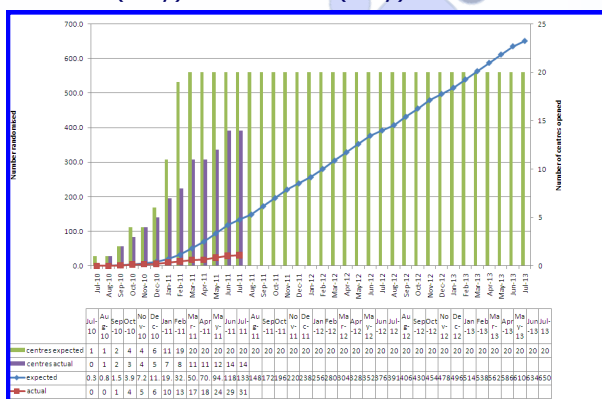


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Trial Progress

13 TOPS sites are now open for recruitment. 6 new centres have opened for recruitment in 2011 and include: Uppsala (January), Göteborg (February), Umeå (February), Malmö (April), Stockholm (May) and Belfast (May).



Thank you to all teams for your continued hard work and support of the TOPS trial

Important information for the 27th July-19th August

Nicola Harman the Trial Coordinator at the Data coordinating Centre will be on annual leave during this period.

Queries regarding randomisation should be forwarded to Phil Eyres at the Administrative Centre or Duncan Appelbe at the Data Coordinating Centre.

All other queries should be addressed to Dieter Weichart at the Administrative Centre in the first instance.

Site Training Visits

Site training visits were completed in Copenhagen and Bauru in May/June 2011 and in Newcastle in July. Thank you to all sites for a warm welcome and good discussions about the TOPS trial.

We've covered about 26,000 miles during our site visits in the UK, Scandinavia and Brazil!

We hope that all TOPS centres will be open for recruitment by Autumn 2011 and are working with teams to ensure that all equipment, documents and approvals are in place. If your centre is not open for recruitment and there is something that we can help with please get in touch with Nicola or Dieter.

Recruitment!

Congratulations to the team at Manchester who have exceeded their annual recruitment target in just 11 months! A total of **12** participants have been recruited in the Manchester site. Manchester will have been open for 1 year on the 13th July 2011—Happy Birthday!

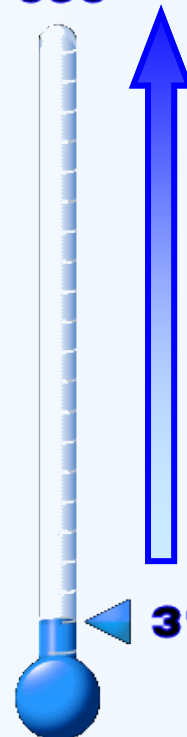
The teams at Umeå and Uppsala randomised their first participants in May 2011.

Congratulations also to the team at Malmö who have recruited four patients to TOPS achieving two thirds of their annual target in just four months!

31 participants have now been randomised to the trial and a total of 5 surgeries have been completed.

We still need to recruit as many patients as possible so please keep up the good work and help achieve our target of 650!

650



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Dieter and Nicola at Centrinho Hospital, Bauru, Brazil



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