SITS Newsletter October 2019

In this newsletter, you will find out what’s new at SITS.

SITS Personnel
We would like to inform you that we have a new employee at SITS. Tijana Todorovic has started as a deputy executive and network assistant, substituting for Isa Ek who is on parental leave until 1st of March 2020. If you need assistance or any further information please contact Tijana Todorovic at tijana@sitsinternational.org (for urgent matters send an email to info@sitsinternational.org)

SITS ICH Registry
SITS ICH Registry (SITS Intracerebral Haemorrhage Registry) was launched on Wednesday, 22nd of May 2019. The registry is available to all centres and is accessed through the blue button in the top right corner after login in the SITS Registry. The layout and data entry form of SITS ICH Registry is different than the traditional SITS Registry data entry form – data in ICH forms are categorised by subject instead of by timepoint. Our aim with the new layout is to simplify data entry. Any query or suggestion of improvement is highly welcome.

Quarterly reports
A new report has been developed for centres that enable them to regularly get a summary of their patient data that has been entered during the last quarter, in regards of protocol (data form) distribution, data completeness and a few other quality metrics. Diagrams in the report show the development over the last four quarters. SITS has the ambition to send these reports quarterly to all centres in the near future. In September, the first roll-out was made in the MENA region and next will be in Latin America and more are to come.

SITS Elderly
European Regulatory Authorities have approved intravenous rt-PA (0.9 mg/kg) in acute ischaemic stroke patients over 80 years and are requesting a monitoring study. Although IVT in patients >80 years has been used off-label in many countries prior to approval, use of IVT in patients>80 years will probably be wider after approval. The SITS-ISTR provides an instrument for continuous monitoring of thrombolysis treatment in stroke and provides a technical foundation for the SITS->80 years post-approval registry. SITS started collecting data as a part of a prospective, post-approval registry of intravenous rt-PA over 80 years and data collection will go on until June 2021.
Updating Terms and Conditions
We are regularly working on improving the SITS Registry, and every now and then we are required to update the Terms and Conditions to adjust for the changes. This month we will make a small update to it and to continue using the SITS Registry, you will need to accept the new terms. In essence, it adds:

- SITS ICH Registry is included to be covered by the same terms as SITS Registry
- Contact information of Local Coordinators (email and centre information) might be shared with others in the SITS Network for scientific purposes only
- Local Coordinators may delegate administrative tasks to an associate Local Coordinator (aLC) after informing SITS

We also want to thank you for your cooperation and contribution to SITS. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions!

All the best,

The SITS coordinating team.