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# Asymptomatic Carotid Surgery Trial (ACST-2)



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## Recruitment

**3,541  
Patients  
Recruited!**

We recognise that the COVID-19 pandemic has put many non-essential research activities on hold. Therefore we would like to extend both our **best wishes to all staff** who have found themselves on the front line and also our **heartfelt thanks** to those sites who have enrolled patients onto ACST2. Normal recruitment will resume after the pandemic subsides

## Collaborator's Meeting 2020 2021 - NEW DATES!



We have postponed our ACST-2 Collaborators' Meeting because of the pandemic

The collaborator's meeting has been rearranged for **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

Please put the new dates in your calendars and rearrange your travel for these dates if at all possible.

We look forwards to seeing you in person then.



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## Major Event Reporting

Major events are:

### Within 30 days:

- Stroke
- MI
- Death

### After 30 days:

- Stroke
- Death

In all cases we need as much information as possible.

When we are informed about a Major Event we will send you a form asking for additional supporting information.

### Please send us the following information:

**Stroke** – Imaging reports, hospital discharge summaries.

If the **stroke** is within 30 days, you will need to complete a short Classification for Stroke Mechanism form which we can send you.

6 month Modified Rankin is also needed – 6 months after the event.

**Death** – Date, cause, and whether they had a stroke before they died.

If they did have a stroke then we need details about that stroke as above.

**Myocardial Infarction (MI)** – Hospital information, enzyme and ECG evidence





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## ACST2 Office during COVID-19

### The ACST2 office remains active!

It may take a little longer to respond to any queries, as we will usually be working from home in accordance with the UK government's instructions.

The best way to get in contact with one of the team is to use our email address:

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

To reduce pressures we will not send out the annual follow-up questionnaire (2020) to clinical collaborators in June. Our intention is to delay this for about 3 months.

We expect ACST-2 recruitment to be slow as hospitals across the world deal with the pandemic.

Please do continue to discuss ACST-2 with potentially eligible patients when you see them in your clinics, and consider randomising them when things are more normal.

Thank you very much for your continued support of ACST-2 and please look after yourselves during this difficult time.

*Alison, Richard,  
Andrea & Vasha*



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## 2019 Data

**Please send in last year's Annual Follow Up data**

It is important to send in overdue Annual Follow Up forms and to respond to queries where ever possible.

## Returning Patient Data to the ACST-2 Office



**Please use the following address:**

ACST-2 Richard Doll Building  
University of Oxford  
Old Road  
Headington  
Oxford  
Great Britain  
OX3 7ZF

If you have prepaid envelopes with other addresses destroy them and email us at [acst@nds.ox.ac.uk](mailto:acst@nds.ox.ac.uk) to tell us that you need new envelopes



If you are sending data forms to us **via email:**

Please send to [acst@nds.ox.ac.uk](mailto:acst@nds.ox.ac.uk)

- Please send data forms from your work email address.
- Please password protect the attachments and send the password in a separate email.