

ICUROS Newsletter

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Introduction

Welcome to the seventh 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.

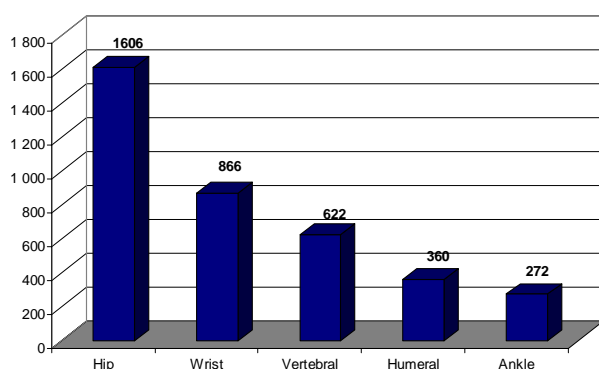
Patient inclusion update

Currently ten countries are recruiting patients within the ICUROS study, namely Australia, Austria, France, Italy, Lithuania, Mexico, Spain, UK, US and Russia. In all, 3726 patients have been recruited so far.

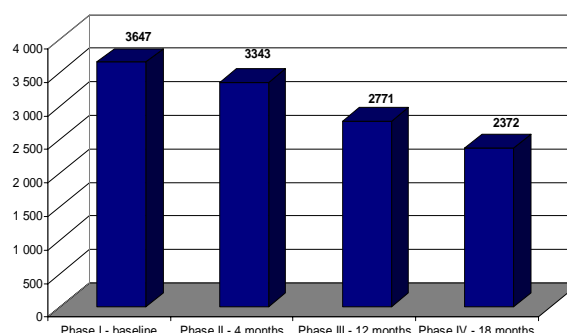
In the generic study questionnaire, comprehensive data is collected for hip, vertebral and wrist fractures. Some countries have also chosen to enrol patients with humeral and ankle fractures. In the figures below, the total number of patients per fracture type across all countries is shown and the number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

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

Number of patients by fracture type



Number of patients by phase



Country update

The preparations of the study are delayed in Germany. We still have hopes of initiating patient inclusion during 2010.

Estonia is expected to initiate patient inclusion later in September in a small pilot to test the data collection process. After evaluation, patient inclusion is expected to start during the fall.

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.

IOF WCO - ECCEO 10 Florence May

ICUROS was well presented at the IOF WCO/ECCEO 10 conference in Florence in May. Interim results of quality of life effects of osteoporotic fractures were presented in four posters and one oral presentation. If you are interested in pdf-versions of the presentations, please contact Ingrid Lekander.

In addition we had a much appreciated informal get-together where investigators from all countries participating in the studies got a chance to meet. Thank you to all of you who attended!

Contact information

If you would like to know more about the ICUROS project, please visit the study website at www.icuros.org or contact Ingrid Lekander at ingrid.lekander@i3innovus.com.