

SECRETO Newsletter

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Congratulations go to Dr. Marialuisa Zedde and her team!

Dr. Marialuisa Zedde and her team in the Neurology Unit, Stroke Unit, Arcispedale Santa Maria Nuova, AUSL-IRCCS Reggio Emilia, Italy, enrolled the 200th control subject to the study: “The staff participating in the SECRETO study procedures in our hospital is a collaborative multiprofessional group from several specialties. Collaboration and communication are the keys of our activity for routine clinical practice and research. We have a young staff in our hospital, and both physicians and nurses have been enrolled as control subjects to SECRETO. Not all members of our study team could join us for the photo but each of them is crucial for the study”, says the local PI, Dr. Zedde.

The team will receive a small prize from the Coordinating Center.



In the picture SECRETO Study team in the Arcispedale Santa Maria Nuova (from left to right): Dr. Giovanni Malferrari, coordinator nurse Sabrina Paglia, nurses Letizia Melioli, Annarita D'Antuono, Serena D'Ambrosio, Dr. Tommaso Fasano (Lab), Dr. Marialuisa Zedde, and Dr. Alberto Dallari.

Missing from the picture: Dr. Teresa Grimaldi (Cardiology Unit), Dr. Rosario Pascarella and staff (Neuroradiology Unit), Neurology Unit medical staff and nurses of the Neurology Unit and the Stroke Unit.

Recruitment status

We now have **319 patients** and **206 control subjects** in the study, so there is very good progress but a lot of work left before reaching our goal.

Please keep on screening actively, and keep in mind that also patients with PFO – and even patients whose PFO closure is scheduled - are eligible for the study. You can always consult the Coordinating Center in tricky cases

We are expanding

It is our pleasure to welcome centers in Belgrade (Serbia), Vilnius (Lithuania), and Athens Eginition (Greece) to join the SECRETO team.

Moreover, centers in Stoke-on-Trent and London, UK, are anxiously waiting for a positive assessment from the UK Central Ethics Committee.

Data analysis

The planned interim analysis considers validation of the migraine screener and a case-control association study of migraine and cryptogenic stroke. Investigators, who have enrolled patients and controls (or have scheduled visits for controls) and whose data have been entered in the electronic database, are eligible to be authors in this first full manuscript.

EU GDPR

We are currently updating the collaboration agreements and making changes to the patient and control subject information and consent forms so that they meet the EU GDPR requirements. We will be in contact with all of the sites individually as soon as possible.