

# Network Update

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The TV DLRN is a partnership of GP practices and hospitals in the Thames Valley, Coventry and Warwickshire area that have a mutual interest in research in diabetes and have come together to offer a high quality, high performance research environment. The Network will provide benefits to patients by rapidly testing new ideas and treatments. We will offer clinical support from a team of fully trained research nurses minimising the workload of partner centres. Partners in the network will also have access to extensive training and development opportunities through the UKDRN and UKCRN.

## New Network Studies

### **ADDRESS – After Diagnosis Diabetes REsearch Support System**

The ADDRESS study is currently in set up and will be rolling out across the Network within the next few months. The study aims to support future research into type 1 diabetes by establishing a database of individuals newly diagnosed with type 1 diabetes who have consented to be contacted about future research. Roser Farras-Araya is nurse lead for this study and will be working to set up sites across the Thames Valley, Warwickshire and Coventry.

### **Telemedicine Support Study**

The Telemedicine Support Study is looking at whether glycaemic control can be improved by real-time telemedicine nurse support for insulin treatment in patients with type 2 diabetes. The study has just started recruitment and has enrolled its first two participants in Oxfordshire. Additional GP practices are currently being recruited for this study, so if interested please contact Jane Turner on 01865 289261.

## Ongoing Network Studies

### **SAMS - Support and Advice for Medication Study**

The SAMS Study successfully recruited its target of 226 participants and is now in follow up. An extension study is currently being finalised and has been given ethical approval.

### **4T Study – Continuous glucose monitoring sub study of the 4T (Treating to Target in Type 2 Diabetes) Study**

The 4T sub study evaluating Continuous Blood Glucose Monitoring data is running in Coventry. The main trial has recently published one-year results.

### **ASCEND - A Study of Cardiovascular Events in Diabetes**

20 practices in Oxfordshire have participated in the ASCEND Study resulting in 90 patients randomised to date. The network team are now supporting recruitment for the study across Buckinghamshire and a practice in Reading.

### **HEELA – An open label, randomised, two arm parallel trial designed to compare insulin glargine with exenatide in patients with cardiovascular risk factors treated with oral anti diabetic agents.**

Recruitment is almost complete for HEELA and follow up will continue until March.

### **YDX Study – Characteristics of people diagnosed with diabetes aged 45 years or younger: a cross sectional study and incidence study.**

The YDX study is currently recruiting across Oxfordshire and the Network will be supporting recruitment through primary care. Rachel Craven-Todd will be lead DRN nurse for this study.

For further information on the UKDRN portfolio please visit [www.ukdrn.org](http://www.ukdrn.org)

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## Partner Sites and Principle Investigators

Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust – *Dr Andrew Farmer, Prof David Matthews, Dr Jonathan Levy, Dr Julie Edge, Professor Rury Holman, Dr Andrew Neil*

Buckinghamshire Hospitals NHS Trust – *Dr Ian Gallen*

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust – *Prof Sudhesh Kumar*

University of Warwick – *Dr Tim Holt*

## New Partner Sites and Principle Investigators

We would like to welcome the following sites to the Network;

Baltimore Park Surgery, Reading – *Dr Andrew Brewster*

Royal Berkshire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust – *Dr Hugh Simpson*

Milton Keynes General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust – *Dr Colin Paton*

George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – *Dr Vinod Patel*

South Warwickshire General Hospitals NHS Trust

## New Members of the Team

We would like to welcome two new research nurses to the Network team. Rachel Craven-Todd will be working full time across Oxfordshire and Penny Parsons will be working part time across Warwickshire.

We have also just recruited a full time research nurse to work across Coventry and North Warwickshire with an expected start date in November 2007.

We are currently advertising for a full time research nurse to work in Berkshire and will be advertising in the coming weeks for a part time research nurse to work in Milton Keynes.

For further information on these vacancies please contact Sharon Parsons.

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