



January 2018 Newsletter



841
to be
recruited!

2759
randomised



In **2017**, **364** patients were randomized in **ACST-2**, our *second* best recruiting year, well done! Keep recruiting new patients, our recruitment goal is **3600** patients (by the end of **2019**). Top recruiters of 2017 on next page.

Recruitment Awards & Congratulations

*University of Dresden
'Carl-Gustav-Carus', Germany*



Our '**December Star Recruiting Centre**' and also the centre that recruited patient **2700** was **Semmelweis Medical University, Hungary**.

Policlinico di Monza, Italy recruited their **first** patient to the study.

The **University of Sao Paulo (HCFMUSP), Brazil** have randomized the **first** patient of **2018**.

Professor Petrov and the team from **St. Marina University Hospital, Bulgaria** randomised patient **2750** and will make a guest appearance on the website home page.

Well done everyone!

Top Recruiting Centres of 2017

Randomising Centre	Patients recruited	Position
Novosibirsk Research Institute of Circulation Pathology, Russia	22	1st
Serbian Clinical Centre, Serbia	19	2nd
IRCCS Policlinico San Donato, Italy	18	3rd
Regional Specialist Hospital, Poland	17	4th
University Hospital 'Riuniti' Trieste, Italy	14	5th
University of Sao Paulo (HCFMUSP), Brazil	13	Joint 6th
Semmelweis Medical University, Hungary	13	
Nuovo Ospedale Civile Sant' Agostino Estense, Modena, Italy	13	
Ceske Budejovice - Budweiss, Czech Republic	12	7th
Medical University of Innsbruck, Austria	10	Joint 8th
East Tallinn Central Hospital, Estonia	10	
Santa Maria Hospital, Italy	10	
Dedinje Cardiovascular Unit, Serbia	10	
Foothills Medical Centre, Canada	9	Joint 9th
Dept of Vascular Surgery, Attikon University Hospital, Greece	9	
Universitätsklinikum Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany	8	Joint 10th
University of Dresden 'Carl-Gustav-Carus', Germany	8	
Sodersjukhuset, Sweden	8	



24th to 28th September 2018
Save the Date!

The **6th ACST-2 Collaborators' Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 25th September** at the **European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS)** annual meeting in **Valencia**. As current President of the ESVS, Alison looks forward to seeing you all at ESVS.



The Swiss Heart Foundation is funding the extension of the ACST-2 MRI sub-study until the end of 2019. The sub-study examines the rate of new (silent) brain infarction after treatment by surgery versus stenting.

**Good news
from the
University of
Basel**

Sites need to perform an MRI scan before and after treatment and are reimbursed with 400 Euros per patient.

Interested collaborators please contact Co-Principal Investigator Leo Bonati (leo.bonati@usb.ch)."

Updates from the ACST-2 Office

The following people here have been awarded the **'Certificate of Excellence'** for exceptional quality of data and prompt query resolution, joining the best :

Dr Petr Kostal: Ceske Budejovice – Budweiss, Czech Republic

Dr Armelle Meershoek: UMC Utrecht, The Netherlands

Dr Zoltan Szeberin: Semmelweis Medical University, Hungary

Dr Barbara Ziani and Dr Mario D'Oria:

University Hospital 'Riuniti', Trieste, Italy

Bindu Gregory and Sonia Raj: The Royal Preston Hospital, UK



Alison

If you still have any 2017 annual follow-up forms and data to send in, any consent forms or major events to report, please do so as soon as you can, Alison and Wojciech will be happy to assist you with any queries.



Wojciech

Best wishes from Alison Halliday, Richard Bulbulia, Richard Peto, Leo Bonati, Hongchao Pan & the ACST-2 team