BioDrive AFS

Newsletter

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WELCOME FROM THE INVESTIGATORS

Dear BioDriveAFS colleagues,
I hope you are well and many thanks for your ongoing support of the trial. The NIHR were keen that we opened three more sites before the end of September 2024 and we have achieved that already! I thank all involved for their hard work and welcome our new sites and colleagues to this important trial in safely optimising antifungal prescribing. August is often tricky for research as people take their well-deserved holidays. If we can keep recruitment ticking over however, that would be great!

Have a great summer and all the best,
Gavin

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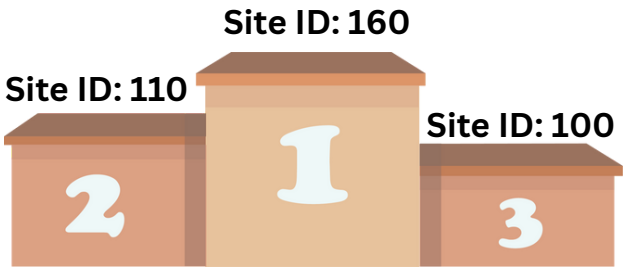
CRF Completion Rate Champions



Congratulations to the team at Site 160 who have the greatest average number of completed weekly and monthly forms (Monthly Hospital Forms, GM and BG Blood Tests Forms, Fungal Infection and Fungi Forms and Antifungals forms) per participant recruited.

Keep your eyes peeled for your prize which is on its way to you!

Please be reminded that a monthly **Antifungals Form** should be completed for all participants (Intervention & Control), regardless of whether or not they have received any antifungals during that time.

Similarly, **GM and BG Blood Test forms** should be completed on a weekly basis while a participant is receiving chemotherapy and is within the 'at risk' period for all participants (Intervention & Control), even if this will just be to confirm that e.g. no biomarker tests have been performed that week.

Investigators Day - Thank you!

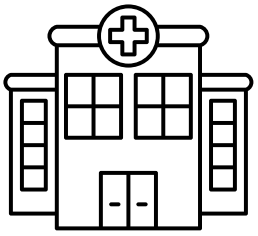
Many thanks to all who attended our latest Investigators Day, held on the 11th June.

The event featured a range of discussions, including a facilitated chat about running the trial at sites and talks surrounding drug-drug interactions and new acute leukaemia agents, and individualising fungal infection prevention.

The video recording of the session has now been uploaded onto the BioDriveAFS website and can be accessed by scanning the QR code or clicking here.

Scan Here:

Site Update



We currently have 12 sites open: Hull, Kings, Coventry, Mid Yorkshire, UCLH, Somerset, Imperial, Liverpool, Glan Clwyd, Birmingham, Exeter and Aberdeen.

There are two further sites in active set up (Sheffield and Leeds).

Recruitment Update

We have now successfully recruited 62 participants into the BioDriveAFS trial. If you or your site are experiencing any issues with recruitment and feel we may be able to help, please get in touch with the team (biodrive-group@york.ac.uk).

Site Investigator Meeting

Our next Site Investigator Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 24th September 2024**, between 1:00pm - 2:00pm via Microsoft Teams.

This is an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the trial and meet and communicate with the other participating sites.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Associate Principal Investigator (API) Scheme

The BioDrive AFS Trial is registered with the NIHR Associate PI scheme. The scheme aims to develop junior doctors, nurses and allied health professionals to become the PIs of the future. We are encouraging all sites to have APIs. Not only are there benefits to the API themselves, but several sites who have APIs in place are finding this resource valuable if research staff are redeployed.

To find out more information, please see the NIHR Website .

Support

Join our BioDriveAFS WhatsApp for fast track support and to keep each other updated, share stories and share tips and successes. Simply scan the QR code here using your mobile phone.

Wishing you all a great summer!

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