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Asymptomatic Carotid Surgery Trial (ACST-2)

ACST-2 Collaborators' Meeting 4th & 5th April, Exeter College Oxford



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ACST-2 Collaborators' Meeting Cont.

100 Collaborators from 46 hospitals in 18 countries came to our Collaborators' Meeting. We had some great speakers, enthusiastic discussions and a wonderful Gala Dinner in what were truly beautiful surroundings. Our live Qwizdom session has also helped with ideas about how to improve the trial.



Thank you to all who attended and for making it such a success. Don't forget to visit our website for more photographs and all the presentations.



Prizes....

Overall Top Recruiting Centres: Istituto Auxologico (Italy), Sodersjukhuset (Sweden), & The Northeast & Newcastle Hub & Spoke (UK)

Countries who exceeded their target: University of Bari (Italy), University of Larissa (Greece), Dedinje Cardiovascular Unit (Serbia)

Best countries with modest populations: Serbia & Sweden

Completeness of Data: Albert Szent-Györgyi Medical Centre (Hungary)

Most improved recruiters over the last year: Hospital Ceské Budejovice (Czech Republic) & East Kent University NHS Hospitals Trust (UK)

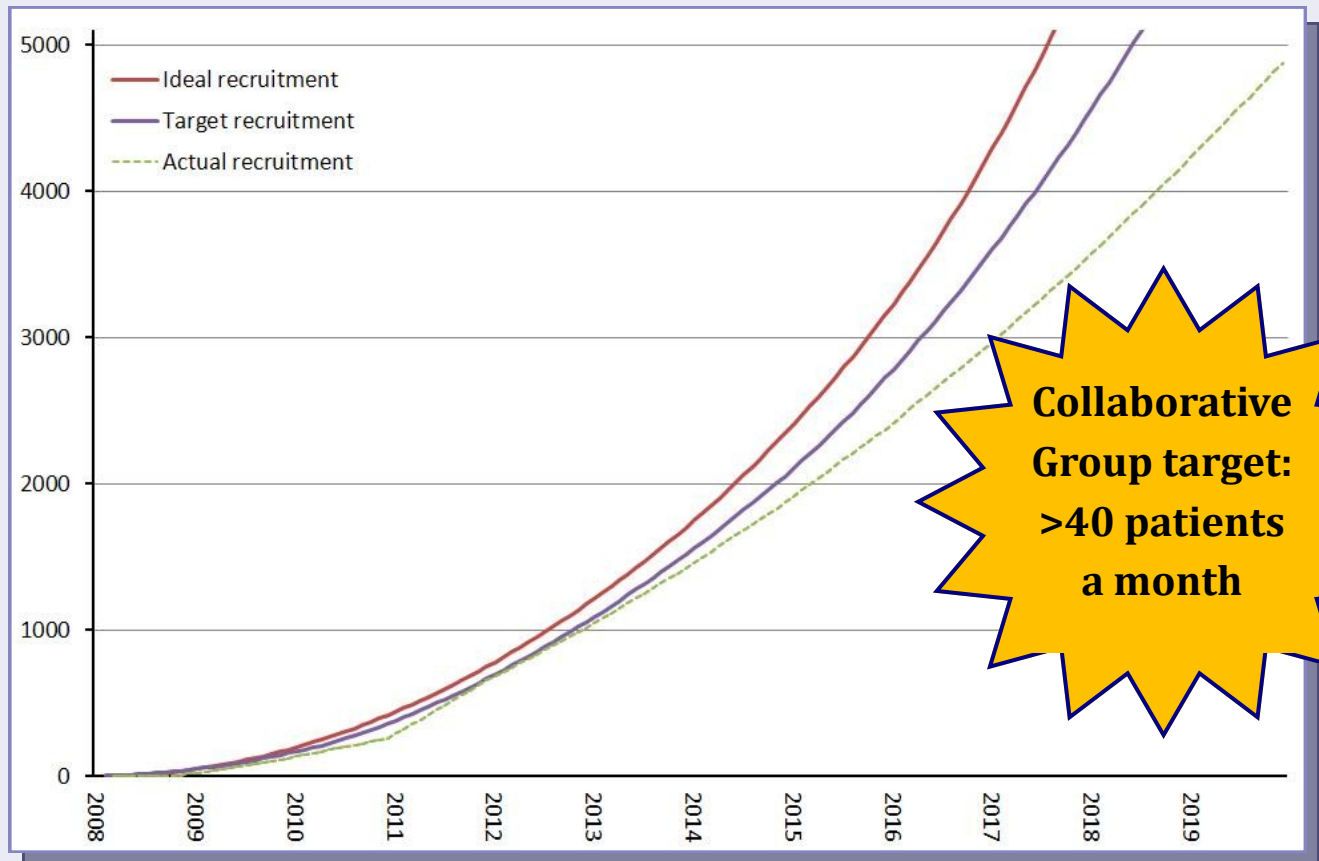
Wanted! More centres in ACST-2...

To continue to increase recruitment, we need more centres to join ACST-2. We recently sent you an e-mail requesting the contact details of any clinicians and/or hospitals you think could join. If every active centre recommends just one new hospital, we could have over 200 hospitals actively participating in ACST-2! Please contact us by e-mail (acst@nds.ox.ac.uk). Thank you.

ACST-2 Recruitment: **1190** to date

Even though we are the **largest** asymptomatic carotid trial in the world (well done to you all!), we still need to keep recruiting lots of patients. **How many patients do you hope to randomise each month/year?** Please tell us as this will help with predicted yearly recruitment.

E-mail: steffi.leconte@nds.ox.ac.uk

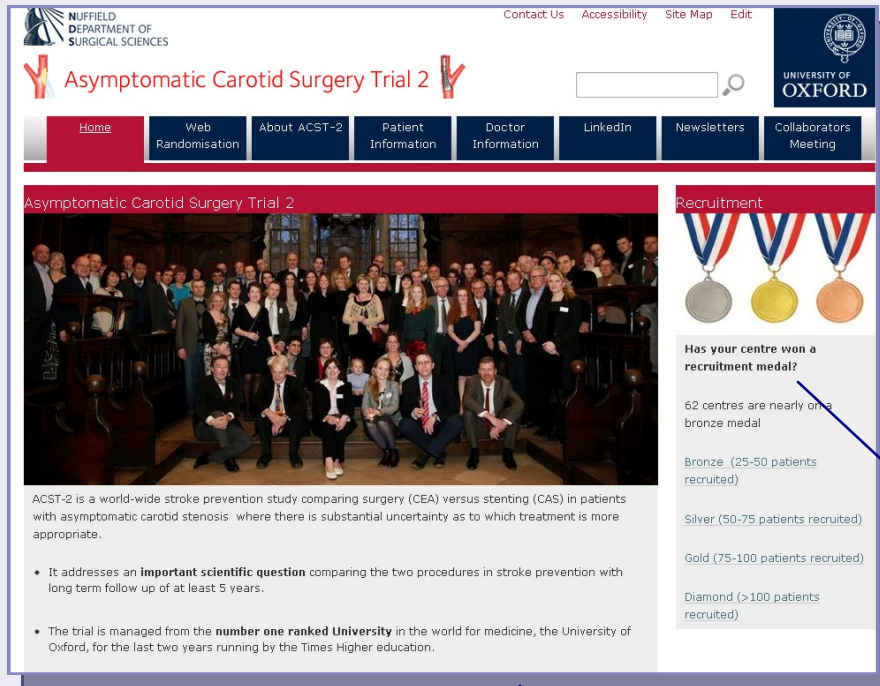


Data Monitoring Committee Meeting 2013

“The Committee saw no reason to modify the protocol or intake to the study. The Committee commends the investigators on progress to date, the increase in recruitment and on the high compliance with allocated treatment; we urge the ACST2 group now substantially to increase the rate of patient recruitment while maintaining close long-term follow-up of all cases in this important trial.”

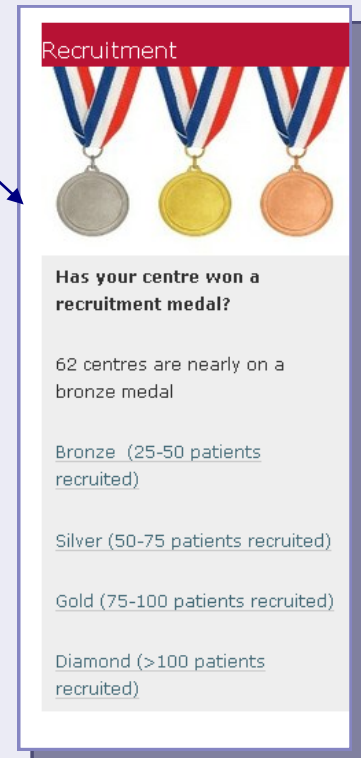
Please keep recruiting lots more patients!

Check out our new website



The screenshot shows the ACST-2 website homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: Contact Us, Accessibility, Site Map, Edit. Below this is a header with the Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences logo and the University of Oxford logo. The main title is 'Asymptomatic Carotid Surgery Trial 2'. A search bar is present. Below the title is a menu with links: Home, Web Randomisation, About ACST-2, Patient Information, Doctor Information, LinkedIn, Newsletters, Collaborators Meeting. The main content area features a large group photo of trial participants and staff. To the right, there's a 'Recruitment' section with three medals (Silver, Gold, Diamond) and a list of recruitment targets: 62 centres are nearly on a bronze medal, Bronze (25-50 patients recruited), Silver (50-75 patients recruited), Gold (75-100 patients recruited), and Diamond (>100 patients recruited).

Lynda has been working really hard to make our website more user friendly and informative. Work is still on-going, but any feedback you have is greatly appreciated. (www.acst.org.uk)



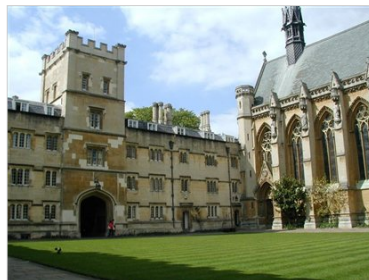
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Collaborators Meeting 2013 information

The 2013 ACST-2 Collaborators' Meeting took place in Oxford at the beautiful and historic Exeter College on the 4th and 5th of April 2013. The meeting was a forum for collaborators from all around the world to discuss ACST-2 and related topics. Over all 100 Collaborators from 46 hospitals and 18 countries attended.

Professor Alison Halliday was the first to present with a trial update then the afternoon continued with brilliant presentations by several guest speakers. Pre-dinner drinks were held at the famous Divinity School which featured in the Harry Potter films, followed by a delightful Gala Dinner.

At the dinner prizes were awarded for outstanding contributions to the study. An innovative Quizdom session preceded the last day of presentations, which helped to give an insight into important questions for the ACST-2 trial. Thank you for all who attended the meeting, especially the wonderful guest speakers. Please have a look at the photographs from the event. For those of you who were unable to attend, please view the [programme](#) for the meeting.



IMPORTANT MEETINGS

* LIVE Symposium, Thessaloniki, Greece: 23-26th May 2013

Alison will present "Lessons learnt from the trials on asymptomatic carotid disease: What don't we know?" on Saturday 25th May at 11:00am. We will also have a stand so please come & visit us!

* European Stroke Conference (ESC), London: 28-31st May 2013

ACST-2 will be situated at Stand 415!

* MEET Symposium, Rome: 9-10 June 2013

Alison will present "How the large ACST-2 Trial can help the future debate on CEA vs CAS" on Saturday 9th at 11.27am.

* European Society of Vascular Surgeons (ESVS), Budapest: 18-20th September 2013

ACST-2 will have a stand, details to follow soon