

ICUROS Newsletter

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Introduction

Welcome to the eighth issue of the ICUROS newsletter which will inform about the current status and recent events in the International Costs and Utilities Related to Osteoporotic Fracture Study (ICUROS). The study is endorsed by the International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF) and is administered by i3 Innovus in Sweden. IOF supports ICUROS as part of the Invest in Your Bones Campaign. In addition, the study is partly funded by a consortium of sponsors, currently consisting of Amgen, Eli Lilly, Medtronic (Kyphon), Novartis, Sanofi-Aventis, Servier and Pfizer (Wyeth). We are grateful to all sponsors for their continuous commitment to and kind support of the study.

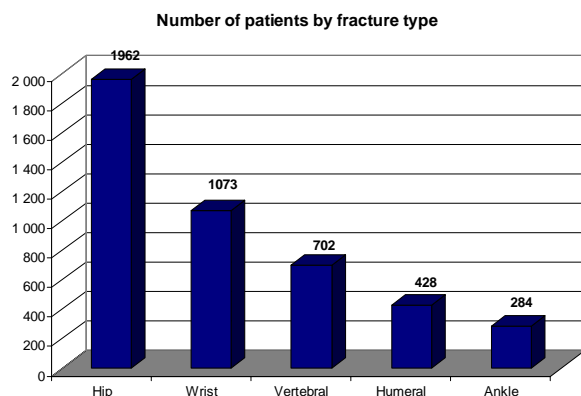
Patient inclusion update

Currently eleven countries are recruiting patients within the ICUROS study, with the most recent addition of Estonia where patient inclusion started in November 2010. The other countries actively participating in the study are: Australia, Austria, France, Italy, Lithuania, Mexico, Spain, UK, US and Russia.

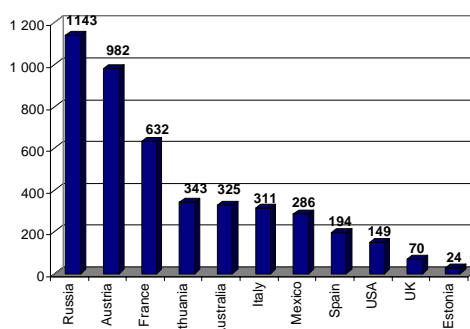
The average rate of patient inclusion in the international database was 150 patients per month during the second half of 2010, which is an increase from earlier in the year. In all, 4449 patients have been recruited so far.

The total number of patients per fracture and per country is shown below.

We encourage all investigators to keep up the good work with the patient inclusion!



Number of patients by country



Expectations for 2011

The preparations of the German sub-study are still ongoing. We still have hopes of initiating patient inclusion during 2011.

ICUROS wishes to expand its global coverage and would therefore like to initiate patient inclusion in countries such as China and Brazil. Please contact Ingrid Lekander if you are interested in implementing ICUROS in these or any other countries, either as a researcher or a sponsor.

ECCEO11 – IOF, Valencia, Spain

ICUROS will be presented at this years ECCEO11-IOF congress. The following abstracts have been submitted:

1. Quality of life four months following a fracture – results from the ICUROS
2. Health-related quality of life among patients with osteoporotic fractures in Mexico
3. Characteristics of patients with vertebral fractures stratified by treatment type (non-surgical management, balloon kyphoplasty and vertebroplasty) – results from the Austrian, French and Italian ICUROS sub-studies

Please do not hesitate to contact the investigators for any questions during the presentation of the abstracts at the conference.

Contact information

If you would like to know more about the ICUROS project, please visit the study website at www.icuros.org or contact Fredrik Borgström at fredrik.borgstrom@i3innovus.com.