

# ARTIC PC Newsletter

## Week Commencing 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

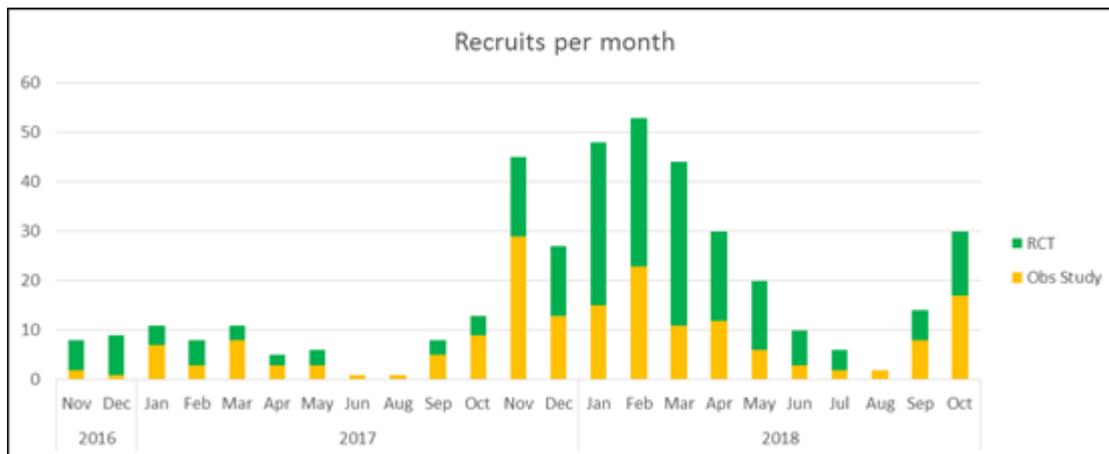
"the Winter season" is here and recruitment is building nicely! Thanks teams for all your efforts. The Southampton centre has got off to a fantastic start and we have some new sites joining us so I'm confident we will have a really good season.

We now have **410 RECRUITS** across all FOUR centres. Please try to recruit children into the RCT arm. Children age 6months -12 presenting with infective LRTI (that meet the inclusion/exclusion) can come in. The eligibility is broad the main exclusion criteria to consider are: Too ill/ Immune compromised/ Penicillin allergy/ Other CTIMP/ Non infective cough/ Abx in last 30 days.

Include a wide range as if only the sickest children get in to the project and we show that antibiotics help we will have done everyone a disservice since this will not help us target antibiotics or enable us to advise GPs not to prescribe in subgroups of children. Low prescribers are really not much more evidence based than high prescribers in this area (since there is virtually no evidence from trials in children) and we need to see if the common group of children who are prescribed antibiotics benefit and who do not benefit.

We are low on uptake of blood tests. We have had feedback and understand it is difficult. My colleague, Jo from Cardiff, put together a guide attached for the best technique.

Gilly, Trial Manager



### SOUTHAMPTON CENTRE

**!!!! November COMPETITION – Most recruits in November !!!!**

\*\*\*\* 🎃 🎃 *October winner 🎃 🎃 - THE ADAM PRACTICE - well done your efforts are really appreciated. Chocolates on their way \*\*\*\**



**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

1. Please check swabs and blood tubes for expiry dates
2. Please remember to fill in sample logistics on Research Online alongside your CRFs
3. Blood samples.....

If consented, apply some Ametop to the top of the finger. Do this early so the finger is definitely numb at the time of lancet prick. (put some clingfilm around to keep it in place). Do the blood test last of all.

Just before taking the sample, apply a small amount of paraffin to the finger. Perhaps also rub some around the top of the collection tube.

Squeeze the finger gently to allow a drops worth of blood to form and gently press this against the side of the collection tube.

Tap the tube so the blood slides down to the bottom.

Repeat.

You only need 0.5 ml of blood (about 10 drops).

4. It is impossible to setup a radiology agreement for hospitals in close proximity to every site. If you don't have one locally, you can remove the chest X-ray paperwork from your patient packs to avoid confusion. If you do have one approved then the patient takes the X-ray requisition and report form with them to hospital to be completed by the radiographer. Please make sure you have entered the necessary details on the form beforehand. It is important that they attend within 3 days please.  
Approved local ARTIC PC CXR Facility.....

<b>Salisbury NHS FT</b>
<b>UHS NHS FT</b> best if the patients telephones the department to make an appointment. Please ask them to ensure the admin team are aware they are part of the Arctic study to ensure they are x-rayed within the necessary timescale. Direct appointment line telephone number is 02381204191.
<b>Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust (QA)</b> Patient presents to the paediatric X-Ray department with the request form
<b>Poole Hospital NHS FT</b>