



# British Antibiotic & Silver Impregnated Catheters for Ventriculo-peritoneal Shunts Trial

## DECEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER



### Welcome to the first BASICS Newsletter!

This publication will keep you updated on recruitment figures and will bring you the latest information about the trial. It will be emailed to the research teams at each site and once the website is finalised it will also be available there.

### Meet the BASICS Team



The BASICS Trial office is based at the University of Liverpool, where it is managed by members of the Liverpool Clinical Trials Research Centre and the department of Biostatistics. **Photograph (Left to Right) Conor Mallucci (Chief Investigator), Mr Michael Jenkinson (Co-investigator)**

### Recruiting Centres



We would like to welcome the sites that have opened so far:

Alder Hey Children's Hospital  
 Southampton General Hospital  
 The Walton Centre  
 Royal Hallamshire Hospital  
 Great Ormond Street Hospital  
 Salford Royal Hospital  
 Queens Medical Centre-Nottingham  
 Sheffield Children's Hospital  
 Birmingham Children's Hospital

We are looking forward to opening further sites soon at:

Addenbrookes Hospital  
 Frenchay Hospital  
 Children's University Hospital- Dublin  
 Kings College Hospital  
 Leeds General Hospital  
 University Hospital Wales

### Recruitment

Recruitment has gathered momentum now that more sites are open. There are now **60** patients recruited on the BASICS Trial.

November was one of our busiest months with **11** patients randomised! It would be great to exceed this as we now have more centres open.

The biggest recruiter so far is Southampton General Hospital with **18** patients. Congratulations to Mr Bulters, Faith & the Research Team!!!

**When the 100<sup>th</sup> patient is recruited there will be a certificate and a gift for the research team who recruits this landmark patient.**

Site	Date opened	Number of patients recruited
<b>Southampton General Hospital</b>	<b>03/07/2013</b>	<b>18</b>
The Walton Centre	24/07/2013	16
Alder Hey Children's Hospital	26/06/2013	12
Salford Royal	08/10/2013	6
Nottingham	01/11/2013	4
GOSH	07/10/2013	3
Sheffield Children's Hospital	21/11/2013	1
Birmingham Children's Hospital	10/12/2013	0 (newly opened)
<b>Royal Hallamshire</b>	<b>27/09/2013</b>	<b>0</b>

### Trial News

The 3rd substantial amendment will be submitted to REC shortly and we are hoping for approval to be granted soon. This amendment has included some changes to the protocol, and the PISC. I will keep you informed of its progress.

### Recent events

We will be holding a BASICS Trial PI's and Research Nurse Investigators meeting before the BRNG Meeting on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014**. We hope this will be well attended as it will be a pleasure for the BASICS team to meet you all and put names to faces!

### Christmas!

The BASICS Team would like to wish all PI's, Research Team's and Microbiologist's a very **Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year 2014!!**

The CTRC will be closed from 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2014. Details of the operating procedure during the closed period will be circulated soon.

### Special Note

The BASICS Team I would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all of our Research Teams at all sites for your help and support this year!

We couldn't do it without you!!!!