



OSCAR



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TRIAL UPDATE

215 patients have been recruited to date

***OSCAR HFOV TRAINING IN THE OXSIM CENTRE* (JOHN RADCLIFFE HOSPITAL)**

Due to popular demand we are pleased to announce the next round of dates for OSCAR HFOV training in Oxford. Each one day courses will be run in the purpose-built OxSim Centre (www.oxsim.ox.ac.uk) which is a medical simulation centre with medium fidelity patient simulators & excellent audiovisual capabilities. Would you like to join us to...

- ❖ Work through the OSCAR treatment algorithms using sample blood gases (via interactive Smart Board technology)?
- ❖ Share your experiences of using HFOV in own clinical practice & learn from the experiences of others?
- ❖ Work through the management of a patient on HFOV via patient scenarios using a SimMan (undertaken in small groups with live broadcast to the other attendees observing in the seminar room)?
- ❖ Share experiences of a SimMan scenario at the debriefing sessions allowing both group discussion but also an opportunity for feedback?

Wednesday 21st October 2009

Friday 23rd October 2009

Wednesday 2nd December 2009

Friday 29th January 2010

Monday 22nd February 2010

There are only 12 places available for each training day so please book early to avoid disappointment. There is no charge to attend, and OSCAR will cover your 2nd class travel expenses. **Contact the OSCAR office for further details and to reserve a place on (01865) 220614 or OSCAR.Trial@nda.ox.ac.uk**

***OSCAR ANNUAL COLLABORATOR'S MEETING* (Tuesday 27th October 2009)**

Have you reserved your place for the OSCAR Annual Collaborator's Meeting? Would you like to join us in London to discuss important issues such as recruitment to the trial, clinical & ventilator updates. The afternoon session will include talks on relevant topics including H1N1 & the flu pandemic. There is no charge to attend, and OSCAR will cover your 2nd class travel expenses. **Contact the OSCAR office for further details & to reserve a place on (01865) 220614 or OSCAR.Trial@nda.ox.ac.uk**

WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW OSCAR SITES

We would like to welcome both the General ICU at Stirling Royal Infirmary & the Cardiac Surgery ICU at Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Stirling Royal Infirmary joined OSCAR in July 2009 after receiving the ventilator from Aberdeen. The unit randomised their first patient in last month. The Cardiac Surgery ICU at Manchester Royal Infirmary joined OSCAR in September 2009 and will be sharing a ventilator based in the MRI General ICU.

WHO WILL BECOME OUR LATEST OSCAR SITES?

As you are aware the OSCAR Trial was successful in receiving additional funding enabling us to purchase a further 10 Vision Alpha ventilator's. New sites will be going live in November 2009 but who are the new OSCAR sites?



All will be revealed in our next OSCAR Newsletter...

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 & a PaO₂/FiO₂ of less than or equal to 26.7kPa.*

**KEEPING A LOOKOUT
FOR SUITABLE
PATIENTS**

If you think you have a suitable patient talk to your OSCAR lead or OSCAR nurse. Please do not hesitate to contact the OSCAR Trial office if you would like to discuss a potential patient on (01865) 220614.