

February 2017 Newsletter

A New Year!

Remember our Oxford Collaborators' Meeting 4-5 Sept 2017

Thank you for all your hard work in 2016. We hope 2017 will be great and are pleased that new patients have been entered – please work hard – we are more than 2/3 there!

2017 may be very exciting for ACST-2 as we could become the largest carotid intervention trial in the world!

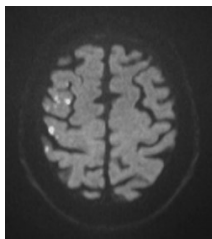
The team randomising the first patient beyond the CREST-1 trial target will receive a celebration hamper to mark this special milestone.

The countdown is on, remember every patient counts!

Alison Halliday, Richard Bulbulia, Richard Peto, Leo Bonati & Hongchao Pan

MRI Sub-study update

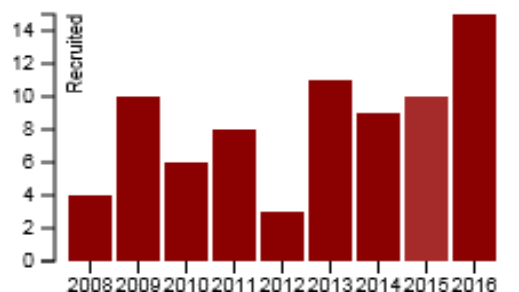
Brain MRI before and 1-3 days after procedure. 94 patients from Basel, Larissa, SCC Belgrade, Auxologico Milano, Utrecht, Munich, La Sapienza Rome, and Aarau. New centres welcome, reimbursed at 400 Euros per patient. For information contact leo.bonati@outlook.com



Legend: MRI scan showing new silent brain infarcts after revascularisation of the right carotid artery

New Feature on ACST-2 website

See your [centre recruitment this year and every year](#) - click on any centre name for the graph.



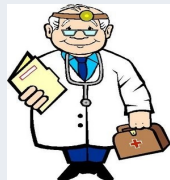
**Target by
2019**

3600

2411



338 patients randomised



82 collaborators

64 centres



24 countries

Top Recruiters 2016

Well done – Novosibirsk Team – splendid top recruitment of 41 patients.

Well done to **all of you** who recruited in 2016 – **every patient counts!!**

First Recruiters of 2017

Congratulations to Dr Fiedler and his team from Ceske Budejovice-Budweiss who randomised the 1st, 5th and 11th patients of 2017, keep up the good work!

Silver recruitment award

Congratulations to Albert Szent– Györgyi Medical Centre for recruiting their 50th patient. They have been sent the Certificate for Silver status!

Bronze recruitment award

Congratulations to Universidade de São Paulo recruiting their 25th patient gaining their Certificate for Bronze status!

First Ribbon of 2017

Well done to the team at Vascular Endovascular Unit of Perugia and University of Bologna for recruiting their 15th patient.

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| | Novosibirsk Research Institute of Circulation Pathology Russia | 41 |
| | Istituto Auxologico Italiano Milan, Italy | 23 |
| | Medical University of Innsbruck Austria | 17 |
| | Santa Maria Hospital Reggio Emilia, Italy | 17 |
| | Serbian Clinical Centre Belgrade, Serbia | 16 |
| | Dedinje Cardiovascular Unit Belgrade, Serbia | 16 |
| | University of São Paulo Brazil | 14 |
| | University of Basel Switzerland | 11 |
| | University of Bologna Italy | 9 |
| | Teaching Hospital Maribor Slovenia | 8 |
| | Universitätsklinikum Hamburg-Eppendorf Germany | 8 |
| | University Hospital of Larissa Greece | 8 |
| | Malmö Vascular Centre Sweden | 7 |
| | University of Dresden 'Carl-Gustav-Carus' Germany | 7 |
| | Södersjukhuset Stockholm, Sweden | 7 |
| | Städtisches Klinikum Karlsruhe Germany | 7 |
| | Albert Szent-Györgyi Medical Centre Szeged, Hungary | 6 |
| | University of Bari Italy | 6 |
| | Universitätsklinikum Leipzig Germany | 6 |
| | Foothills Medical Centre Calgary, Canada | 5 |
| | Klinikum rechts der Isar der Tech- nischen Universität Munich Germany | 5 |

ACST-2 Meetings in 2017



Save the Date

4th - 5th September 2017



Add this date to your calendar. The Programme will include Peter Rothwell (definitely!) and the new Risk Model in asymptomatic stenosis – to be circulated soon!

ACST-2 will be at the :

Charing X Symposium, London - 25-28 April (ACST-2 has a stand)

ISNVD, Taormina, Italy, 4-6 May (Alison)

ESCVS, Thessaloniki - 11-14 May (Alison and Richard)

ESOC, Prague - 16-17 May (Alison and Richard)

XV São Paulo Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Meeting, Brazil - 19-20 May (Alison)

C.A.P.V.T Mundi, Rome - 23-24 May (Alison)

22nd Meeting of Heart Lung Association, Varna, Bulgaria - 2-4 June (Alison)



Registration for CX 2017 is open!

Early bird registration ends: 26 February 2017

[https://
www.cxsymposium.com](https://www.cxsymposium.com)

Updates from the ACST-2 Office

Latest Publications

Look out for the latest ACST papers that have been accepted for publication:

'Diastolic blood pressure is an independent risk factor for peri-procedural stroke following carotid endarterectomy in asymptomatic patients'

Djurje D de Waard^{a,b}, Gert J de Borst^b, Richard Bulbulia^c, Anne Huibers^{a,b}, Alison Halliday^a, on behalf of the ACST-1 collaborative group

European Journal of Vascular Endovascular Surgery

'Choices of stent and cerebral protection in the ongoing ACST-2 trial: a descriptive study'

Djurje Daniel de Waard^{a,b}, Alison Halliday^{a,}, Gert J de Borst^b, Richard Bulbulia^c, Anne Huibers^b, Renato Casana^d, Valerio Tolva^e, on behalf of the ACST-2 collaborative group*

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Data Awards

Congratulations! The following people have received a "Certificate of Excellence" for their **valuable contribution to ACST-2 for data collection and query resolution.**

- ♦ Ms Enikő Fákó, Albert Szent-Györgyi Medical Centre
- ♦ Dr Erasmo Da Silva, University of São Paulo (HCFMUSP)
- ♦ Ms Margareta Warvsten, Malmö Vascular Centre
- ♦ Dr Mandy Müller, University of Basel
- ♦ Dr Vladimir Starodubtsev, Novosibirsk Research Institute of Circulation Pathology

Thank you for all your hard work!



Annual follow-up reminder:

We have now **received 88%** of annual forms, many thanks to those who have already sent them! If you have any outstanding forms **please** return them **SOON!**



Please contact the team if you have any questions, we would love to hear from you.
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Don't forget to follow our Twitter page [@NDSurgicalSci](https://twitter.com/NDSurgicalSci) this year there have been several tweets, check it out and see if there is a tweet about you. If you have any important news you would like us to share about the trial please let us know.