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# SIRROWS Newsletter

*Recruitment continues!*

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(login required)  
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*"Stroke Inpatient Rehabilitation Reinforcement of Walking Speed"*

## SIRROWS Update

Three more sites have randomized their first subjects since the last issue of this newsletter: **All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Dehli, India, St. Mauritius Therapieklinik, Düsseldorf, Germany, and Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island.** Congratulations!

For your interest, an updated list of investigators and sites participating in SIRROWS is provided on page 3.

The rate of recruitment remains at about 10 new patients per month. We currently anticipate continuing to enroll new subjects until Dec 15, 2008 – so keep it up! We should have close to 100 in each treatment group by the target date in December if the current enrollment rate continues.

### THE NUMBERS...

Total enrolled:  
**124**  
(Apr: 103)

Number of subjects discharged:  
(intervention complete)  
**95**  
(Apr: 74)

Number of sites with randomized subjects:  
**20**  
(Feb: 17)

## News and Reminders!

### CURRENT PROBLEMS WITH THE DATABASE

We have recently been experiencing some problems with display of some database pages. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience. It should be resolved very soon. In the meantime, you may find that you are able to get the pages displayed if you return to the Home page and re-enter the database. Please let us know if you continue to experience problems with data entries.

### Clinicaltrials.gov

The SIRROWS register at [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov) has recently been updated.

To locate SIRROWS in the register, enter "SIRROWS" in the Search Clinical Trials search box. (Some recent updates might not yet be reflected in the register.)

*ClinicalTrials.gov is a great resource for your team to learn more about clinical trials!*

### World Congress for NeuroRehabilitation, Brazil, Sept 2008

SIRROWS will be featured in a poster to be presented at the upcoming WCNR in Brazil:

*"Feasibility of collaborative multi-center trials in neurorehabilitation"*

*(Plummer-D'Amato, Nenov, Dobkin, and the World Federation for NeuroRehabilitation)*

## Q & A

**Q. Our observer notes on the website that it seems like times should be rounded to the nearest second. Is this true?**

**A.** No, when you're entering the time for the walking speed assessment you can enter the milliseconds as decimal places. In the 3 min walk data, you can enter decimal places for the distances, but the "total" (which is automatically calculated as you enter numbers) will only show a whole number. This is okay because in the file that the data gets downloaded into, I can recalculate very easily and get the true total (not the rounded total).

**Q. At the discharge and post-discharge evaluations, should the two 15m walks and the 3' walk be done all together in 1 session? Is there a standard rest time between these tasks? Therapists are concerned about fatigue effect.**

**A.** The time between assessments is entirely up to the discretion of the therapist. I understand the concern of fatigue. So, no, they do not need to be completed on the same day/in the same session if there isn't time or if doing so would detrimentally affect the patient's performance. Your assessors are welcome to use the Comments section on the data forms to record information like this. It might be easier for the post-discharge assessments (if the person has come back to visit specifically) to do all the assessments in one session, in which case, rest as long as necessary between tests.

**Q. I have recently had two of our subjects withdraw from the study. Where do I go online to document patient attrition/withdrawal from the study? Both withdrew from the study during their inpatient stay, so we never did a discharge walking assessment or falls diary, etc.**

**A.** For each patient, go to the walking speed assessment form for the discharge time point, enter the date that the person withdrew as the date of the assessment. You can leave the data fields blank, but in the Comments section, write a statement explaining that the patient withdrew during the intervention phase (you can indicate a reason if possible) -- be sure to indicate that the discharge assessment was NOT completed. Then, for the question regarding "Is the form complete?", select "NO", then submit it. This way, when we're processing the data, we'll know why there is no discharge (or subsequent follow up) data.

## Another welcome!

In this issue we are pleased to welcome another new site to SIRROWS: **St. Mauritius Therapieklinik, Düsseldorf, Germany.**

Welcome **Dr. Klaus-Martin Stephan; Birgit Köpping, & Julia Bohland.**

As you saw on page 1, they have already randomized their first subject! Well done!

**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)).*

**Want to learn more about clinical trials?**

**Visit**

[www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov)

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