Timing Of Primary Surgery for Cleft Palate

NEWSLETTER

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> ### We wish you a Happy Easter!

Well Done, Oslo!

A special mention goes to our colleagues in Oslo who submitted the 10,000th CRF form to the Data Coordinating Centre. Oslo will receive a chocolatey treat from the UK to celebrate the achievement.

We realise that TOPS is quite heavy on the paperwork; the amazing levels of commitment and enthusiasm from all of our sites is much appreciated!

Your site could be next!

We have also been keeping an eye on the number of speech recordings that we receive (of course!) and right now we have approximately 920.

If your site happens to send us **lucky number 1000**, you could be in for a treat too! We expect to know which is the winning site in just a few months' time.

March 2017 Speech Meeting Success

The last meeting we had with our TOPS Speech & Language Therapists was held in Manchester last month, March 6th-8th at the Midland Hotel. Thank you to all of those who travelled to attend the meeting and to those that completed the online feedback questionnaire. The feedback was very positive and we will do our best to address any suggestions to improve the next meeting.

March 2018 Speech Meeting Plans

The next SLT meeting will be held March 4th-7th 2018, also in Manchester, UK. The hotel is still to be confirmed, but the purpose is to calibrate for the three year follow-up assessments.

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A Quick Reminder...

The quality of the data coming in is excellent. Please help the standard remain high by double-checking that CRF forms are completely and correctly filled in. When the data arrives to be entered, queries have to be raised for any missing information; even if it is something as simple as forgetting to tick a box or get parent initials on the additional consent.

Site Feedback Visits Continue

So far, Lindsay (DCC Trial Coordinator) and Paul (DCC Data Manager), have travelled to our TOPS sites in Liverpool, Birmingham, Glasgow and Edinburgh. These site visits have been a great platform to discuss any struggles, questions or issues with follow-up visit attendance. They've worked great for closing out data queries and doing a bit of site file housekeeping. Visits to Aarhus, Copenhagen and Malmö are planned for May 2017. We hope to travel to all of the sites, but if you think your site could benefit from a visit sooner rather than later, please email the TOPS account and let us know. It's especially helpful to meet face-to-face if you have specific training needs; for example, if you have staff brand new to TOPS or would like some help with USBs, data transfer or version control.