UK ISOS FAQ

**1. How can I register my interest?**

Please use the registration form on the website
We will ask for details of the Principal Investigator (who should be a Consultant) for the Trust and the details of the Local Lead Investigator(s) who will coordinate the work at the different sites.

**2. How will we get the Site Specific Information (SSI) forms and what will happen with them?**

We will send out an SSI questionnaire to those who have nominated PIs and Local Leads. We need to receive the SSI questionnaire back along with signed and dated CVs and GCP certificates for all Investigators listed in the form by the **24th March 2014** latest, so we can prepare the SSI forms for you.
In the meantime the PI should create an IRAS account on www.myresearchproject.org.uk using the same email address we have received in the SSI questionnaire, if they haven't got one already.
The completed SSI form will be sent to this account and we will ask the PI to contact your R&D department to review it. After it has been approved, we will ask for the PI's electronic authorisation and we will submit via IRAS for the final R&D Approval.
If you/your R&D department prefer to complete SSI yourself please let us know.

**3. When will we get the SSI forms?**

We aim to send them out **by the end of March**, but the earlier we got the SSI questionnaires back the quicker we can prepare them.

**4. Any tips on engaging the different teams?**

It could be a good idea to present the study at the forthcoming Surgical and Anaesthetic audits to get bigger engagement from the clinicians. In several regions the surgical and anaesthetic trainee research networks are actively engaging with the project and you can get help from these organisations. As ISOS is on the UKCRN portfolio, it is possible to enlist help from the local CRNs.

**5. How will the local collaborators be rewarded?**

As we have stated before, we plan to list ALL collaborators, not just the local leads and PIs as contributors in any publication arising from the study. The limiting factor will be PubMed, but we don't envisage any problems.

**6. What will my hospital benefit from the study?**

ISOS is a portfolio supported study, so every recruited patient will count towards the research activity figures. More importantly, you will be able to get a snapshot on the outcome of the elective surgical patients with a planned overnight stay and you can benchmark it to the UK and international figures.

**7. When is the UK week for the study?**

ISOS will run in the UK from the 08:00 19th May 2014 to 07:59 26th May 2014.

**8. How do we record postoperative complications?**

Ideally, we would want you to prospectively collect the data for each recruited patient. However, it might prove impossible in certain centers, in which case retrospective case reviews are also acceptable. We provide guidance on how to define and grade complications.

**9. Do we need to recruit obstetric cases?**

Yes. We would like you to recruit all elective obstetric patients with a planned overnight stay. This will primarily be elective Caesarean sections.

**10. What happens if a planned overnight stay becomes a day case?**

We would like you to recruit these patients, as their original plan was to stay in the hospital overnight, hence they fulfill the inclusion criteria.

**11. Do we include the "semi-elective" cases i.e. planned in a few days?**

If they are classed as "elective" under the CEPOD category, yes they are to be included. However if they are "urgent", please don't recruit them.

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