# Arteriovenous fistula cannulation in haemodialysis patients

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Scientific

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**IRAS** number

ClinicalTrials.gov number

Secondary identifying numbers 4967

# Study information

Scientific Title

A randomised interventional treatment study to determine best practise of arteriovenous fistula cannulation in haemodialysis patients

#### **Study objectives**

A randomised controlled trial to assess the best practice needling of the arterio-venous (AV) fistula between buttonhole method and rotating needling sites.

#### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

#### Ethics approval(s)

Berkshire Research Ethics Committee approved on the 19th March 2007 (ref: 07/Q1602/1)

#### Study design

Randomised interventional treatment trial

#### Primary study design

Interventional

#### Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

#### Study setting(s)

Hospital

#### Study type(s)

Treatment

#### Participant information sheet

Not available in web format, please use the contact details below to request a patient information sheet

#### Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Topic: Renal and Urogenital; Subtopic: Renal and Urogenital (all Subtopics); Disease: Renal

#### Interventions

Buttonhole method of cannulation using blunt needles versus normal rotating sites practice with sharp needles.

Follow up length: 12 months

Study entry: single Randomisation only

#### Intervention Type

Procedure/Surgery

#### Phase

Not Applicable

#### Primary outcome measure

The study has been designed to determine the primary and secondary AVF patency rates at 1 year and the complication rate for each cannulation method.

#### Parameters to be measured:

- 1. 1 year AVF primary and secondary patency rates
- 2. AVF complication rate haematoma formation, aneurysm formation, surgical or radiological interventions (i.e., stenoses), scar tissue, missed needles, skin infiltration, steal syndrome, clotted AVF, infection, bleeding time post needle removal, neurologic disorder, and frequency and duration of hospital admissions
- 3. Time to cannulation (i.e speed of setting up dialysis) (at each haemodialysis session). The speed with which a dialysis session is commenced is very important to a patient. They are usually on dialysis for at least 4 hours with extra time needed for travelling in from home, waiting to go on the haemodialysis machine, being cannulated for dialysis, coming off dialysis and then travelling home again. This makes it at least a 6 hour session three times a week any minutes saved have an important impact on the patient!
- 4. Cannulation pain as measured by a validated visual analogue pain score and use of local anaesthetic. The Royal Berkshire Pain Chart was developed in 1992. The development of the pain tool was led by the Pain Forum in collaboration with the Practice Development Team and Dr. John Mackenzie (Pain Consultant) and included an extensive literature search, Delphi technique and then piloting on surgical, orthopaedic and medical wards within this Trust. The tool took at least two years to develop. The pain tool formed an important part of the pain point prevalence study (Trust-wide study) (1994) and (1995). Cannulation pain will be recorded at each dialysis session and is expected to take less than 1 minute to complete.
- 5. Economic analysis for each cannulation method
- 6. Nurse and patient satisfaction with each method
- 7. Clinical history: a record of medication including erythropoietin dose and ACEI usage, participant age and sex, site of AVF, previous vascular access procedures, date AVF was first needled and history of diabetes mellitus or ischaemic heart disease
- 8. Clinical parameters (already measured as part of routine clinical practice): adequacy of haemodialysis prescription (Kt/v), intra-dialytic haemodialysis monitoring (blood flow, Litres of blood processed, BP, AVF venous and arterial pressures) and blood parameters: Hb, C-reactive protein, haematocrit and cholesterol.

#### These parameters will be assessed by:

- 1. Review of participant's medical notes and medication lists (also recorded on the Renal Unit PROTON computer system)
- 2. At each dialysis session:
- 2.1. Cannulation pain score (patient time less than 1 minute)
- 2.2. Assessment by nurse and record kept:
- 2.2.1. Missed needle
- 2.2.2. Skin infiltration
- 2.2.3. Haematoma formation
- 2.2.4. Need for local anaesthesia
- 2.2.5. Time to cannulation
- 2.2.6. Bleeding time post needle removal
- 3. Monthly assessment (as per existing unit practice nothing in addition except for monthly AVF photograph):
- 3.1. Blood tests as per normal Renal Unit practice (no additional blood tests being performed for participants in the trial). Any changes made to a participant's medication or haemodialysis prescription in response to these results would be made as part of our standard practice and guided by existing protocols by any member of the Renal Unit Multidisciplinary team.
- 3.2. Transonic ultrasound access blood flow monitoring (as per existing unit practice). Referral

made for surgical or radiological intervention as per Unit protocol if indicated by results.

- 3.3. Monthly photograph of AVF (with a ruler measurement) to assess scar tissue and aneurysm formation
- 4. Record made over the 1 year period:
- 4.1. Any radiological or surgical intervention for: Significant stenosis or clotted AVF
- 4.2. Frequency and duration of hospital admissions
- 4.3. Nurse preference for cannulation type
- 4.4. Infection: exit site or blood
- 4.5. Fistula failure need for tunnelled dialysis catheter for haemodialysis

#### Secondary outcome measures

No secondary outcome measures

#### Overall study start date

22/10/2007

#### Completion date

16/06/2009

# **Eligibility**

#### Key inclusion criteria

Any male/female participants (no age limits) receiving hamodialysis via AV fistula who are willing to participate

#### Participant type(s)

Patient

#### Age group

**Not Specified** 

#### Sex

Both

#### Target number of participants

Planned Sample Size: 140; UK Sample Size: 140

#### Key exclusion criteria

Unable or unwilling to give informed consent

#### Date of first enrolment

22/10/2007

#### Date of final enrolment

16/06/2009

#### Locations

#### Countries of recruitment

England

#### **United Kingdom**

# Study participating centre London Road

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# Sponsor information

#### Organisation

Royal Berkshire and Battle Hospitals NHS Trust (UK)

#### Sponsor details

Royal Berkshire and Battle Hospital 344 Oxford Road Reading England United Kingdom RG30 1AG

#### Sponsor type

Hospital/treatment centre

#### Website

http://www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk/Default.aspx?theme=Patient

#### **ROR**

https://ror.org/034nvrd87

# Funder(s)

#### Funder type

Industry

#### **Funder Name**

Nipro Europe NV - UK Branch (UK)

#### **Results and Publications**

## Publication and dissemination plan

Not provided at time of registration

## Intention to publish date

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

#### IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

#### **Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article	results	01/07/2013		Yes	No