

The PRESTO Study

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A massive thank you!

Firstly another very big thank you to everyone who has been involved in the PRESTO study so far. We have had 26 new participants over the past month, bringing the total number recruited to 74.

There have been 34 more people complete the PRESTO study training meaning 42% of all GM paramedics can now take part in the PRESTO study.

Also, 60 different paramedics have now followed PRESTO with a patient, with our highest recruiting paramedic having followed PRESTO 6 times so far - thank you everyone!



Hospitals Accepting PRESTO Patients

We still have three hospitals in the GM area accepting PRESTO patients at the following times:

- Manchester Royal Infirmary: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Royal Bolton: Monday to Friday, 2am to 4pm
- Salford Royal: 7 days a week, 2am to 5pm

Please only follow the PRESTO protocol when transporting eligible patients to one of these hospitals during these hours.

Wigan hospital will be another PRESTO site, hopefully opening later this month - more news to follow soon about when PRESTO participants can start to be taken there.



Study Training

If you haven't yet completed the PRESTO training, there's still plenty of time to get involved. The study is running until the end of the year, and we're only about a third of the way to our target of recruiting 233 patients onto the PRESTO study in NWAS.

The training is still available on MyESR, or if you would prefer to complete it at a face-to-face session then please email PRESTO.study@nwas.nhs.uk to organise this.

CPD certificates are issued on completion of the study training, and you'll receive a further CPD certificate (& sweet!) on recruitment of your 1st PRESTO patient.



Top tip

1. Capacity to consent:

Patients who are unable to provide informed consent, either because they lack the mental capacity to do so or because effective communication is not possible, are to be excluded from the PRESTO Study.

Please be aware that this applies when 1) paramedics are unable to obtain verbal consent to take part in the study and draw the blood sample in the ambulance; and 2) research nurses are unable to obtain written consent later in the hospital setting. Only participants that have the capacity to understand, retain and use the detailed information about the study and communicate their decision effectively about taking part (which includes being able to read and write in English) are to be included in the study.

For more information about the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (MCA) and how it applies to research, visit the Health Research Authority (HRA) website at <https://www.hra.nhs.uk/planning-and-improving-research/policies-standards-legislation/mental-capacity-act/>. A free HRA eLearning module on research involving participants lacking mental capacity can also be accessed via the link.

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