# **REPAIR-MDS** Newsletter

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## June Achievements

**Russell's Hall Hospital** has had their first monitoring visit! This visit went well and we thank you for the warm welcome!

**Russell's Hall Hospital** also randomised their 3rd participant! Well done for hitting your annual recruitment target within 6 months!

Aneurin Bevan University Board is open to recruitment as of this month! Welcome aboard!

## Get your posters

Our team has developed two posters aimed at clinicians to raise awareness of the trial. These posters can be shared with referring or feeder hospitals to support recruitment, as well as in your staff spaces.

## Please email

repairMDS@warwick.ac.uk to arrange posters to be sent to you or your partner hospitals.



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## Pill Counts - How-To Guide



The Pill Count data is really important for us so we can check if the patient is taking the trial medication correctly.

## STEP 1

Count how many tablets the patient brought with them and record in the CRF and medical notes.

These are the **tablets remaining.** 

### Not adding up?

Speak to PI and Pharmacy to investigate.

Is medication being held for this patient elsewhere?

Medication should not routinely be held at site after being dispensed/given to patient. If it is deemed necessary to hold stock for the patient between visits this must be clearly documented.

Report/ highlight any issues to the central trial team immediately!

#### TOP TIPS:

- Choose a quiet place
- Use a counting triangle
- Encourage patients to bring back empty blister trays and packs

### **STEP 3**

Check the tablets taken match the:

- 1. Patient Diary entries
- 2. Expected no. of tablets taken as per prescription

## Record any **missed or extra doses** identified by the pill count or patient

diary in the CRF.

### **STEP 5**

Explain the dose they should be taking until next visit and remind the patient to bring all trial medication back to next clinic visit

### **STEP 2**

Calculate the **tablets taken** by: no. of tablets at last visit (remaining + dispensed) minus no of tablets remaining today. Record in the CRF and medical notes.

### **STEP 4**

Ask the patient how they are getting on with the trial treatment. Will the patient have enough medication until you see them again or will they need a further dispense?

## We value your feedback

We can not do research without you and that is why we value your feedback!

Please let us know if the trial processes are working for you and whether you have any suggestions for us by emailing repairMDS@warwick.ac.uk