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NEWS

- ☀ Summer is here (apparently!). Hopefully all of you will enjoy some well deserved leave.
- ☀ Last month we recruited **7 participants**. Congratulations to the teams at St Thomas's Hospital (**1**), Royal Sussex Hospital, Brighton (**1**), Royal Brompton Hospital (**1**), King's College Hospital (**1**), Essex Cardiothoracic Centre, Basildon (**1**) and New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton (**2**).
- ☀ A very warm welcome to the team at **Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast** who were issued the green light on the 4th August. It's great to have you onboard as our 18th site!

July Recruitment Table



! Core Lab Data !

A reminder for sites to upload anonymised imaging via IEP or to send in batches by post.

Please contact us if you have any questions with the core lab process.

PRIZES

Each site that randomises **1 participant** every month over:



September
October
November



will win a **hamper** to share among the CHIP-BCIS3 team at your site.

We will also be sending a **hamper** to the site that randomises the **125th** participant!

NIHR Associate Principle Investigator scheme

The Associate PI (API) scheme aims to develop doctors, nurses and allied health professionals who do not undertake research as part of their usual role, to help them become PIs of the future while helping to deliver studies to time and target.

CHIP-BCIS3 is an API registered study and we encourage all PIs to support junior colleagues to take on a new role. API status is endorsed by the NIHR and Royal Colleges.

The 6 month scheme could play an important role in recruitment as it formally recognises the significant contribution of the associate PI to the conduct and delivery of the trial which will includes (among other things) patient recruitment, trial advocacy to their peers, and increasing awareness both within and out of hours.

Below, Dr Krishnaraj Rathod tells us about his experience as an Associate PI at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.



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The Associate PI provided me with the perfect start to gaining experience as a junior PI. I believe this scheme enabled improved recruitment at Bart's for the trial as well.

I was also fortunate enough to be thoroughly supported by the local PI (Roshan Weerackody) and the research team (Mervyn Andiapen and Nasim Forooghi). Without these members, I would not have gained so much experience in conducting a study of this size.

After successfully completing this scheme, I will now have the opportunity to take my experience and knowledge to the next stage in my career and hopefully become PI of a large randomised clinical trial in the near future!

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Dr Krishnaraj Rathod

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