



Newsletter

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Don't forget your SCARF this autumn!

41 patients have now been randomised to SCARF. Let's make the most of the final few months and reach over 50 patients! Remember: **every** patient counts!



Year	Number of patients randomised
2015 so far...	15
2014	13
2013	13

SCARF will provide high quality evidence to inform patient care - the more patients we recruit, the more impact the study will have to help improve future treatment of acute respiratory failure (ARF). **Many thanks to everyone for your hard work and dedication so far! Please keep it up as we enter this important phase of the trial.**

Suspected Cause of ARF

Please enter only **one** suspected cause of ARF on the 'Baseline - Physiology/Interventions' page on the Case Report Form (CRF). Tick one box to indicate the condition presumed to be the **most likely** cause of ARF at the time of randomisation.



If the suspected cause of ARF is a combination of two or more conditions, please select the most likely condition (at the discretion of the treating clinician).

Only select the 'other condition/therapy' option if the patient's condition cannot be categorised in the options provided on the CRF.

Goodbye Rahi



We are sad to say goodbye to Rahi this month. We would like to thank her for all her hard work as Trial Manager on SCARF, and wish her all the best in her new job!

Evidence summary



We have put together a SCARF evidence summary (which includes a review of recent literature) investigating whether non-invasive ventilation as a form of respiratory support is more beneficial for patients with ARF. We hope this will be useful to show how we can contribute to the current research evidence.

The key messages are:



More research is needed to evaluate high flow oxygen therapy as an alternative treatment for ARF



No recently published studies focus on infants or children



SCARF will add to the evidence base and help develop future research in the treatment of ARF

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