

Welcome to 2008!

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"Stroke Inpatient Rehabilitation Reinforcement of Walking Speed"

SIRROWS Update

Happy New Year! We hope the year has started well for all of you.

Welcome to new study personnel! Many of our active sites have been training new therapists and coordinators to continue the work of employees who have moved on. Please let Prudence know if any of your new personnel are missing from the email list. Feel free to forward this newsletter to other colleagues not on the email list.

We begin 2008 with more than 80 subjects enrolled in SIRROWS. Almost 50 subjects have completed the intervention phase of the study and several have completed follow-up evaluations.

SIRROWS will continue enrolling subjects until at least June/July, so keep recruiting!

Updates for Database users

"Complete" forms

Remember to select YES to the question, "Is the form complete?" when you are submitting data (unless of course, the form is *not complete*). If you submit a completed data form and do not indicate that the data form is "complete", you will see an "I" symbol on the patient status page (instead of a check mark ✓). To adjust your form, simply change your response to YES and submit again. This should update the patient status page.

Missing data

The study coordinator has recently been in correspondence with some of you regarding missing data points. Please try to make sure that all applicable forms for each time point are completed for each subject. We realize it is not always easy to enter data immediately, but please try to update your entries on a regular basis. Please contact the study coordinator if you have any questions.

THE NUMBERS...

Total subjects
enrolled:
82

Number of subjects
discharged:
(intervention complete)
49

Number of sites with
randomized subjects:
13

British Medical Council Scale

A few of the sites have asked for a copy of the British Medical Council Scale. A data form for this scale has been uploaded to the website. To access the form, click 'LINKS' button in top right corner of database home page; file name: *Data form-MMT*.

Got questions?

Email the study coordinator:
sirrows@gmail.com

Q & A

Q.

After one of my subjects failed to show up for his 3-month follow-up evaluation, I found out that he had suffered another stroke about two weeks ago. His walking has significantly declined as a result of the new stroke. Should I drop him from the study, or should I reschedule his 3-month follow-up evaluation?

A.

In this case, don't worry about rescheduling him for any further follow-up. It would be helpful though if under the walking speed data form for the 3-month assessment, you made some brief notes in the "Comments" section explaining this so we know why it was not performed. Then, for the question on this form, "Is the Form Complete?", select NO, then SUBMIT. Don't worry about any of the other data forms for this time point for this patient.

Want to learn more
about clinical trials?
Visit

www.clinicaltrials.gov

Other SIRROWS news...

American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine & American Society of Neurorehabilitation Joint Conference, 2007

The concept of our clinical trials network for testing neurorehabilitation interventions was presented in a poster at the recent ACRM-ASNR joint conference, held in Washington D.C. in October, 2007.

You can view the abstract online at: www.archives-pmr.org 2007;88(10):e23 "Establishing a Network for Conducting Multicenter Trials of Neurorehabilitation Interventions" (Poster 62)

RECRUITMENT HEROS!

We would like to acknowledge some of our teams who are doing an outstanding job of

recruiting subjects and entering data:

- **Dr. Mauro Comola** and team, Italy
- **Dr. Guiseppe Galardi** and team, Italy
- **Dr. Gülçin Kaymak Karataş** and team, Turkey

Thank you to ALL of our investigators, blinded assessors, treating therapists, and helpers!

Welcome!

This month we welcome the team from **Helen Hays Hospital, NY**, who have brought together their SIRROWS team and are now ready to begin recruiting!

Welcome to **Dr. Jason Greenberg** (investigator), **Jacqueline Velez** (blinded assessor), **Laura Tenteromano** (site coordinator) and colleagues!

Renewing your IRB approval?

If you need information for your institutional IRB renewal, please contact the study coordinator (sirrows@gmail.com).