

**Dear ECST-  
2 Investigators,**

We are pleased to send you the **December newsletter** for the ECST-2 .  
This newsletter contains important information about the study.

### **Trial management**

Firstly, we would like to **thank you for all efforts** for the study!  
As you know, all the correspondence can be sent to one of the trial managers Marina Maurer or Laurine van der Steen. All the centres have been divided between Marina and Laurine. If it is unclear who you should contact with questions or if you want to send the MoCa questionnaires, the distribution of the different centres is added as an attachment to this email. If you have any questions, please email Marina or Laurine. Finally, Katya Biggs is no longer available as trial manager and we thank her for the hard work for the ECST-2!

### **Imaging**

To make it easier to collect the imaging, we are in the process of setting up a central on-line digital store at UCH. When available, this will allow you to upload the MRI and other imaging files through the internet direct to the central store, instead of sending it to London on a disc by regular mail. In the meantime, if you have already prepared discs to post, please send them to the following address: For the attention of *Amanda Cheng, ECST-2 Office, Stroke Research Centre, Institute of Neurology, University College London, Box 6, The National Hospital, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG, UK*. Please email Amanda at the following address to tell her when you have posted the imaging: [amanda.cheng@nhs.net](mailto:amanda.cheng@nhs.net).

### **2-year Follow up**

In the coming period, the focus will be on completing the data for the 2- year follow up. The 2 year outcomes are the primary outcome and have the highest priority. We are well on the way. **The data is becoming more and more complete**. Thank you for your efforts so far.

### **Till 5-year Follow up**

As was mentioned in a previous newsletter, we want to collect patient data up to 5 years after inclusion. When it is possible due to COVID-19 and finances, please perform the 5 year brain MRI as well.

### **After 5-year Follow up**

We intend to collect patient data up to 5 years after inclusion. You do not need to follow up patients beyond 5 years.

### **SOP Lost to follow up**

We recently sent you the SOP lost to follow up for patients withdrawing consent or It has been added again as an attachment to this newsletter. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please contact your trial manager. **Let us aim for follow up data which is as complete as possible!**

#### **COVID 19**

Whenever possible, please continue with the study visits as they are scheduled in the trial protocol. We are aware that some activities for the study are more difficult to perform in these times. Try to catch up with follow up and 2-year and 5-year brain MRI as soon as circumstances permit. If anything is unclear, please contact the relevant trial manager Marina or Laurine. They are always happy to help you!

**Merry Christmas and a happy new year**





Kind Regards,

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