

# RAPID-I TRIAL NEWSLETTER

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Randomised treatment of Acute Pancreatitis  
with Infliximab: Double-blind multi-centre trial

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## HELLO AND WELCOME TO THE FIRST RAPID-I TRIAL NEWSLETTER!

We all hope that you had a wonderful Christmas holiday season in 2019!

Thank you to all of the research teams for their continued time and effort in setting-up RAPID-I at their site, with a view to open to recruitment as soon as possible in 2020. We appreciate the motivation and commitment for this hugely important trial up and down the country. Each research site receiving this newsletter may be in a slightly different phase, either continuing to recruit patients, nearing the final stages of site set-up, or perhaps beginning site set-up. Please do not hesitate to pick up the phone and contact the trial team should you have any queries. The first trial patient is always the most challenging, but subsequent patients are much, much easier. We are delighted to be recruiting patients are looking forward to opening a number of research sites at the start of 2020!

*Best wishes from the RAPID-I Trial Team*



## RECRUITMENT AND SITES

RAPID-I opened to recruitment on 24<sup>th</sup> April at the **Royal Liverpool University Hospital**. We have since completed **site training visits** at a number of hospitals nationally:

Northern  
General  
Hospital  
(Sheffield)

University  
Hospital  
Aintree  
(Liverpool)

Imperial  
College  
Healthcare  
NHS Trust

John  
Radcliffe  
Hospital  
(Oxford)

Aberdeen  
Royal  
Infirmary

St James'  
University  
Hospital  
(Leeds)

Congratulations to  
the team at the  
**Royal Liverpool  
University Hospital**  
who have recruited  
**three** patients so  
far!

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We are still looking for  
new **secondary**, or **tertiary**  
care hospitals to take part  
in the trial - if you know  
of any interested sites or  
Investigators, please get  
in touch with the RAPID-I  
team!

# SITE INCLUSION CRITERIA – PATIENT RECRUITING

- Secondary or tertiary care NHS Hospital providing adult A&E, Gastroenterology and General Surgical services
- Gastroenterology services with expertise in biologic therapies
- Principal Investigator (emergency medicine physician, gastroenterologist or surgeon/physician responsible for management of acute pancreatitis patients)
- Pharmacy Department or separate biologics preparation area with capacity and capability to prepare the trial infusion with **36 hours of onset of the patient's abdominal pain**

## Site Greenlight Checklist

- Copy of delegation log to include the minimum required personnel (PI, Lead Research Nurse and Unblinded Research Nurse, Trial Pharmacist/Technician)
- CVs and GCPs for all delegated staff included on the log, signed and dated within the last three years
- Completed site suitability assessment questionnaire
- Confirmation of Capacity & Capability in England, or R&D approval in Scotland
- Agreed & executed Research Site Agreement



All secondary care centres must have the capacity and capability to transfer patients to a participating tertiary care centre with whom the secondary care centre is networked

## Investigator's Meeting Liverpool April 2020

In April 2020 we plan to hold a Principal Investigators meeting in Liverpool. The purpose of the meeting will be for Investigators and Research Nurses to share their valuable experience of running RAPID-I at their respective sites with other Investigators and research teams at all stages (recruiting and in set-up).

Invites will be sent to research teams in the new year!



## Liverpool Clinical Trials Christmas Closure

The LCTC office is closed from 5pm on the **20th December 2019** and re-opens 2nd January 2020.

There will be office cover available on 27th December for the management of safety reporting and dealing with other urgent enquiries.

If you have an enquiry requiring a response on 27th December please either call **0151 795 8759** or alternatively email [grace.thomas@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:grace.thomas@liverpool.ac.uk) and [abib@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:abib@liverpool.ac.uk)

The IS helpdesk is available on working days throughout the closure period (Mon – Fri excluding bank holidays). Telephone **0845 68 00 951**.

If you experience issues with the randomisation system during the Christmas period, please use one of the **back-up randomisation envelopes** provided!

THANK YOU!

The RAPID-I Trial Team would like to express our thanks to all of the research teams across the UK that continue to work on the trial, not only in contributing to patient recruitment but also those teams that are working to set-up RAPID-I at their site. Have an enjoyable Christmas break!

