



Prophylactic Antibiotics  
for the Treatment of  
Cellulitis at Home

# PATCH

## Cellulitis Study Update

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# Over 200 participants entered into the PATCH study

## Monthly recruitment targets

We hope you are finding the monthly accrual updates useful. If you know of someone who is not receiving them please let us know and we will add them to the mailing list. We will continue to update you regularly on progress.

We are delighted to say that we have now recruited over 200 participants. This means that we are now well on the way to reaching our target recruitment of 260. However we must not get complacent as we have only **5 months** left to find the final **60 participants**. Please let us know if we can help you with identifying or recruiting participants.

## Advertising the PATCH study

Advertising the study in local newspapers has proved to be a huge success. We have seen recruitment rates soar in the areas where we have tried this approach.

To advertise in your local area we will:

- Arrange to place the advert in your local newspaper or other press
- Screen all calls and identify potentially eligible participants
- Send you a list of the potentially eligible participants for you to follow-up

The only thing we ask is the name of the most appropriate publication in which to place the advertisement.



## Top Recruiters



The top recruiting centres over the last three months were:

Dr John English, *Nottingham*

Dr Simon Meggitt, *Newcastle*

Dr Richard Brindle, *Portsmouth*

Congratulations to everyone involved at each centre for such a fantastic effort. **Also** — Congratulations to Dr Layton and the team at Harrogate for recruiting their first participant.

## General

### Donating Blood—

Please note that trial participants may be unable to donate blood whilst on the study due to the fact that they may be taking antibiotics. We have had one rather disappointed participant who discovered this recently.

### Staff Changes at the Co-ordinating centre:

**Brenda cooper** retired at the end of July and I am sure you will agree she has done a fantastic job of supporting us all through the ups and down of the PATCH trial thus far. She is now enjoying a well-earned rest!

**Kath Foster** works 3 days per week, usually Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, which should not cause too many problems as we have lots of administrative help at the co-ordinating centre to assist with PATCH.

**The new clinical trial administrators** assisting with PATCH are **Jo Perdue** and **Lisa Charlesworth**. They will also be supporting other portfolio studies within the UK DCTN but will be assisting PATCH full time until we have completed recruitment.

### A Warm welcome to our CLRN-funded research nurses

We now have several CLRN-funded research nurses to assist with the PATCH study. The CLRN has been very supportive of the PATCH study and we hope the research nurses in the study sites feel they have the back-up they need from the Co-ordinating centre. If you have any new member of staff working on the study, or if you are new to the study, and you would like more information or clarification of any aspect of the study do let us know. Where at all possible we will visit or at the very least we can call to review the study and all associated forms.

### Are you a member of the UK DCTN?

It is important that all our investigators are members of the UK DCTN as PATCH is the first Network trial. It's free to join and has many benefits including access to free training courses. If you would like more information please take a look at the website or contact the network manager Carron Layfield. **Tel.:** 0115 846 8625, **email:** carron.layfield@nottingham.ac.uk, **Web site:** www.ukdctn.org



**Remember** all UK DCTN members are able to access the free on-line course to update their Good Clinical Practice (GCP) training record. Many other courses are also available.

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