



# OSCAR

High Frequency OSCillation in ARDS

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## Newsletter 3 – NOVEMBER 2008

### TRIAL UPDATE

**88 PATIENTS HAVE BEEN RECRUITED TO DATE**

### CENTRES UPDATE

As at the 1<sup>st</sup> November, there are 11 centres able to recruit to the OSCAR trial, these are:

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| 1  | Aberdeen Royal Infirmary        | 2  | Derriford Hospital, Plymouth           |
| 3  | John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford | 4  | Manchester Royal Infirmary             |
| 5  | Medway Maritime Hospital, Kent  | 6  | Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton |
| 7  | Royal United Hospital, Bath     | 8  | University College Hospital, London    |
| 9  | University Hospitals Birmingham | 10 | University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff  |
| 11 | Wrexham Maelor Hospital         |    |  |

We are happy to welcome the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Gateshead as a recruiting site from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008.

### QUERIES ON POTENTIAL PATIENTS

Patients for the trial are those:

- Aged 16 or over
- 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.
- Who weigh at least 35kg

If you have any queries, regarding the eligibility of a patient, please call the OSCAR trial office on 01865 220614 during office hours, or 07825 733 953 outside office hours.

### DATA UPDATE

Thank you for all of the data received to date. We currently have 97% complete data. Please could you send in all data to the trial office as soon as possible. The data has recently been reviewed by the trial's Data Monitoring and Ethics Committee who were happy with the data to date.

### STAFF UPDATE

There have been a few changes in the trial office since our last newsletter. Joanne Quinton an experienced nurse trainer has joined the trial team as a HFOV Trainer and Co-ordinator. Jo is a Paediatric nurse who gained a BSc (Hons) in Cell & Molecular Biology, followed by a PhD in Immunology. Jo has been working as a practice nurse investigating neonatal immunology, and then training medical students. Jo works part-time and will be joined by Non Williams, an ICU nurse, in December.



## TRAINING DAYS

Units have asked for more training on the Vision Alpha ventilator used in the trial. We have therefore arranged central training days in Oxford that will briefly revise the purpose and evidence for the OSCAR trial. The training will cover how to set up the oscillator, how to place patients on the oscillator, how to manage them and return them to conventional ventilation.

These training days come with 5 CPD points from the Royal College of Anaesthetists and are free to attend. The trial covers the costs of travel and a light lunch is provided.

The next courses to be run will be at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford from 10.30-3.30 on  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

If you would like to book a place, please contact Deirdre on 01865 220614.



## UKCRN PORTFOLIO

We have recently contacted all local clinical research network offices to let them know the OSCAR trial is recruiting in their area.

Please be assured that all patients recruited to the trial are uploaded each month onto the UKCRN system. This information is important to Trusts and local clinical research networks as the UKCRN portfolio is a national data resource which assists in the management and allocation of NHS infrastructure funding. In return, this ensures access to NHS service support costs (e.g. pathology and radiology) and NHS infrastructure support (e.g. study promotion, recruitment, follow-up etc) for individual Trusts.



## OSCAR WEBSITE

The trial website is updated every time a patient is recruited – take a look to find out the latest recruitment figures, access the trial protocol & other information.

[www.oscar-trial.org.uk](http://www.oscar-trial.org.uk)

## ICS SOA MEETING

Members of the OSCAR trial team will be on the ICS Trials Group stand at the ICS SOA meeting in London on 15-16<sup>th</sup> December. Come and see us.

## CLINICAL and TECHNICAL SUPPORT

There is support available when managing a patient on HFOV in the OSCAR trial.

### Technical Support

Please contact Inspiration Healthcare if you have any concerns about the function of your vision alpha ventilator on **0116 235 1010**.

### Clinical Support

From **8am-5pm**, please contact the OSCAR trial office on **01865 220614**.  
Outside these hours for **URGENT clinical enquiries**: mobile **07825 733953**.



## USEFUL TRIAL CONTACT DETAILS:

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