

Recruitment  
continues!

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*"Stroke Inpatient Rehabilitation Reinforcement of Walking Speed"*

## SIRROWS Update

Recruitment and subject enrollment is continuing to go very well. Since the first update of the New Year, our sites have enrolled another 21 subjects, another 25 have completed discharge assessments, and 4 more sites have randomized their first subjects!

We have been doing some checks of the data and recently the coordinator has contacted some of you regarding site-specific queries. Database users, please read the notes below and remember to update the discharge date on the Patient Entry page. Remember, the blinded assessor who is conducting the discharge assessments does not have access to the Patient Entry page to update this date! You may want to request your blinded assessor sends a reminder to the PI when the discharge assessments have been completed so the date can be updated.

## Updates for Database users

### Updating the discharge date!

Please remember to update the Date of Discharge on the **Patient Entry** page when a person is discharged. To do this, enter the date of discharge and hit "submit" again. This will save the change.

***Remember, the blinded assessor does not have access to the Patient Entry page to update the discharge date when the discharge assessments are complete, the PI must update it!***

### Assessment Dates

Please double check the date for which you are entering assessment data is correct. Also check that the timepoint (e.g. admission, 2-week, discharge) is correct. If you navigate to the data entry pages directly from the Patient Status page, then the timepoint will be selected automatically – just remember to fill the date!

## THE NUMBERS...

Total enrolled:  
**103**  
(Feb: 82)

Number of subjects  
discharged:  
(intervention complete)  
**74**  
(Feb: 49)

Number of sites with  
randomized subjects:  
**17**  
(Feb: 13)

### Missing Data

Thank you for updating the missing data! It is helpful when the data forms are up to date!

### Lost patients?

If you have lost track of patients or they have been withdrawn for some reason, please use the comments section on a relevant data form (e.g. where an assessment was due but not performed) to explain and select NO to "Is the form complete".

## Q & A

**Q.**

The SIRROWS blinded observer at (our site) has left abruptly due to illness. She has recorded gait velocity data on paper for some of our subjects. She is no longer available to enter data electronically, and I do not have her password. Is it permissible for (the PI) to enter the data she measured using my password? A new person is starting in position next week, so we should be able to continue with the study.

**A.**

The issue with you logging in to enter data is that you can see group assignment, which I realize may not matter if you are just entering the data that's already recorded on paper. However, it would be preferable to wait for the new person to enter it. It won't be a problem if the data is not entered for a week or so.

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## Other important updates and news...

### Errors when enrolling subjects

There were a couple of investigators who reported receiving an error message when trying to enroll new patients recently. While we believe this problem has been fixed now, please contact the study coordinator immediately if this problem occurs for you.

### New team members?

Do you have any new members on your team? Are they on the SIRROWS email list?

Please send the names and email addresses of any new members to your team to the study coordinator so that they will receive important study correspondence!

### Apologies...

Apologies for the typographical errors in the last SIRROWS newsletter:

- Dr. Giuseppe Galardi, one of our "Recruitment Heroes" had his name misspelt.
- Also misspelt was Helen Hayes Hospital, our new team last issue.

Sorry!

## Another welcome!

This month we welcome the team from the [Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island](#), lead by **Dr. Stephen Mernoff** and **Jacqueline Brennan**. Also in their team is **Suzanne Riley**.

### Got questions?

Email the study coordinator:  
[sirrows@gmail.com](mailto:sirrows@gmail.com)

### **Renewing your IRB approval?**

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