

## Recruitment continues!

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(login required)  
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*"Stroke Inpatient Rehabilitation Reinforcement of Walking Speed"*

## SIRROWS Update

Thank you to everyone for your patience while the SIRROWS coordinator was moving across the United States! Our investigators, assessors, and intervention leaders continue to do a great job of recruiting and entering data! The updated tally is on the right.

In this newsletter are some **important reminders for investigators**. Please read below and email [sirrows@gmail.com](mailto:sirrows@gmail.com) if you have any queries.

**Now that Prue is no longer at UCLA, please note new telephone contact information:**

Dr. Prue Plummer-D'Amato: 1-617-373-7647.

Please also note new fax number for SIRROWS: 1-310-478-7517 (Faxes should be sent Attention: Dr. Bruce Dobkin).

### THE NUMBERS...

Total enrolled:

**157**

(June: 124)

Number of subjects discharged:

(intervention complete)

**121**

(June: 95)

Number of sites with randomized subjects:

**20**

## Important Reminders for Investigators!

### NEW RANDOMIZATION NOTIFICATION MECHANISM

As all investigators were recently informed, we are continuing to **notify you of randomization results via email**, due to a suspected bug in the database randomization algorithm.

Please continue to ignore the group assignment generated by the database and wait for the email notification from the coordinator.

Also please remember to

**update the Patient Entry page Comment field with the group assignment** given to you by the coordinator, as this may differ from the database result (which will still appear – just ignore!)

### ENTERING NEW SUBJECTS...

Recently, we informed investigators of an **error in the alerting mechanism** by which the coordinator is notified of entry of new subjects.

At the time this newsletter is being sent, this problem has not yet been corrected.

Therefore, in order to ensure you receive your randomization result for new subjects promptly, **please email the coordinator ([sirrows@gmail.com](mailto:sirrows@gmail.com)) with your new subject number at the time of entry to the study**. The coordinator will respond within 12 hours with the randomization result.

## Q & A

**Q. One of our subjects has declined to come in for 3-month evaluation. Is there somewhere in the database where I can/should indicate this?**

**A.** On the walking speed assessment form for the 3-month time point, enter the date that the person was scheduled to come in for the assessment. You can leave the data fields blank, but in the Comments section, write a brief statement explaining that the patient declined to return for the 3-month assessment. Please be sure to indicate that the 3-month assessment was NOT completed – for the question regarding "Is the form complete?", select "NO", then submit the form.

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**Q. Regarding the 3 min walk test: The protocol indicates that the 3 min walk should be measured circling back and forth on a 25 meter walkway. My therapists are used to measuring timed distances with 90 degree turns rather than 180 degree turns. I suggested they should do it as the protocol defines. Would you agree?**

**A.** Yes, please adhere to the protocol for this study.

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**Q. One of our subjects has a 4-week evaluation today. Discharge is in 2 days. Should we do a repeat evaluation in 2 days? I believe the protocol calls for discharge evaluation within 2 days of discharge, so I presume we shouldn't repeat only 2 days later.**

**A.** You are correct. Assuming the patient does get discharged as planned in 2 days from now, you can enter today's results as the discharge assessment and omit week 4 (since it essentially corresponds with discharge). If for some reason, discharge is delayed, then, if possible, repeat assessments and enter Week 4 data and Discharge data.

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## IRB Renewals

If you are renewing your IRB / Ethics committee approval and require a copy of the approval notice from UCLA's IRB committee, please email the study coordinator.

When you have received your renewal, please fax a copy of the letter to Dr. Bruce Dobkin: 1-310-478-7517.

## Missing Data

Remember to complete all fields when entering data!

Don't forget to return to the Patient Entry page to update the Discharge Date at the time of discharge. (Enter the date and "submit" the page again.)

Queries? Email [sirrows@gmail.com](mailto:sirrows@gmail.com)