SITS Newsletter November 2018

What is happening in SITS?

ESO-Karolinska Stroke Update Meeting 11-13 November 2018
This year’s ESO-Karolinska Stroke Update Meeting was a success and the consensus statements will be published in the European Stroke Journal in the beginning of 2019. Stay tuned!

SITS Intracerebral Haemorrhage (ICH) registry:
SITS also presented a prototype of the new ICH data entry protocol at this year’s ESO-KSU Meeting. We plan to launch the full protocol ready for data entry in the beginning of 2019. More information will be available on your webpage: www.sitsinternational.org

Use SITS for scientific purposes: ESOC abstract submission deadline 23 of January 2018
As a part of SITS, we would like to remind you of your possibility to submit project proposals to the SITS Scientific Committee (SC). To submit a project proposal, log in to the SITS registry, click ‘Submit a Project Proposal’ and follow the steps. We recommend that you submit the project proposal as soon as possible if you intend to submit an abstract to ESOC 2019 since SC approval, data transfer and analysis will take time. The deadline for abstract submission is January 23, 2019, midnight CET. Read more here: https://eso-conference.org/2019/scientific-programme/abstract-submission#.W_z8DZP0kSQ

You may also submit an abstract to ESOC 2019 of your national results for IVT without submitting a project proposal to the SITS SC. Subsequently, you may also publish your national results in a national or even international journal. Please contact your National Coordinator to use national data.

Upcoming studies based on the SITS Registry
As already mentioned, we have two upcoming studies for any SITS centre to join. Read more below and feel free to contact us if you are interested in joining the studies.

SITS Elderly Study:
European Regulatory Authorities have recently approved intravenous rt-PA (0.9
mg/kg) in acute ischaemic stroke patients over 80 years, and are now requesting a monitoring study. During 2019, SITS will start collecting data as a part of a prospective, post-approval registry of intravenous rt-PA over 80 years.

If your centre no longer registers IV-rtPA treated patients in SITS, your centre may still join the SITS Elderly study and exclusively recruit patients over 80 years.

**SITS Paediatric Study:**
European Regulatory Authorities have also recently approved intravenous rt-PA (0.9 mg/kg) in acute ischaemic stroke patients, 16-17 years of age, and requests another monitoring study. SITS is therefore planning a post-approval study on treatment of ischaemic stroke in young adults (16-18 year olds). If you are interested in this study, please contact your local paediatrician and invite them to join the study.

More information on the upcoming studies will follow, and if you are interested in joining, please contact us at info@sitsinternational.org

**Ongoing studies**

**SITS Fertile Woman:**
SITS Fertile Woman is a retrospective and prospective study of intravenous rt-PA (0.9 mg/kg) given up to 4.5 hours of symptom onset in female acute ischaemic stroke patients, aged between 13 and 50 years, with particular focus on pregnancy and menstruation.

The over-all aim of the study is to determine if pregnancy and menstruation constitutes any safety issue when treated with thrombolysis, or if these patients can be given the same opportunity to treatment as other patients.

We would like to highlight that the study is still ongoing and would appreciate if you register IV-rtPA treatment in this particular population in the SITS Registry.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at info@sitsinternational.org if you have any thoughts or questions.

All the best,
The SITS Team