twice about moaning the next time dinner costs you an arm and a leg! Boom, Boom!

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