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Introduction

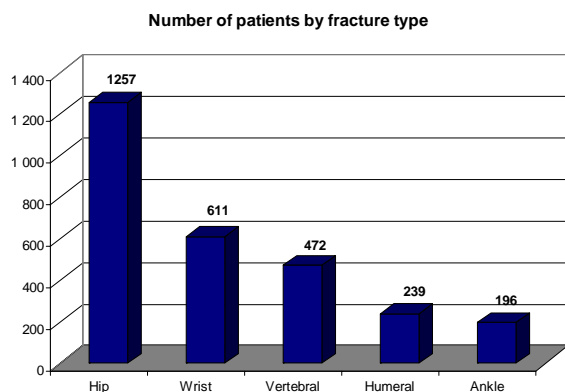
Welcome to the fifth issue of the ICUROS newsletter which will inform about the current status and recent events in the International Costs and Utilities Related to Osteoporotic Fracture Study (ICUROS). If you want to be added to the distribution list for coming newsletters send an email to ingrid.lekander@i3innovus.com

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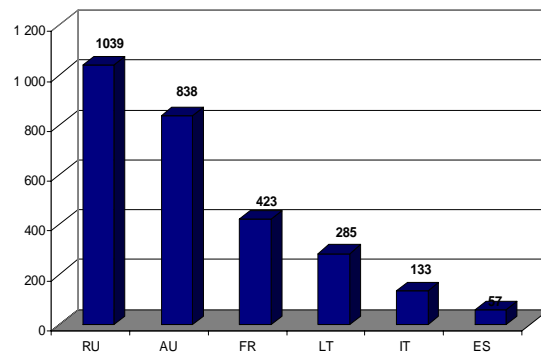
Patient inclusion update

Seven countries are currently including patients; Austria, France, Italy, Lithuania, Spain, US and Russia. We are very excited to report that the teams in Austria and Russia have already recruited in excess of the study's target number of patients. In the US, patient inclusion has started at three different sites but the data are omitted from the figures below.

In the generic study questionnaire, comprehensive data is collected for hip, vertebral and wrist fractures. Some countries have also chosen to enrol patients with humeral and ankle fractures. In the figures below are shown total number of patients per fracture type across all countries and the total number of patients in each country respectively.



Number of patients by country



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

Country update

Negotiations with investigators in Germany, under the lead of Karsten Dreinhöfer, are ongoing and the aim is to start recruiting German patients within six months.

Mexico has completed all necessary preparations of the study and is expected to start patient inclusion within the next few months.

Australia has now, under the lead of Kerrie Sanders, secured funding for implementing ICUROS in Australia. Patient inclusion is expected to start in February/March 2010.

The initiation of patient inclusion have been somewhat delayed in UK due to time consuming ethical approval process. All formal preparations are now completed and patient recruitment is expected to start in the beginning of 2010.

Apart from the countries already mentioned, investigators from Estonia, Poland and China have also shown interest in the study.

If you want to get in contact with any of the national investigators, please do not hesitate to contact the international coordinators (email at the bottom).

Contact information

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