

SOLVE TRIAL NEWSLETTER



*A randomised controlled trial of a Synthetic Osmotic cervical dilator for induction of Labour
in comparison to dinoprostone Vaginal insErt:*

the SOLVE trial

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Recruitment Update (up to 28th February 2020)

A total of 28 participants were recruited last month, which means there was a shortfall of just 2 recruits. However by way of an incentive we are able to give away some Love 2 Shop vouchers to those who manage to recruit over and above their monthly target! Vouchers will be subject to availability, but we expect to have enough to cover the next 2-3 months.

Up to the end of February there has been a total of 616 participants randomised for SOLVE out of our target of 860. The table below details the breakdown of current recruitment at our active sites :

Site	Date Activated	Monthly Recruitment Target	Total Randomised Feb-2020	Total Randomised up to 28 th February 2020
Birmingham Women's Hospital	14-Dec-17	13	19	434
Birmingham Heartlands Hospital	03-Jan-19	4	3	62
Birmingham City Hospital	15-Jan-19	4	5	52
Princess Royal Hospital, Telford	17-Apr-19	6	1	68

Dilapan-S Insertion Training

We are aware that additional Dilapan-S training may be helpful for some clinicians. If this is the case at your site, Prof Gupta has a number of women every Friday morning (07:45-09:00hrs) on ward 7 at Birmingham Women's Hospital) where Dilapan is fitted for women undergoing termination of pregnancy. This is a good opportunity to observe and practice hands-on inserting Dilapan-S.

If you are interested in this opportunity then please contact Amanda Cotterill on solve@trials.bham.ac.uk who will be able to organise letters of access



Maternal Satisfaction Questionnaires

One of the most common issues sites have are not being able to catch the participants prior to discharge to collect the completed questionnaires.

Birmingham Women's Hospital have shared an idea which has proven to be very effective and that was to introduce a 'SOLVE' collection box and leave it on the postnatal ward reception so that midwives can pop the completed questionnaires into the box ready for collection by the research midwives. You could also, if local policy allows, add a SOLVE alert sheet on the front of the ladies notes around the time of discharge just to remind the post-natal midwives to ask for the completed questionnaires.

SOLVE Database Update

Another thank you for all your hard work in dealing with the outstanding data queries being sent out to sites prior to the data being cut. All your efforts in returning the data queries to be closed off are hugely appreciated! Although that will not be the end of the data queries at least we have managed to get rid of a humungous backlog.

