



# ABBRUPT NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2024



### A randomised controlled trial to investigate clinical and cost effectiveness of Amiodarone vs Beta Blockade for new onset atrial fibrillation in icU - a Pragmatic study

#### WELCOME

Welcome to the first ABBRUPT newsletter!

We will give you an update on the trial so far and provide some information you might find useful.

We have now been open to recruitment for 7 months and although we have had a slow start, we hope this will improve in the New Year.

#### MESSAGE FROM OUR CI

'It has been a year full of landmarks for the trial, as we opened our first sites and recruited our first patients. As we enter into 2025 we will be pushing for new sites to open and for recruitment to pick up. We are planning an amendment after listening to you, to help with recruitment and will keep you updated. Professor Whitehouse has recently taken a 6 month sabbatical and I (Dhruv Parekh) am stepping in as interim CI along with Deputy-CI, Ingeborg Welters. This should not effect anything at site level but please do contact us if you have any queries, we are here to help.'

'On behalf of Tony, Ingeborg, me and the ABBRUPT trial team we would like to thank every one of you for your continued support and we hope you have a peaceful and festive Christmas and Happy New Year.'

#### TRIAL UPDATE

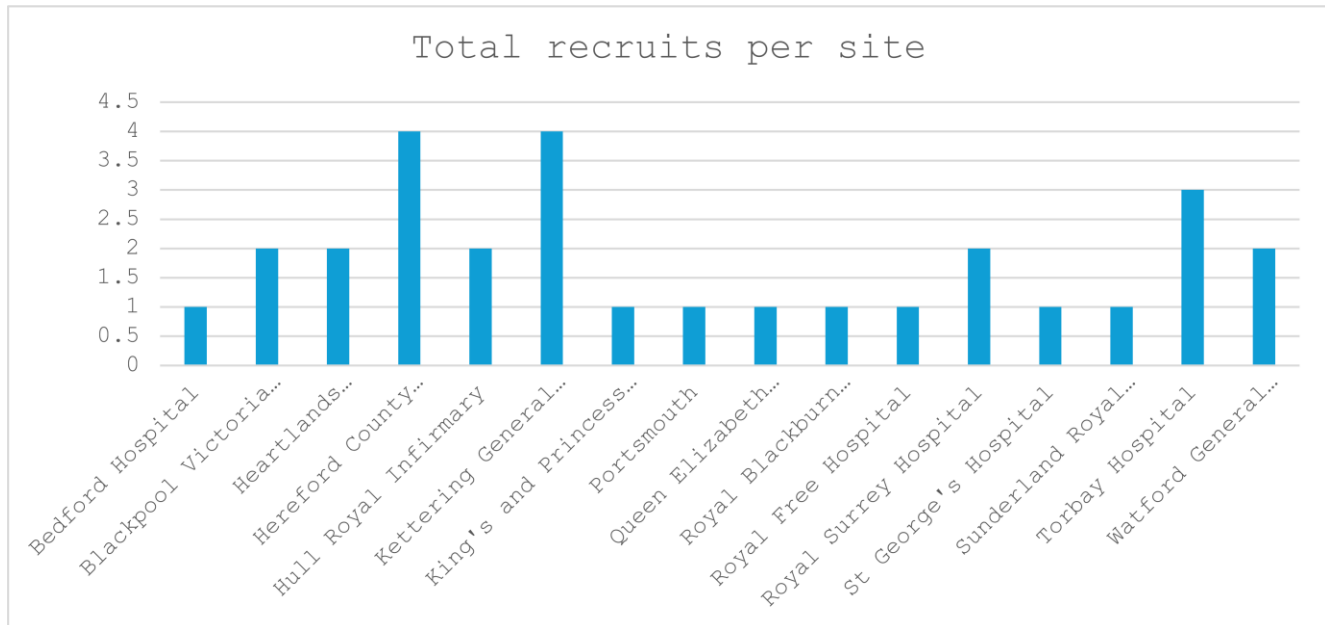
- A protocol amendment to align the inclusion/exclusion criteria with standard of care has been submitted to the Sponsor for review. The amendment also aims to streamline the training and delegated duties for those confirming eligibility and randomising only.
- The up to date list of trials that we can co-enrol to is on our website at [ABBRUPT - UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM](#).

#### SITES OPEN

Sites open to recruitment			
Sunderland Royal Hospital	Torbay Hospital	Darlington Memorial Hospital	Warrington
Watford General Hospital	Royal Surrey Hospital	Portsmouth	Chesterfield
Heartlands Hospital/Good Hope	Bedford Hospital	Hereford County Hospital	Leighton
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham	Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital	Luton & Dunstable University Hospital	Forth Valley
The Walton Centre	Blackpool Victoria Hospital	Hull Royal Infirmary	King's and Princess Royal
Rotherham Hospital	St George's Hospital	Pinderfields Hospital	Royal Liverpool
Kettering General Hospital	Royal Free Hospital	Leeds General & St James	

Total number of sites open as of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 = 30

## RECRUITMENT TABLE



Total number of participants recruited as of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 = 29

### DATES FOR THE DIARY!



- ★ **ABBRUPT Research Nurse Catch Up** sessions will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month. Get in touch with the trial team if you do not have the meeting details.
- ★ Please note, the University of Birmingham and trials unit are closed from **20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2025**. Expedited SAEs should continue to be reported to the ABBRUPT Trial Office within 24 hours of becoming aware of an event. This should be sent via email to the ABBRUPT inbox as this will be monitored over the Christmas break.



### DATA ENTRY TIPS!

- ★ Queries which need resolving can be found in the resolve issues tab on the left hand side of the REDCap homepage.
- ★ If you want to add additional information, leave the field blank which will prompt a query to be raised. The additional data can then be added when responding to the query.
- ★ Following a preliminary data review, our stats team have requested all missing data is completed with the 'UNK' missing data code going forward. This differs from the previous advice given, apologies for any confusion.
- ★ If a person's name does NOT appear in the dropdown list for confirming eligibility or form completion at randomisation this is because we do NOT have all their paperwork so they cannot confirm eligibility until this has been received by the trial team.
- ★ If a participant is discharged from ICU between baseline and day 7 complete the ICU discharge form and no further daily assessment forms.

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