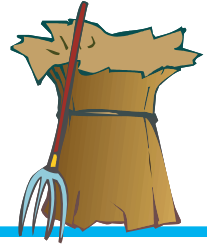




PD SURG NEWSLETTER

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BCTU has moved!



We are now located at:

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Form return rates

PDQ 39

Assessment	Received	TotalOverall	% Overall	% Now*
Baseline	355	366	97	97
1 Year	259	357	73	82

SF 36

Assessment	Received	TotalOverall	% Overall	% Now*
Baseline	274	285	96	96
1 Year	184	273	67	75

UPDRS

Assessment	Received	TotalOverall	% Overall	% Now*
Baseline	357	366	98	98
1 Year	251	357	70	80

Euroqol

Assessment	Received	TotalOverall	% Overall	% Now*
Baseline	355	366	97	97
1 Year	256	357	72	81

*The percentages for the 1 year data will improve as there is often a delay between the review date on the database and the date patients are seen in clinic.

We are currently chasing as much outstanding data from the 1 year forms as possible (and missing 1 year forms). This is to enable the statisticians to start the data cleaning process as soon as possible to help us to get the results out with the minimum delay.

If you will be unable to see any of your patients for their 1 year follow up appointments in a timely manner can you please let us know and we will post the questionnaires out to them.

Upcoming Meetings

PD SURG Collaborators' Meeting 2008



Save this date: The 2008 Collaborators' meeting will take place on the 8-9th May in Birmingham. The meeting will start with an evening session and dinner at the Jury's Inn followed by a morning and afternoon session at the Botanical Gardens. This meeting will be held jointly with the PD MED trial. We will be presenting results of the randomised comparison of immediate DBS surgery versus best medical therapy for the first time, before the results are presented publically at MDS 2008, Chicago. We will be sending out reservation forms in the new year.

PD SURG Nurses' Meeting.

The next PD SURG Nurses' meeting is currently being organised. Following requests from the last meeting we are planning to hold a DRS2 training session for part of the day. As soon as we have confirmed a date with the psychologist we will let you know.

PDNSA

We will have a stand for the PD MED trial and PD GEN DNA sample collection at the PDNSA meeting on the 1-2nd October in Birmingham, come and see us there!

DeNDRoN Support for PD GEN




We are starting to see an increase in recruitment to the other studies in the PD portfolio as DeNDRoN LRNs have come on line. Only a small proportion of PD SURG patients have contributed samples to PD GEN (a DNA bank for Parkinson's disease). If you are in an area that is covered by a DeNDRoN LRN, they can provide support to enroll PD SURG patients into PD GEN. We hope that this support will extend across the country in the new year once the CRNs get up and running.

Entering patients into PD GEN is a simple process, patients and carers (where possible) are consented for PD GEN and then asked to complete a quick questionnaire and provide a small blood sample.

If you would like any information about PD GEN or who to contact at DeNDRON to find out what support is available in your area, please contact Neil Winkles on 0121 415 9128 or pd-trials@bham.ac.uk.

DeNDRoN LRNs

East Anglia - Dr Andrew Tarbuck, North East - Prof. John O'Brien, North Thames - Dr Craig Ritchie, North West - Dr Jane Byrne, South Coast - Dr Clive Holmes, South West - Prof. Roy Jones, Thames Valley - Dr Rupert Mac Shane or www.DeNDRoN.org.uk

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