

**CHAPS Trial – GP Information**

<< DATE >>

Dr Name Patient Study Number:

GPAddress1

GPAddress2

GPAddress3

GPPostCode

Dear Dr

***Re: Compression Hosiery to Avoid Post-Thrombotic Syndrome (CHAPS)***

A multicentre UK-wide research study, funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), Health Technology Assessment programme, is investigating whether the regular use of a compression stocking after deep vein thrombosis (DVT) in the leg, prevents long-term pain, swelling and ulceration compared to standard of care.

Your patient ………………………………… has been diagnosed with a DVT and has consented to participate in the trial at ……………………………….. hospital. They were randomised to receive standard care alone / standard care plus compression stocking (*delete as appropriate*). The standard care arm comprises of an anticoagulant regime as per the treating clinician. Treatment guidelines for DVT do not currently include the use of compression stockings. The aim of CHAPS is to confirm whether there is a real benefit of wearing stockings in addition to the standard treatment for DVT.

Your patient will be asked to wear compression stockings for the duration of the trial (range 6 – 30 months). After the trial, patients do not need to wear their stockings / Please ensure that you do not prescribe your patient compression stockings for the duration of the trial (range 6 – 30 months) (*delete as appropriate*).

Your patient will be reviewed in clinic at set time-points throughout the duration of the trial to determine if there has been any incidence of post-thrombotic syndrome (PTS), occurrence of adverse events, completion of health questionnaires and resource use.

This letter is simply to inform you that your patient has joined the study and participation in the trial should not result in any significant extra work for you or your team.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of our trial, or require any further details, please do not hesitate to contact the CHAPS Study Office on XXXXXX or the local principal investigator on XXXXXXX.

Yours sincerely,

CHAPS Research nurse