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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the latest FOURIER LEGACY Newsletter

With all the main contracts now signed between the University of Sydney and the Regional Coordinating Centres at Imperial College in London, The TIMI Group in Boston and the Scandinavian Coordinating Centre in Oslo, each RCC is now finalising arrangements and contracts with their respective National Coordinating Centres. For Imperial these are Russia, the Netherlands, Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and South Africa.

Imperial College has now been activated both as a Regional Coordinating Centre and as the UK National Coordinating Centre.

In the Netherlands, ethics approval has been obtained, the contract is being finalised and the investigator meeting is scheduled for March 10th in Utrecht. In South Africa similar progress has been made and in the remaining countries contracts are under negotiation. All excellent progress and now, at last, we get the feeling the show is finally on the road! Ironically, in the UK, we have to negotiate with ourselves for the RCC to contract with NCC albeit that the University is the RCC and the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust (the hospital) is acting as the NCC!

For the IT systems it is easier to use a cloud-based system rather than installing programmes on a separate server. If sites (rather than the NCC) are undertaking the follow up (Netherlands, Czech Republic, Poland), the sites may prefer not to use the participant communicator, as the disadvantages (training, admin, systems are in English) outweigh the benefits, such as being able to send questionnaires electronically and contacting large numbers of patients at once. This can be discussed further once contracts have been signed.

All the training manuals are in English and we would like to know whether this is likely to cause problems?

We are hoping that the UK will recruit its first patient before the end of February, but we still have a few hurdles to jump before then.

We will continue to update you all as the study progresses.

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