SITS Newsletter May 2019

We are sending you this newsletter to inform you on what’s new in SITS.

First of all, we will update our terms and conditions before the summer. This means you will need to read and accept our terms and conditions the next time you log into the database. Terms and conditions will be updated no more than once per year.

Further, we ask you to please check, update and verify your center and contact information. It is possible that we already have updated your center information with regards to capital letters, abbreviations, etc.

Finally, for your information, we might share your email address registered in the SITS database for academic purposes only, e.g. with international regional coordinators for them to be able to contact you.

SITS news and upcoming studies

SITS Intracerebral Haemorrhage Registry (SITS ICH-IVH)
SITS is currently in the process of launching a new data entry form for stroke patients suffering intracerebral haemorrhage and/or intraventricular haemorrhage. The layout and data entry form for the SITS ICH-IVH Registry is different than the traditional SITS registry data entry form. Our aim with the new layout is to simplify data entry.

Reduction of variables in SITS data entry protocols
SITS is addressing which variables to remove in the IV thrombolysis and thrombectomy protocols, and plan to have the reduction implemented as soon as possible. You are most welcome to contact us if you have any suggestions.

SITS IVT>80 years Study
Until recently, IVT with alteplase was not approved in patients with acute ischaemic stroke over 80 years of age. Although IVT in patients >80 years has been used off-label in many countries, the use of IVT in patients >80 years will probably increase further after approval. Now, SITS is initiating a prospective, post-approval registry of intravenous rt-PA (0.9 mg/kg) in acute ischaemic stroke patients over 80 years within the SITS-ISTR Registry. At least 1000 patients from approximately 60 European sites are planned to be registered in this prospective study.
SITS Tenecteplase Monitoring Study (SITS – TEST)
In the SITS IVT registry, it is now possible to enter whether tenecteplase is used as IVT therapy in acute ischemic stroke. SITS is planning an observational study of safety and outcome of intravenous tenecteplase in acute stroke in routine clinical use.

SITS IVT Pediatric Study
Until recently, IVT with alteplase was not approved in patients with acute ischaemic stroke aged under 18 years. Based on observational data, regulatory authorities in several countries have now approved use of IVT with alteplase in patients 16 -17 years, if other Summary of Product Criteria (SmPC) are fulfilled. SITS will perform a monitoring study of IVT in patients with acute ischaemic stroke aged 16-17 years.

If you are interested in joining one or more of the upcoming SITS studies, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any thoughts or questions!

New publications based on SITS data are available online. A full overview over all SITS publications can be found here: [http://www.sitsinternational.org/research/publications/](http://www.sitsinternational.org/research/publications/)

We hope to see you at this year’s ESOC in Milan! SITS is located at booth #18, close to ESO. Do come and visit us for a personal demo of the new ICH-IVH Registry and to receive the new SITS Report including our gift bag.

All the best,
The SITS Team