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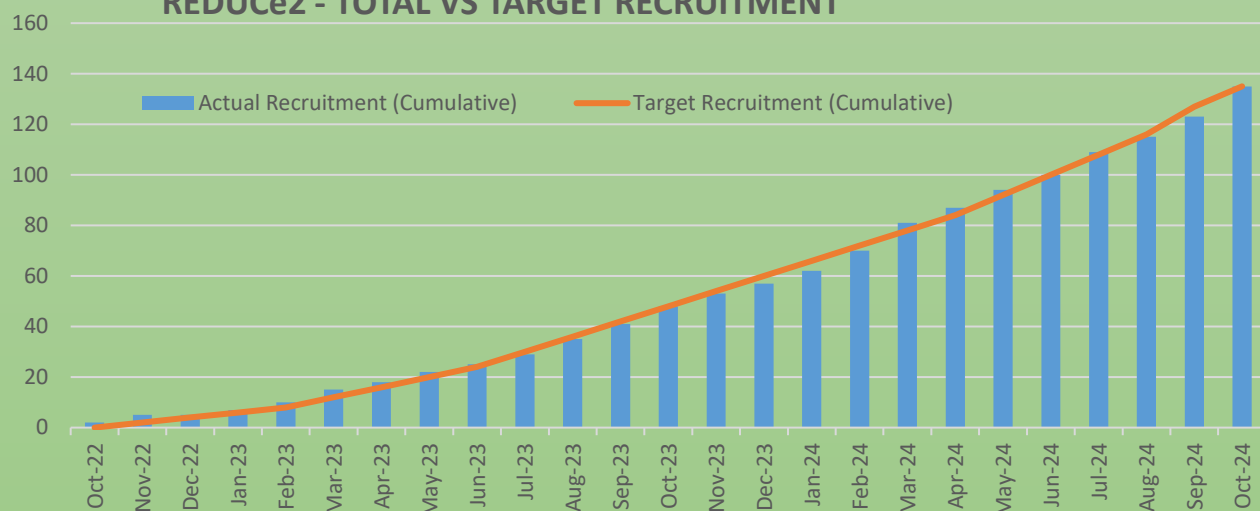
Palliative Long-term Abdominal Drains Versus Repeated Drainage in Untreatable Ascites Due to Advanced Cirrhosis: A Randomised Controlled Trial

RECRUITMENT UPDATE (as of 31st October 2024)

A total of **135** participants have now been randomised, which equates to 44% of the overall target.

Keep up the fantastic work!

REDUCe2 - TOTAL VS TARGET RECRUITMENT





SITE NEWS August, September & October

Site Open (patients randomised)
SIV done



NEW SITES OPENED

- Norfolk & Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital

SITES TO BE OPENED

- Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust - Queen Elizabeth Hospital
- The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust - New Cross Hospital



REDUCe2 COMMUNICATION WORKSHOPS

The next two facilitator-led 1-day communication courses with interactive, didactic presentations, group exercises & discussions have been arranged in:

Edinburgh –

The George InterContinental
Hotel
on Monday 3rd March 2025



Birmingham – Hyatt Regency Hotel
on Tuesday 4th March 2025

Only 2 spaces left!

Workshops are suitable for any REDUCe2 core multidisciplinary team member and attract CPD points.

Attendance is **FREE** with refreshments and lunch provided.

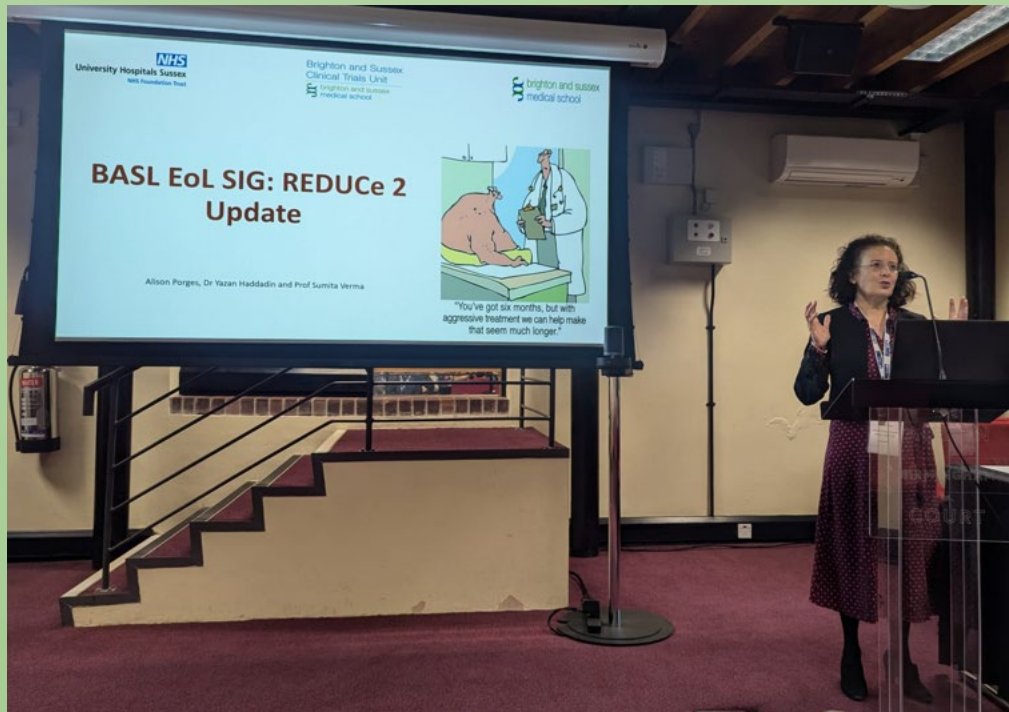
Sites can claim back up to £100 travel expenses for 2 participants.

If you're interested, please email Rachel or Helena at
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Study Team news

The BASL End of Life Special Interest Group (EoL SIG) meeting was held on Thursday 7th November in Birmingham. It was great to see some of you there in person.



Some important key points from presentation:

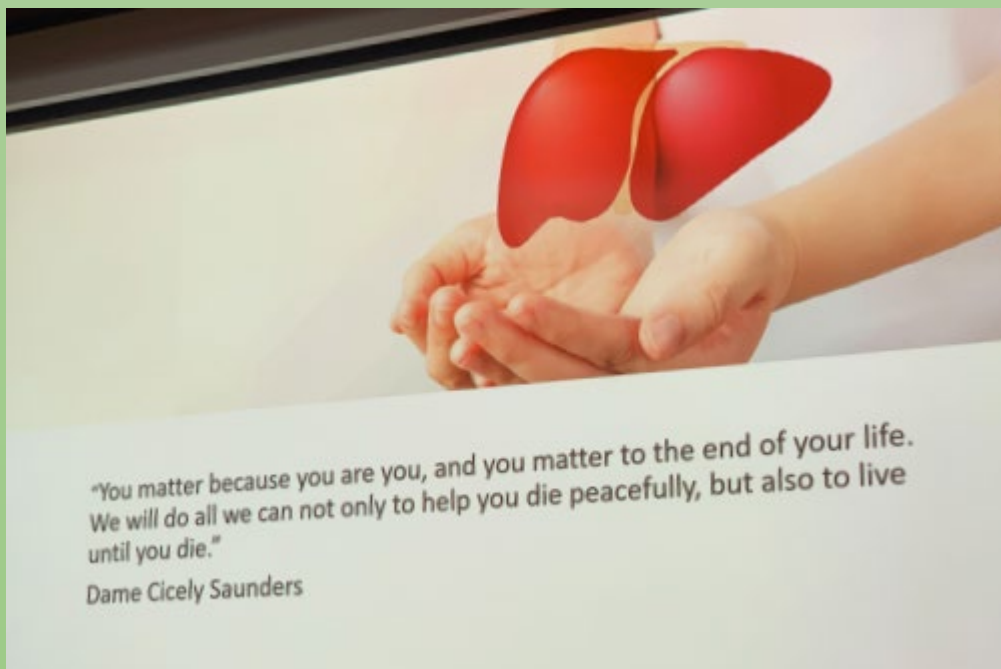
- Most SARs are related to leakage and occur in first 2-4 weeks so needs close collaboration with community teams. Early detection avoids hospitalisations
- Recruitment: we need **8 per month** and there are 4 months when we need **11**
- Please ensure SFLDQoL is completed first and check that all questions are answered



Study Team news

Some more important key points from presentation:

- Proxy Scores are when the researcher / caregiver completes questionnaires on behalf of research participant and **NOT** when researcher / caregiver enters responses on behalf of participant
- EoL does not equate to withdrawing a research participant:
 - they can stay in trial if patient / caregiver willing and death not imminent
 - Retention is crucial to enable robust statistical analysis
 - Please identify the caregiver at screening





Winners of the Hamper

Staff at Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
enjoying their hamper for the 100th patient to be randomised!



From left to right: Ani Kingsbury, Kim Dearnley and Julie Willcox.

Who will win the next hamper?

We will be having a draw for those sites who randomise
participant number 151 – 155.

..... **Watch this space.**



Meet the Team

Gina Richards – Brighton & Sussex Clinical Trial Unit



After completing a BSc Hons in Biochemistry with Physiology, Gina has spent over twenty years in the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry. After several years in the laboratory, she moved into Quality Assurance and became a specialist in computerised systems validation, and data integrity compliance, ensuring inspection ready status to MHRA standards.

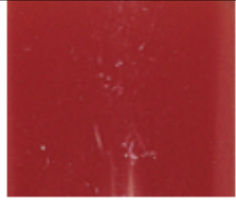
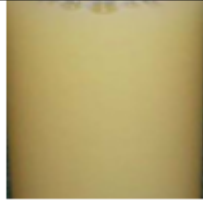

Gina joined the CTU in 2024 as a data manager and uses her QA background to assist the data team in overseeing the review of data for accuracy and completeness, managing discrepancies, and data cleaning and extraction. She provides support for data entry users and the wider clinical trial team to ensure high quality data is captured to support study outcomes.

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Top Tips & FAQs

Ascitic fluid colours on LTAD diary vs MACRO

Blood stained	Cloudy yellow	Clear straw
		

Diary:

Colour of fluid
1: blood stained
2: cloudy
3: clear

MACRO:

3. Haemorrhagic
2. Yellow or turbid
1. Clear or Straw-colour

Modified AHCR Questionnaires

Should be completed every **2 weeks** from Baseline even if there is no caregiver.

Where there is **no caregiver** patient to complete:

Section 1: Health and Social Care Visits / Appointments Inside the Home

Section 2: Healthcare Visits / Appointments / Stays Outside the Home

Section 3: New Supplies and Equipment (Weeks 2 onwards only)

Section 5: Participant Symptom / Functional Assessment (*caregiver or participant*)

Section 7: Out-of-pocket Expenditures

Caregiver only to complete:

Section 4: Caregiving

Section 6: Caregiver's Burden Scale In End-of-life Care

Section 8: Caregiver Views about Healthcare and Social Services Received

Short-Form Liver Disease Quality of Life Questionnaires

This is our Primary Outcome measure so please double check that **all questions** have been answered in each section* before you leave the patient.

*questions 18-21 may be left blank



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Additional Rocket Medical LTAD Insertion Kits & Drainage Bags / Bottles:

Customer Services: customerservices@RcoketMedical.com

Additional BD (PeritX) LTAD Insertion Kits & Drainage Bottles:

Contact your local BD rep



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Next Newsletter will be February 2025