How Research Support can help

Caroline Mulvaney Jones is a Research Officer who works for the NISCHR CRC in Ysbyty Gwynedd in Bangor.

Since Caroline has started supporting BADBIR there has been a dramatic improvement in recruitment. We asked Caroline to explain what role she plays in BADBIR.

“I have been supporting BADBIR in Ysbyty Gwynedd since January 2013. Unfortunately due to lack of consistent resource at the time, recruitment figures were not as high as we would have hoped and as of January 2013 we had 6 participants recruited into the study. Allyson Brown (Clinical Nurse Specialist) highlighted to me that the baseline and follow up visits could be quite time consuming and it would be impossible for her to enter the data onto the BADBIR database as well as running busy Dermatology outpatient clinics. After discussing the difficulties in recruitment with Allyson we were able to implement an effective system which would help increase recruitment figures. Allyson’s main concern was that lack of consistent support would affect recruitment. I dedicate one morning a week to the BADBIR study which consists of screening clinics for potential new participants, preparing the baseline and follow up packs for Allyson (I also complete the demographic information on her behalf), emailing Allyson weekly informing her of upcoming follow up visits, entering baseline and follow-up visits onto the BADBIR database and answering data queries. Our site target is to recruit 2 patients per month and we have been able to surpass this target on more than one occasion. This consistent support has seen a huge improvement in recruitment and to date we have 25 patients enrolled in the study.”

If you require research support at your centre please contact the BADBIR office and we will do what we can to help.

Thank you to the team at South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust (above) who along with Bradford NHS Foundation Trust recruited the most patients overall to BADBIR in March. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust recruited the most biologic patients to the biologic cohort in March.
Approved and Awaiting 1st Recruit: Heatherwood & Wexham Park, Walsall Hospitals and Ealing Hospital.

8385 patients were registered on BADBIR on 1st April 2014

Thanks for your help. For more information please contact:

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