



Welcome! Welcome to the December 2020 Edition of the UK Paediatric ITP Study Newsletter...

We realise this has been a very challenging year for everyone with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr John Grainger and I would like to personally thank you all for keeping us informed about the capacity of your sites and the ongoing recruitment to the study. Despite the challenges faced, **109 patients were registered onto the study this year**. Hopefully this will rise again next year as the vaccine programmes are carried out and clinics can resume to normal.

Top Tips

As a lot of ITP clinics have moved towards virtual clinics, it is important to remember ways we can work around this to ensure we are still consenting patients to the study and collecting data:

- 1. Postal Consent:** Consent can be obtained via post provided a discussion about the study has been had over the phone or in clinic.
- 2. Electronic QoL Forms:** Quality of Life questionnaires are sent automatically at the correct time points via email. Family email addresses for active ITP patients can be obtained at anytime to start receiving the questionnaires online. If you have collected email addresses at a follow-up visit please email me with the details so I can upload it to the system.
- 3. Retrospective Recruitment of Chronic ITP Patients:** We realise study staff may have been seconded to work on COVID-19 trials or to support other hospital departments during the year. Please remember patients can be consented and registered on to the study retrospectively when capacity to do so permits.

General Updates

The New ITP Database—January 2021 Launch!

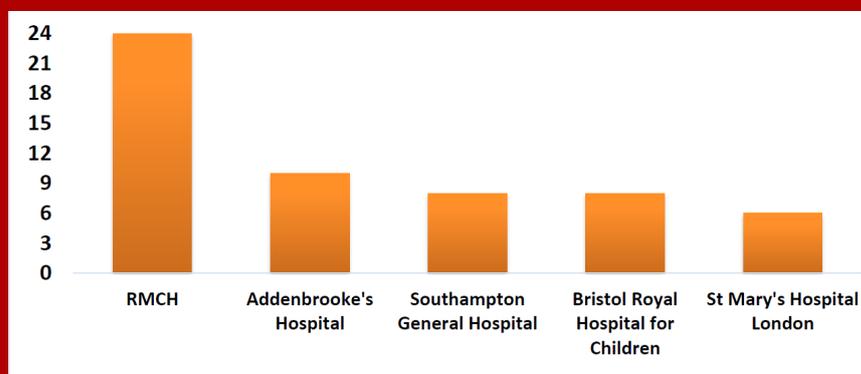
The new ITP database and ITP website will be going LIVE in February/March 2021. We are very excited about this update and will be in touch very soon with a new database user guide and CRF!

FAQs Document

There will be a new FAQ document to accompany the CRF. This will be updated as required to assist with the data collection of the study.

Site Recruitment Update

Out of the 39 sites that registered patients this year, the top 5 recruiting sites of 2020 were....



Contact Us

If you have any questions about the study or would like to feature in our next Newsletter, please contact the trial coordinator Molly Pursell (molly.pursell@mft.nhs.uk, 0161 701 18423)