

Southampton Study Centre NEWSLETTER

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Where's our lolly?

DUTY reimbursements are paid every quarter in arrears. Payments are linked to info in the study database so don't delay entering 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?

228

children have now been recruited by practices supported by the Southampton centre.

Urine results have been obtained for **93%** of these recruits.

The study as a whole is well on target with over **2,500** recruits.

The recruitment phase of DUTY has a further 12 months to run.

Happy Easter!

Welcome to the first DUTY study newsletter specifically for practices managed by the Southampton area. DUTY is now recruiting to capacity in several of our practices and we are working very hard to ensure that our new recruiters feel confident to take the plunge and recruit that crucial first patient! The Southampton region started some time behind the other three centres so we're "hopping" to make progress in leaps and bounds from now on—with the aim of catching them up during the rest of this year.



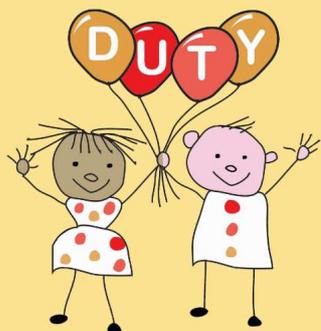
Holiday closure

Spring has finally sprung and everyone is looking forward to a well-earned few days off. The study office at Southampton will be closed next week (18th – 22nd April) but we will back with a new "spring" in our step on 26th April. If you need any equipment top-ups, please fax or e-mail us and we will send them out to you on our return. **Thank you, and have a wonderful Easter break!**

DUTY super stars

- Dorothy Wicke, Oakley & Overton Partnership - 7 patients
 - Forton Medical Centre - 16 patients
 - Jan Brown at Forest End Surgery, Waterlooville - 23 patients!
 - Zoe Young at Church Street Practice, Wantage - 4 patients
 - Sue Keene at The Avenue Surgery - 35 patients!
 - Homewell Practice, Havant - 6 patients
 - Bitterne Walk-In Centre, Southampton - 59 patients!
 - Katie Post, Three Swans Surgery, Salisbury - 9 patients
 - Nightingale Surgery, Romsey - 4 patients
 - Emma MacLeod, Southampton General - 5 patients from A&E 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 42 practices supported by the Southampton study centre, ranging from the Isle of Wight to Milton Keynes. Our Research Nurses, Tessa Wade and Andrea Jarman, provide support and mentoring to practices to the west and east of the region respectively. **Option 2 is reimbursed at £100 per patient, and Option 1 at £60 per patient..**



Stick with us...

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!

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Are you still using vouchers issued last year? If they have a March 2012 expiry date, we will exchange them for vouchers with a longer shelf life. Please send them back to us by the end of August 2011.



HELP YOUR LAB!

The lab staff enter the urine results on our database using the recruit's ID number and date of birth. Please try to enter the patient's registration details (white sheets of the paper CRF) online as promptly as possible in order to help them with this important task!

Some early feedback on our findings...

We have started to look at some of the DUTY data as part of our standard data quality and monitoring checks, and are seeing some interesting initial trends emerging. We have found, so far, a much higher incidence of urine culture positivity (i.e. samples leading to a culture of $>10^5$ cfu/ml of a recognized uropathogen) than the 2-4% we expected, across NHS labs and equally in the Cardiff research laboratory. We have also found a high rate of mixed growth / contaminated samples, and we're starting to see indications that—as would be expected—nappy pads could be more likely to give contaminated samples. We want to liaise with our recruiters to identify ways in which we can try to minimize contamination, and will share the best ideas in a future newsletter or e-mail update. For starters, we recommend that nappy pads should be left in ideally for half an hour, but for no longer than one hour maximum. If you send parents home with urine collection kit (if the child has not been able to provide a sample during the recruitment interview) please make sure they are aware of this. Can you encourage parents to try to get a clean catch sample? Send us your ideas!



Don't forget to send your research samples to the Cardiff SACU lab. These samples are just as important for the study outcomes as the NHS samples.
THANK YOU!



Once you have finished entering a patient's data into the database, you can copy and paste the clinical information into their medical record using the  button at the right-hand side of the CRF record.

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