

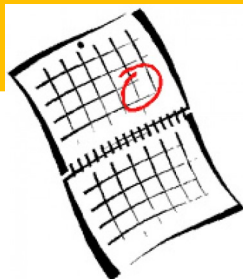
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Date for your diary:

The next Trial site teleconference will be held on **Friday 30th April, 2.30pm.**

We look forward to speaking with you then!



CHAPS Restart!

Compression Hosiery to Avoid Post thrombotic Syndrome (CHAPS) is an NIHR HTA funded trial designed to measure the difference in incidence of post-thrombotic syndrome (PTS) after first, acute DVT between standard clinical care (anticoagulation) and the intervention arm (a graduated compression stocking and the standard clinical care).

The following sites are now open to recruitment:

- **Hampshire Hospitals NHS Trust (PI: Dr Tamara Everington)**
- **Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust (PI: Professor Beverley Hunt)**
- **Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (PI: Mr Shiva Dindyal)**
- **Imperial College Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (PI: Professor Alun Davies)**
- **London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust (PI: Miss Sophie Renton)**
- **Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust (PI: Dr Anja Drebes)**

Now that the pandemic is easing and the restrictions are being lifted, we look forward to welcoming sites back on board. Please do let Sarrah know if you require refresher training.

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Interview...

David Brae experienced his first DVT in January 2012 following surgery. He currently sits on the CHAPS Trial Steering Committee as a patient representative and provides helpful input across all areas of the study.

Tell us a bit about yourself

I'm a powerlifting priest in the CofE based in Bolton. I've had a DVT and PE and so I'm on blood thinners for the rest of my life, but it's not stopped me from enjoying life (and powerlifting). I'm married and have two fantastic children aged 6 and 7 and a rather crazy dog called Yogi who has an untold passion for eating socks.

Why do you think it is important for researchers to involve patients and members of the public in clinical research?

This is an opportunity to make a difference for people. Ultimately the effectiveness of any clinical trial is dependent upon the patients to help

provide a future for how best to care for people who have thrombosis. Involving patients means you can give care that will help future patients.

What do you enjoy about being the PPI representative for the CHAPS trial?

For me this has always been about helping those in the future. The reality is that thrombosis kills far more people than most other illnesses- being involved with the CHAPS trial means that I am actively helping others indirectly improve their life chances.



Is there any advice you would give to people thinking of getting involved in PPI?

Be honest, trust the process. Don't be afraid, you are making a difference not only for yourself but for many, many others in the future.



If you would like to get involved as a PPI
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UPDATES

RECRUITMENT

Twenty participants have been recruited to date! Table 1 displays screening and recruitment at all sites to date. Please remember to update the screening log on REDCap on a weekly basis.

Thank you to all sites for all your work during these difficult times!

Congratulations to the team at Basildon who recruited their first participant on 13/04/2021 and their second on 14/04/2021!

Well done to Lawrence and the Imperial team for recruiting the most number of participants to date!

We will be seeking permission from the NIHR to recruit beyond 01/11/2021—we will notify you once this has been confirmed.

NEW SITES

We are currently in the process of setting up the East Cheshire NHS Trust (PI: Dr Imran Ansari) - we look forward to welcoming them on board!

We are looking for additional sites to recruit to CHAPS. If you know of any potential PIs/study teams, please feel free to share this newsletter and ask them to contact us on the details below!

PROTOCOL PAPER

The CHAPS protocol paper has now been published in the BMJ Open.

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/11/4/e044285.full>

Well done to all involved!

Site	Number screened	Number recruited
Imperial	63	9
Basildon	2	2
Hampshire	81	5
Guy's and St Thomas'	9	1
Birmingham	20	2
King's College Hospital	0	0
Northwick Park	8	1
Total	183	20

Table 1: Screening and recruitment to date

RECENT AMENDMENTS

Several recent amendments have been communicated:

- CRF V2.0: Now captures information on COVID-19 at baseline—***if possible, please complete this information retrospectively for all participants recruited to date.***
- Resource use questionnaire v3.0: Now captures remote consultations.
- PIS v4.0: Now includes information on COVID-19 to alleviate participant concern about attending the hospital environment.
- Remote consent and follow-up: Consent can now be obtained remotely if appropriate.

A list of up to date study documents are now available for download on the Imperial College website. If you choose to download these please ensure that you add your local site headers to anything that will be given to potential participants.

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/departmentsurgery-cancer/research/surgery/clinical-trials/chaps-trial/>

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