Dear SITS User

Newsletter April 2020

With this newsletter we would like to inform you about SITS activities

- SITS International scientific publications
Since 2007, more than 80 scientific papers have been published based on SITS data. We are glad to share the news about some of the recently published articles. Two new scientific papers have been published from the MENA-region and one from Latin America.

[Click here](#) to access the full list of scientific publications

- TOP 20 SITS Centre for 2019
Every year SITS is announcing 20 centres with top patient recruitment and high rate of data completeness (≥90%) in the SITS Registry. The contribution is an important part of our mission; assure excellence in acute treatment and secondary prevention of stroke, as well as to facilitate clinical trials.

[Click here](#) to read the complete list of the centres that have been appointed

- Global Stroke Alliance meeting in Brazil 11-14 March 2020
SITS representatives, Tijana Todorovic and Linda Ekström, attended the Global Stroke Alliance meeting in Brazil between 11-14 March 2020, where they held a presentation on SITS and the collaboration with Latin America. The meeting brought together stroke leaders with large experience, researchers, health professionals, health managers, scientific societies, hospitals and industry. The aim was to stimulate a global alliance to improve the implementation of stroke care across the globe, disseminating knowledge, exchanging experiences and creating action plans tailored to each region of the globe.
- **IVT > 80 years**
  Intravenous thrombolysis (IVT) with Alteplase in acute ischaemic stroke (AIS) > 80 years old is now approved in a number of European and non-European countries since July 2018. 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 more frequent after approval. European authorities have requested monitoring of IVT>80 years in AIS. Centres with high quality and complete data recording in the SITS International Thrombolysis Registry will be invited to join the study when sufficient data are collected.

- **TBY-minimal protocol launching soon**
  The current SITS thrombectomy standard protocol has shown to be a great success – its usage has increased for every year since its start in 2013. There has been an increasing interest in a minimal version of the thrombectomy data entry protocol, as the treatment globally is getting established in more countries. SITS will launch a minimal version of thrombectomy data entry protocol during second quarter of 2020.

- **SITS International on social media**
  Don’t forget to follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook and now even on Instagram, where we publish news, events and general information. You can also send us a direct message through Instagram if you have any questions.

- **SITS International - an update of the COVID-19 situation**
  The safety and well-being of SITS collaborators and employees is always a high priority, and especially during these critical times. We are actively monitoring the COVID-19 situation and are taking measures to keep safe. SITS Coordination Team will provide services by working from home, and we will be available to you online. Feel free to contact us by email, we are here to assist you.
Do also visit our help centre at help.sitsinternational.org where FAQs are addressed and answered. If you have any specific questions or need any information, please contact SITS Coordinating Office at info@sitsinternational.org.

As always, thank you for your collaboration. We are sending you our best thoughts and regards.

Be safe and stay well.

Best regards
SITS Coordination Team