

# PARTNER Newsletter

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## Recruitment

To reach our recruitment aim, all 1650 pairs need to be enrolled by the end of the summer 2011.

The focus now after ethical approvals are in place is recruitment rate. The investigator meeting in Glasgow focused on this and you can follow the discussion in the minutes on the website.

## Update on enrolled partnership

There are now a total of **19 partnerships** enrolled! Germany (1), The Netherlands (1), Spain (2), Sweden (5), Switzerland (2), UK (3), Denmark (5).

## Increasing the number of sites

There are currently 60 sites participating in the PARTNER study. In order to ensure recruitment rates, it is likely necessary to increase the number of sites. If you have any suggestions for other sites or interested investigators in your country please contact [Tina Bruun](#).

## Rapid Test

There has been much discussion around the use of the rapid test which has led to a change. Sites may now use the Rapid Test under certain conditions as the only testing procedure. The Rapid Test is an HIV testing procedure conducted in the clinic via a blood sample from a finger prick. The results can be read on the strip after 30 minutes.

**In order for a site to use the Rapid Test they will have to contact Tina Bruun and arrange with their national coordinator and will have to meet specific QA criteria and document their procedures.**

## National coordinator TC

In order to follow progress and share experiences, we would like to invite all national coordinators to monthly TCs.

The next Nat'l Coord TC will therefore be **10th December 2011 14.30CET /13.30GMT**. An agenda and call-in details will be distributed in advance.

## CROI Investigator meeting

The next investigator meeting will be held in conjunction with CROI in Boston on 28th February 2011 at 12.00 noon at Hilton Hotel . Further details will follow but please mark your diaries.

## Minutes from Glasgow

The [minutes](#) from the investigator meeting in Glasgow can be found at CHIP website.

Dr. Alison Rodger's presentation on the latest literature around [transmission](#) is also available on the website.

## Articles

[Articles](#) in English can be downloaded from the CHIP website.

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