

**ECST-2** is an international randomised trial investigating the optimal treatment of patients with symptomatic or asymptomatic moderate or severe carotid stenosis at low or intermediate risk of future stroke. The trial compares the risks and benefits of treatment by modern optimised medical management alone versus the addition of immediate carotid surgery (or stenting) to optimised medical management.

INVESTIGATORS' MEETING	ECST-2 CENTRAL OFFICE TEAM
• There will be an Investigators' meeting on Friday 24 January 2014 at the Royal College of Physicians Regent's Park	<ul> <li>Chief Investigator: Prof Martin M Brown</li> <li>Clinical Research Fellow: Dr Fiona Kennedy</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>London UK.</li> <li>Staff from both enrolled centres and centres interested in joining ECST-2 are encouraged to attend</li> <li>We can contribute to reasonable travel expenses</li> <li>If you would like to attend please contact office@ecst2.com</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Trial Manager: Dr Roland L Featherstone</li> <li>Trial Administrator: Ms Esther Davies</li> <li>We welcome Ms Esther Davies to the team and extend our best wishes to Avani Shukla who is leaving us for a post at the Institute of Child Health. Please find contact details for the team at the end of newsletter. If you require any information for the trial please do not hesitate to contact the team.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>RECRUITMENT UPDATE</li> <li>We have now enrolled 6 centres to the trial and randomized 30 patients: There will be a reward for the centre that randomizes the most patients between now and the investigators meeting <ol> <li>UCLH:</li> <li>Sheffield Teaching Hospitals</li> <li>Cumberland Infirmary</li> <li>Nottingham University Hospitals</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>OTHER NEWS AND UPDATES</li> <li>New centres are welcome – we are still actively seeking new centres for ECST-2 - any queries about enrolment should be directed office@ecst2.com.</li> <li>Enrollment - We expect to enroll a further 10 centres in very near future including sites in France, the Netherlands and Switzerland.</li> <li>Website – Please visit our website for your interest and more information www.ecst-2.com</li> </ul>
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