## **ARTIC PC** - Antibiotics for lower Respiratory Tract Infection in Children presenting in Primary Care JUNE 2017 Newsletter 8





## AGAIN AS IT WARMS UP (or should be doing) CONSIDER IF YOUR IMP WILL OVERHEAT—DO YOU NEED TO MOVE IT SOMEWHERE COOLER NOW? PLEASE COMPLETE A NEW IMP STORAGE RISK ASESSMENT IF YOU DO

(and send it to us for authorisation) May recruitment by numbers was the same as April in total but more into the trial compared to the study (3 and 2) remember both the OSAC Trial (Oral Steroids for Acute Cough) and the 3C (Cough Complications Cohort) Study found that eligible patients continued to present throughout the warmer months: at about half the winter rate, but consistently nevertheless. We're confident that patients are still out there. Please do keep looking and recruiting the medicines have cost us (to date) £52,973 with only 12% used of what we have issued.

A big thank you to all of you who have recruited. Our internal pilot finished on 31<sup>st</sup> May and we were looking for 30 recruits we finished with 31. Phew! Plus the diaries are being completed well with 45 of the 50 currently due being returned – fantastic 90%. The parent interviews have shown us those who took part in the RCT have been overwhelmingly positive about their experiences. They were positive about how the GP explained the study to them in the first instance, the study materials and many have said that they would take part in an RCT in the future if they were asked. Many parents had not used a symptom booklet before and found it useful in terms of monitoring their child's illness and recovery in more detail. So keep recruiting (please of course)...



Southampton Centre News We will be here over the summer months so do find us if you have any questions.

Recruitment is now open and we have 22 sites 'at go' CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGHEST RECRUITERS IN MAY The Adam with 3 then Pound Hill with 2 WELL DONE All!

And we now have a total of 31 in the trial and 25 in the observational arm 40 Children have had throat swabs taken and 19 children have had blood taken. Not many x-rays though only 4. \*\*\*REMEMBER WE ARE NOT SHUTTING OVER THE SUMMER\*\*\*

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