



**DRAFFT**  
Distal Radius Acute Fracture Fixation Trial

**Warwick**  
Medical School  
CLINICAL TRIALS UNIT

**A randomised controlled trial of percutaneous fixation with Kirschner wires versus Volar locking-plate fixation in the treatment of adult patients with a dorsally displaced fracture of the distal radius.**

## Centre Progress, Recruitment and Follow-up update

Centre	Total Recruited	Recruited in November
University Hospital Coventry	83	6
Ipswich Hospital	18	2
Royal Victoria, Newcastle	39	3
Frenchay Hospital	20	0
James Cook, Middlesbrough	18	0
North Staffordshire	15	0
St Thomas', London	15	1
John Radcliffe, Oxford	18	2
Addenbrookes, Cambridge	16	2
Poole Hospital	11	2
Leicester General	3	1
Northampton General	9	2
Wansbeck General	15	5
Blackburn & Burnley	18	0
Peterborough City Hospital	2	1
Wexham Park Hospital	2	2

By the end of November we had recruited a total of 302 participants into DRAFFT. With 29 being recruited in November alone. This is a great achievement so thank you to all centres for your contribution.

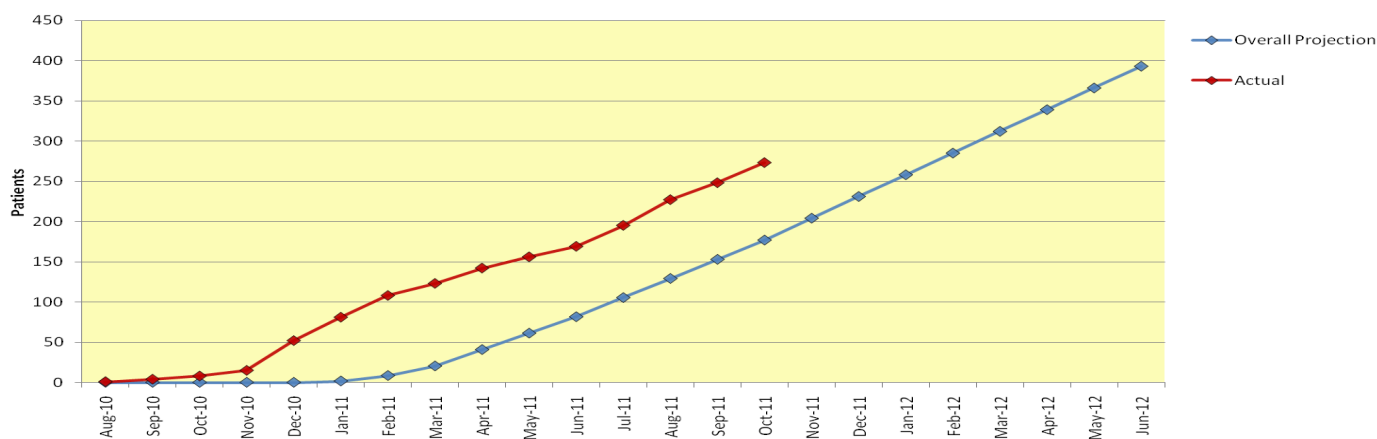
Congratulations to all centres who recruited this month including Wexham Park who opened in November and recruited their first two patients. Well done also to UHCW and Wansbeck for recruiting a massive 6 and 5 patients respectively.

Welcome on board to the team at North Tees, who open for recruitment this month.

Follow up is going well with **91%** at 3 months, **88%** at 6 months and **72%** at 12 months to date.

The DRAFFT team submitted an amendment to ethics this month to ask if we can continue recruiting beyond the 390 target and will contact all centres as soon as we have a response.

**DRAFFT Recruitment**



## A look back over 2011

### January

Amendment one was approved by ethics on the 7th January which meant consent form v 2.0 24/11/2010 was implemented. By the end of January 8 centres were open for recruitment and 81 participants had been recruited.

### February

The annual ethics report was submitted and copies sent out to all sites for their site file. Addenbrookes opened for recruitment in February and by the end of the month we had recruited 108 participants.

### March, April, May and June

Were quiet months, 61 patients were recruited and 4 centres opened for recruitment.

### July

We reached 50% of our recruitment target (195 participants) 3 months ahead of schedule.

### August

The first patient recruited reached their 12 month time point.

### September

The Trial Coordinator started performing monitoring visits for sites that have been open for 6 months or recruited over 15 participants. The trial protocol was also published in the BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders.

### October

We held the first collaborators day on the 20th October where Research Associates from each centre joined us in Warwick to discuss the progress of the trial to date, screening issues and to have a go at fixing wrists with plates and wires.

### November

The 300th participant was recruited on the 28th November. The trial team initiated the final centre to open for recruitment and Matt was promoted to Professor of Trauma and Orthopaedics. The team submitted substantial amendment three to ask ethics for approval to recruit above the original 390 target.

### December

Hopefully hear back from ethics with approval to continue recruiting to end of June 2012.



**Merry Christmas from the DRAFFT team**



The **Randomisation** telephone line will be **closed** over **Christmas** from **12 noon** on **Thursday 22nd December** and will reopen on **Tuesday 3rd January** at **9am**

