

# SECRETO Newsletter

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## Active and new SECRETO Sites

The SECRETO study is currently up and running in 15 sites around Europe.

<http://www.secretostudy.net/recruitment/>

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The ethical approval and study permission process is ongoing in 10 sites in Europe, Australia, and the Americas.

The recruitment pace of especially control subjects has been impressive during the last months. However, we are still looking for new centers to accelerate the recruitment and achieve our goal of 600 patients and 600 controls in a reasonable time.



## Important things to keep in mind

- ◆ It is still very important to enroll consecutive patients with PFO even if a PFO closure is scheduled. Many unclear factors still remain to be investigated in the relationship between PFO and stroke.
- ◆ Keep track of neuroimaging and echo studies and send DVDs to core labs in good time.
- ◆ Take care of patient follow-up.
- ◆ Take good care and manage your database!
- ◆ The data will be imported for an interim analysis next time in August.

*The first scientific output by the SECRETO Consortium will be displayed as poster in Gothenburg at ESOC on Thu 17 May:*

**Title:** Clinical differences of cryptogenic ischemic stroke in young patients with and without patent foramen ovale.

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**Poster Session:** RARE CAUSES, STROKE IN THE YOUNG (presentation #476)

**See you at ESOC!**