



# Asymptomatic Carotid Surgery Trial (ACST-2)



## April 2018 Newsletter



**2829** patients recruited,  
**771** still needed!

**ACST-2** is the largest investigator - led trial in the world comparing CEA vs CAS in patients with asymptomatic carotid stenosis! Thank you for your continued efforts to recruit patients, you are doing excellent work!

Our goal is to recruit at least **1 patient per day** to reach the target of **3600** randomisations by the end of **2019**!

With your support and continued hard work, we will reach this target.



**Which is Best?**



**Keep randomising!**

Our next milestone will be the

**6000<sup>th</sup>**

participant for **ACST**:

Who will recruit this patient?

*With warm regards from Alison Halliday, Richard Bulbulia, Richard Peto, Leo Bonati, Hongchao Pan & the ACST-2 team.*

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## ESVS Valencia & ACST-2 6th Collaborators' Meeting

The **European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS)** annual meeting is in **Valencia (25 - 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018)**.

**Please note 'Early Bird Registration' is available up to 1<sup>st</sup> June.**

[Link to Registration & Hotel - ESVS website](#)

If you are attending the ESVS meeting, we'd love to see you at the ACST-2 Collaborators' meeting too.



### ACST-2 Collaborators' Meeting, 24 - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Palau de Congressos, Valencia

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Collaborators' Meeting will be in Valencia on 24 -25<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The ACST-2 Dinner will be held on the evening of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September. The Collaborators' Meeting will be held Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at the Palau de Congressos.

★ ***We offer € 150 subsistence allowance to attend both the ACST-2 Collaborators' Meeting and Dinner in Valencia. Please let us know if you will be attending.*** ★

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible, further details will be provided shortly.

We are currently working on a programme, would your centre like to give a presentation or present a poster at our Collaborators' Meeting?

Please let us know so that we can add you to the programme.



# Recruitment Awards Congratulations

New Centres recruiting their first patients, Congratulations to:

*Professor Petrunic and the ACST-2 team at University Hospital Centre Zagreb, Croatia*

**Picture???**

*Dr Chechulov and the team at Saint Petersburg I.I.Dzhanelidze, Russia*

**Picture???**

Professor Joviliano and the team at HCFM Ribeirao Preto da Universidade de Sao Paulo, Brazil

**Picture???**

Any Ribbon, Bronze or Silver awards since last time??



Santa Maria Hospital in Reggio Emilia, Italy recruited patient **2800** and currently appear on the ACST-2 Website banner.

Will your centre be there next time?

Many thanks to Lead Investigator Dr Nicola Tusini (right) and Dr Francesco Strozzi (left) and the team for their continued recruitment efforts.

## 7 Top Recruiting Centres of 2018 so far....

Semmelweis Medical University, Hungary

University of Sao Paulo (HCFMUSP), Brazil

Policlinico di Monza, Italy

Medical University of Innsbruck, Austria

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

Department of Vascular Surgery,  
Attikon University Hospital, Greece

University Hospital 'Riuniti' Trieste, Italy

**Top 7 Will be  
updated**



**KEEP  
UP  
THE  
GOOD  
WORK**



## Updates from the ACST-2 Office

For the upcoming

**2018 Data Monitoring Committee Meeting,**

please send all outstanding:

**Consent**

**Randomisation**

**1 Month** and

**Annual follow-up forms**

to the ACST-2 office by the end of April.

By email: [acst@nds.ox.ac.uk](mailto:acst@nds.ox.ac.uk) or

fax: +44 (0) 1865 617980. Thank you.



**Alison**



**Wojciech**

If you have any queries about the forms, please contact Alison and Wojciech who will be happy to help you.

The ACST-2 Team are here to help, if you have any questions, please contact us:

### **Asymptomatic Carotid Surgery Trial-2 (ACST-2)**

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## Upcoming Meetings

**Come and meet the team at these upcoming meetings in April and May:**

### **Charing Cross International Symposium CX2018. 24 - 27<sup>th</sup> April.**

You will find us at **Booth 510**, please come along and see us there. [Find out more](#)



### **ESOC Gothenburg, Sweden. 16 - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Both Alison Halliday and Richard Bulbulia will attend the congress. ACST-2 will present an oral presentation "Does surgery for asymptomatic carotid stenosis reduce the long-term risk of dementia? Extended post-trial follow-up of the Asymptomatic Carotid Surgery Trial (ACST-1): Late breaking results" on 18<sup>th</sup> May at 2.15 - 2.25pm [Find out more](#)

### **CAPVT Mundi, Rome, Italy. 22 - 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

Richard Bulbulia will give a presentation on 23<sup>rd</sup> May entitled "ACST-2 Italian Update". More details upon finalising of the programme.

### **LIVE 2018 Patras, Greece. 24 - 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Alison Halliday will give a talk on 26<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm during the 12:30-13:40 CRITICAL ISSUES IN STROKE & CAROTID ARTERY DISEASE session. [Find out more](#)

### **iMEET, Nice, France. 30<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

On 1<sup>st</sup> June at 1pm Richard Bulbulia will talk on "A Simple Clinical Risk score to select the correct asymptomatic carotid patients for (endo) vascular treatment - does it work?" during the 12:15 Carotid Session [Find out more](#)