



Heat Loss Prevention Trial Newsletter #1

Investigators' Breakfast Meeting at PAS: Sunday May 15th 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel, Constitution DE

Welcome to our first HeLP Trial Newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep you up to date on trial-related information as well to answer your Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

Enrollment began in late November 2004 and we are happy to announce that we now have 24 infants enrolled at 11 centers. We have 1 infant enrolled in the <24 week pilot study. What a great beginning! Another 18 centers are ready to start enrolling infants into the trial. We are still actively recruiting new sites, so if you know of an interested VON center, please contact our study coordinator, Julia Crapo at Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre for further information. Julia can be reached by email at julia.crapo@sw.ca or by telephone at 416-323-6400 ext. 3033.

We are also happy to announce that VON has recently updated the HeLP Trial section on their website (www.vtoxford.org) and HeLP Trial study materials available are now available via a password protected link. The direct link to the HeLP Trial information page is:

<http://www.vtoxford.org/home.aspx?p=research/help/index.htm>. We will be sending all HeLP Trial centers that have ethics approval the password to access the Study Protocol, informed consent template, Manual of Operations, study logs and forms on line.

To help you raise the awareness of the trial in your hospital, we are developing information posters and brochures. We will send them out to you as soon as they are ready. Please let us know if there are any other materials that might be useful to you and we will do our best to assist you in any way we can. We are also interested in any materials you have created for your center that you would like to share with the rest of the participating centers. Have you developed

a brochure you find is effective/helpful, have you come up with a great way to work with the Labor and Delivery ward to identify patients for the study? Let us know. We would love to hear about it.

We welcome any ideas you may have to keep the trial running smoothly. We hope to share ideas with other sites through this newsletter. We would like to be able to share your positive experiences as well, so keep your feedback coming. In that spirit, here is our first FAQ.

FAQ #1

Question: What do we do when a wrapped infant urinates in the bag?

Answer: This is not a cause for concern. Presumably the infant is already covered with fetal urine (i.e. amniotic fluid) at the time of birth. The occlusive wrap reduces evaporation of this urine (and the resultant heat loss) whether it is produced before or after the delivery. The baby should be left in the wrap for as long as your centre requires. When the baby is removed from the wrap, place the baby in the incubator or under the overhead warmer (whichever you use) and dry the skin using your own center's technique. No additional measures are required.

Mike Vincer and John Wimmer

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The VON ID number required for the Randomization Card is the number assigned to the infant by the VON administrator for your unit. If the infant's VON ID is not available in time to fax the randomization card, please indicate that the VON ID will be supplied later and refax the randomization form when the VON ID is available.

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