



# OSCAR



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## Newsletter 5 – July 2009

### TRIAL UPDATE

**184 patients have been recruited to date**

#### OSCAR RESEARCH NURSE DAY OXFORD 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009

We were delighted to welcome our OSCAR Research Nurses to Oxford on 9<sup>th</sup> June!

The day began with an overview of recruitment. This was followed by presentations covering how OSCAR worked locally in ICUs. The first was from Margi Jenkins (Royal United Hospital Bath), the second from Abu Karim (University College Hospital London). Many thanks to Margi and Abu!



In the afternoon, the focus was on advanced HFOV training in the simulation suite.

Thank you all for attending, it was very good to see you!

Picture Above (from left):  
Nicki Haskins from Cardiff  
Margi Jenkins from Bath  
Karen Burt from Truro  
Non Williams OSCAR Trainer  
Janice Grant from Stirling  
Abu Karim from UCH London



Picture Left (from left):  
Laura Ortiz-Ruiz de Gordoia from Brighton  
Stella Evison from Manchester  
Jo Quinton OSCAR Trainer (back)  
Danni Shanmugan from Medway



See over...

Our thanks go to the following Research Nurses for all their hard work on the OSCAR trial, we wish them the best of luck for the future:

Below from left: Nicola Donlin (Derriford Hospital, Plymouth), Sarah Lowes (Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton), Jane Taylor (Aberdeen Royal Infirmary)



**Thank you!**



## 'TRAINING THE TRAINERS' DAYS



In addition to our Research Nurse Day, OSCAR held two, 2-day, training events (April 16-17<sup>TH</sup>, and June 11-12<sup>th</sup>) with nurses attending from:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ❖ Medway Maritime           | ❖ Stirling Royal               |
| ❖ Royal United, Bath        | ❖ John Radcliffe, Oxford       |
| ❖ Selly Oak/QEH, Birmingham | ❖ Royal Cornwall, Truro        |
| ❖ Manchester Royal          | ❖ QEH, Gateshead               |
| ❖ Wrexham Maelor            | ❖ University of Wales, Cardiff |
|                             | ❖ UCH, London                  |

Thank you all for taking the time to attend.....we hoped you enjoyed your Pizza night out with us!



If you are in one of the sites listed above and want to know more about the Vision Alpha, you now have a wealth of knowledge locally!  
Your Research Nurse *and* your 'training-trainers'!



Patients may be suitable for OSCAR if they meet the following criteria:

- Aged 16 or over
- Weigh at least 35kg
- Are receiving artificial ventilation via an ET or tracheostomy tube
- Have been mechanically ventilated for LESS than 7 consecutive days (168 hours) at the point of randomisation
- Are not predicted to be extubated by tomorrow evening
- Have acute hypoxaemic respiratory failure as defined by bilateral infiltrates on a chest x-ray and a PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub> of less than or equal to 26.7kPa.

If you think you have a suitable patient talk to your OSCAR lead or OSCAR nurse in your ICU.

If you would like to talk anything through, give us a call at the OSCAR Trial Office 01865 220614.

**KEEPING A LOOKOUT  
FOR SUITABLE PATIENTS**