

SECRETO Newsletter

October 2019

Congratulations to Oulu, Finland and Gothenburg, Sweden for achieving important recruitment milestones

Congratulations go to SECRETO team in Oulu University Hospital for recruiting the **400th patient** into SECRETO.

Oulu University Hospital



In the photo from the left: Sirpa Hyyrönmäki, Ulla Junttola, Jaana Huhtakangas and Juha Huhtakangas. Key members of the research team missing from the picture: Antti Hakalahti and Maarit Näppä.

In addition, congratulations are in order for Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg for recruiting the **300th control subject**.

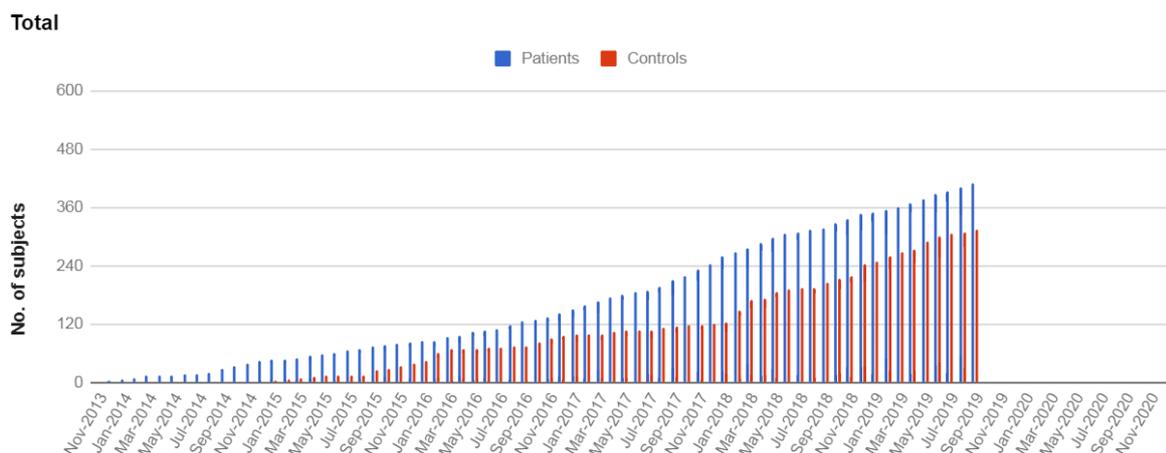
Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg



In the individual photo: Turgut Tatlisumak. Others from the left: Mikael Jerndal, Petra Redfors, Margareta Abrahamson, Magdalena Hagelberg and Linda Nilsson. Key members of the research team missing from the picture: Katharina Jood, Maria Davidson, Annika Nordanstig, Lukas Holmegaard and Virginia Villarreal Calvo

Recruitment status

There were 411 patients and 313 controls enrolled in the study in the end of September. This is good progress and makes it feasible to reach our target N by the end of next year, give that all of you actively continue recruitment. Please also actively and timely search for suitable controls for your patients!



Updated Overview of Specimen Treatment

As mentioned in our email of September 18, instructions on handling and sending the study samples have been updated. At that time, an electronic version was also sent. The changes include:

Specimen packing instructions: the specimens of several individuals can be packed in the same box because they will be rearranged on the basis of barcodes when transferred to the automated liquid nitrogen storage.

Links to contact details for World Courier: Using the customer ID, the invoice will come to SECRETO Coordinating Center.

Updated public holidays.

To ensure that the samples will not be contaminated and the shipping costs remain reasonable, we thank you for following the instructions carefully. A new laminated manual version will be sent by mail as soon as possible.

Study echocardiographies

It is important to carefully follow the step-by-step echo-cardiography protocol and to send the echo examinations on due time. The echo images must be stored in **DICOM III format**. Also the dicomdir-file that is automatically created during export from your system must be included. The DVDs/flash drives and Echo Log Sheets must always be accompanied and labeled **only with subject's study ID**. Information about case-control status must not be included in the sheet. In the Echo Core Lab in Bergen, the examinations will be re-coded to ensure blinding during centralized reading.

From now on, the Coordinating Center will also provide flash drives (memory sticks) for storage of echo examinations since newer echo devices may not have or support DVD devices. Memory sticks can be used and shipped the same way as DVDs.

Renewing the Collaboration Agreement

We are still in the process of contacting the Sites about renewal of Collaboration Agreements. In case the Agreement is still in effect, we will submit an amendment regarding the financing section. Please respond to these inquiries at your earliest convenience.

Delegation Log

Delegation Logs are still missing from quite a few Sites. We look forward to receiving them to laura-leena.kupari@hus.fi.

New Centers

A few centers are still being opened during this fall. Please let us know if you are aware of any potential new Sites, or ask them to visit SECRETO website at <http://www.secretostudy.net/>.



- ◆ Keep up the good pace in recruiting participants!
- ◆ Take good care of your data in the database!
- ◆ Keep on sending images timely to core labs!