

June 2015 Newsletter

More than half way to our target!

Congratulations and thank for your hard work – we are more than half way to our goal of 3,600 patients!

Here is the 2015 Leader Board ...

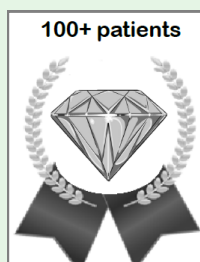


We can also celebrate:

- ⇒ **169** patients so far in 2015,
20 more than Jan-May last year
- ⇒ More than **40** patients recruited in March
- ⇒ Our **5000th** ACST patient is coming ...

DIAMOND Recruiter Status:

Congratulations to
Södersjukhuset in Sweden for
recruiting their **100th** patient!



Keep going, every patient counts!

Best wishes from all of us,

Alison Halliday, Richard Bulbulia, Richard Peto, Leo Bonati & the ACST-2 Team

2015: Top Recruiters so far...

1 st	Dedinje Cardiovascular Unit, SRB	20	
2 nd =	Istituto Auxologico Italiano, ITA	14	
2 nd =	Novosibirsk Research Institute of Circulation Pathology, RUS	14	
3 rd	NOCSE Modena, ITA	9	
4 th	Semmelweis Medical University, HUN	8	
5 th =	Poznan University Medical Sciences, POL	7	
5 th =	Serbian Clinical Centre, SRB	7	
6 th =	Hull Royal Infirmary, UK	6	
6 th =	Policlinico Catania, ITA	6	
7 th =	Ceske Budejovice, CZE	5	
7 th =	Malmo Vascular Centre, SWE	5	
7 th =	University of Basel, SWI	5	

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The *New* ACST-2 Website!

www.acst-2.org

Visit our ***New*** website to compare the latest
Recruitment Information:

- ⇒ See your own recently recruited patients— **LIVE** daily updates!
- ⇒ Look at every centre's monthly recruitment figures
- ⇒ Compare your centre recruitment with others
- ⇒ Network with other centres: view contact details and team members

Visit our website regularly and see how well everyone is recruiting!

Coming soon: the **5000th ACST patient!**

***Let's celebrate over 20 years of world-class
carotid research! (nearly 2000 citations)***

ACST-1	(1993—2003)	3120 patients
ACST-2	(2008—2015)	<u>1845</u>
TOTAL		<i>nearly 5000</i>

Recruit our **5000th ACST patient & win a centre award, to
be presented on our stand at the ESVS meeting in Porto!**

Newly Active Centres

Since the last newsletter (February), these new centres have randomised their first patients - congratulations to both teams!

- **Universitätsklinik Jena, Germany: 2 patients**
- **University of Sao Paulo, Brazil: 4 patients**

Welcome also our **NEWLY ACTIVE** centres; three have recruited patients:*

- **York Hospital, United Kingdom** - led by Mr Andrew Thompson
- **A.C.O. San Fillippo Neri***, Italy - led by Professor Nicola Mangialardi
- **University Hospital Merkur, Croatia** - led by Dr Ivan Cvjetko
- **San Giovanni di Dio Hospital***, Italy - led by Dr Stefano Michelagnoli
- **University of Bologna***, Italy - led by Professor Andrea Stella
- **IRCCS San Martino, Italy** - led by Professor Domenico Palombo
- **Sveta Marina Hospital, Bulgaria** - led by Professor Vesko Petrov
- **Royal London Hospital, United Kingdom** - led by Dr Rajendra Yadava



Congratulations to **San Giovanni Di Dio, Florence**; they have recruited their first patient within **5 days of being active - bravo!!**

"We were in the period of final approval for ACST-2, when a patient was considered. We presented the trial to him; he accepted, signed the patient consent and was randomised to CEA. We thought that the randomisation process was simple and we were pleased to hear that we were the fastest randomisers to date in the ACST-2 study."

⇒ **Dr Emiliano Chisci**



Dr Emiliano Chisci & Dr Stefano Michelagnoli

Mols and Track Records

New Mol and Patient Payments

Since 2012, ACST-2 pays £100 per patient to each centre when consent, randomisation and 1 month follow up forms are correctly completed and verified by ACST-2. To make sure your centre receives these payments, please complete and sign the new Mol contract. There are 10 centres still need to do this—please contact us .



Track Records (CEA and CAS)

New members of your team or friends from another centre can be collaborators! Ask them to complete a Track Record Approval form, counter-signed by their centre's Neurologist/Stroke Physician. After anonymisation, we can submit these for approval by our Track Record Review Committee. We are happy to provide training for randomisation and data completion.

Data

Annual Follow Ups

Annual Follow Up Forms are sent out once a year (June); our Data Team will start sending these to your patients this week. (Please look out for these if your centre contacts their patients directly.)

ACST-2 Office Contact Details—keep these nearby!

Contact details are in the box below. Please send us your forms by post, email or, preferably, by **fax: +44 (0) 1865 221 027**.

NB: Please throw away all envelopes with the old London address —thanks!

If you need more forms or pre-paid envelopes, please contact us — we are very happy to send you more!

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Upcoming Meetings 2015

Thanks to everyone who came to see us at the European Stroke Organisation Congress in Glasgow (17-19th April) and at Charing Cross Symposium in London (28th April - 1st May) — it was great to meet you!

Our ACST-2 team will be attending more meetings —please do come and talk to us:

Multidisciplinary European Endovascular Surgery ([MEET](#)), Nice

(8-9th June 2015)

[Italian ACST-2 Collaborator's Meeting](#), Milan

(26th June 2015)

Siena Vascular Endovascular Conference ([SIVEC](#)), Siena

(7-9th September 2015)

German Society for Vascular Surgery and Medicine ([SIV](#)), Munster

(16-19th September 2015)

European Society for Vascular Surgery ([ESVS](#)), Porto

(23 - 25th September 2015) - **we will have a stand **

Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe ([CIRSE](#)), Lisbon

(26-30th September 2015)

UK Vascular Society [AGM](#), Bournemouth

(11-13th November 2015)

[VEITH](#) Symposium, New York

(17-21st November 2015)

Munich Vascular Conference ([MVC](#)) , Munich

(26-27th November 2015)

Save the date!! ACST-2 COLLABORATOR'S MEETING



20-21st April 2016

Belgrade, SERBIA



Trial & Office News

Data Monitoring Committee (DMC) meeting

7th May 2015

The DMC 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. They urge the ACST-2 group to increase the rate of patient enrolment while maintaining close long-term follow-up of cases in this important trial.

LIVE 2015: Leading Innovative Vascular Education

20-23rd May 2015

Dr Anne Huibers, PhD student (Utrecht, Oxford) won the prize for the best Poster-Presentation at the LIVE meeting in Heraklion (Crete). Please click on the link below to download the presentation:

[“ANTITHROMBOTIC THERAPY IN CAROTID ARTERY STENTING AND CAROTID ENDARTERECTOMY WITHIN THE ASYMPTOMATIC CAROTID SURGERY TRIAL-2”](#)

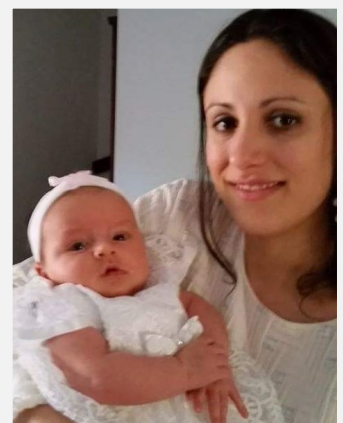


Dr Huibers is currently working on a paper about this topic and will circulate this to all our centres soon!

Alison Halliday has been elected UK representative for the ESVS (European Society for Vascular Surgery). ACST-2 plans to have a stand at the 2015 ESVS meeting in Porto; please come and visit the stand—we would love to see you!

Congratulations to **Lynda Tully** who had her baby girl, Raffaella on the 15th February; both are doing very well...

And we introduce **Joke Dhondt**, our new ACST-2 Trial Assistant, welcome aboard!



Summer is coming...

*but before then, don't forget to
RECRUIT lots of patients!!*

