



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.

News

Sadly we said goodbye to Jaclyn at the end of last month and would like to thank her for all her hard work on DRAFFT. Kate and I have learned a lot from Jaclyn, she was a pleasure to work with and we wish her all the best in her new role in Birmingham.

Follow-up update

The final push for obtaining the 12 month follow-up questionnaires has now been completed and we have achieved a fantastic follow-up rate of **91%**. Well done to Kate for an excellent job in chasing all the data!

Long Term Follow-up

The first set (215) of long-term follow up questionnaires were sent out on 22nd Feb 2013. We received 169 responses and of these 133 consented and returned their questionnaires. These participants will receive their second annual follow up in Feb 2014.

The remaining 200 participants will receive their first annual questionnaire in Feb 2014.

Urgent Reminders!

- There are a few remaining DICOM images still outstanding. Please endeavour to send them as soon as possible as we need to allow sufficient time for the data from these images to be analysed. Please contact Kate if you are unsure what you have outstanding.
- Please note that all **invoices** need to be sent to Isabella Petrie at UHCW. The DRAFFT budget **will be closing** so you need to claim your payments soon. We will advise you of the closing date for claims once we have been informed.

Site monitoring and close down

- During late July/early August you will be receiving a Site Monitoring checklist which you will need to complete before site close down. This is to check that you have all the correct documentation in your site file. Please note that sites are responsible for archiving their own data.

FAB (wrist fracture) Trial

The FAB study focuses on patients aged 50 or over who have suffered a fracture of the distal radius and is funded by Arthritis Research UK. The team based in Edinburgh are looking to recruit 500 patients and have currently recruited 150 (May 2013). Patients are randomised to receive either alendronic acid or placebo for 24 weeks. After randomisation patients will need to attend clinic 5 more times for the study for X-rays and assessments and receive 2 scheduled phone calls. Key points are below:

- Ø Funding for nurse time and/or administrative support is available
- Ø The study has also been adopted by the NIHR portfolio, giving centres access to CLRN support
- Ø Study drug is provided free of charge
- Ø Equipment (dynamometer and goniometers) are provided free of charge
- Ø Additional X-rays are funded by the study

If anyone from your speciality group would be interested in taking part or would like more information please contact Professor Stuart Ralston (stuart.ralston@ed.ac.uk) or Chris Tuck, the FAB Trial Manager (chris.tuck@ed.ac.uk or 0131 537 2573).