



Partner Study

Investigator meeting IAS Rome
Monday 18 July 2011



Welcome

Antonella d'Arminio Monforte



Agenda

Chair: Antonella d'Arminio Monforte

Welcome , Antonella d'Arminio Monforte

Enrollment status in PARTNER: Michelle Ellefson, CHIP

- Open sites
- Enrolled pairs

Recruitment and feedback from the National Coordinators, Jens Lundgren

- Discussion on Recruitment

Update on HPTN 052, Pietro Vernazza



Executive Committee

- Andrew Phillips, University College London (UCL)
- Jens Lundgren, University of Copenhagen and Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Alison Rodger, UCL
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- Pietro Vernazza, Switzerland
- Vicente Estrada, Spain
- Jan Van Lunzen, Germany
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Welcome

Wim Vandeveld
ECAB/EATG and PARTNER

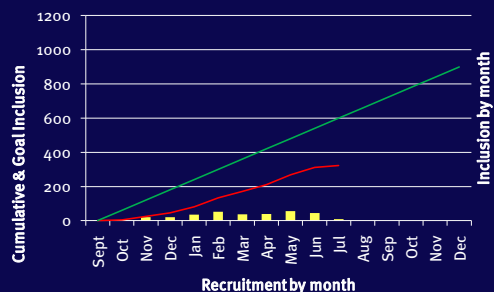


Enrollment status

Michelle Ellefson



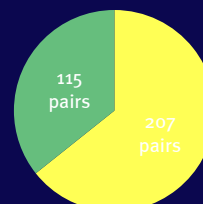
Study update



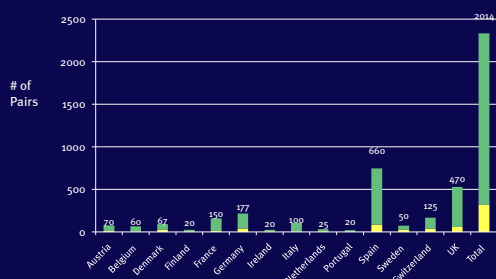
Study update

Proportion enrolled (322 pairs)

■ Hetero ■ Homo



Enrollment and Projection by Country



Recruitment, Jens Lundgren

Feedback from National Coordinators

Questionnaire results, feedback received

How do you identify eligible partnerships and approach them?

- Contact patients who we know have unprotected sex
- By asking the patients when they come to their visit at their patient clinic



Questionnaire results, feedback received

Obstacles—Staff and site

- Competing resources, many trials
- Patients reluctant to admit to unprotected sex since staff has recommended safe sex previously
- Difficult to identify couples that would be eligible
- Clinicians not asking about partnership
- Motivation, busy staff



Questionnaire results, feedback received

Obstacles for the patients

- More patients are using condoms than anticipated
- Difficult to admit unprotected sex to staff
- Negative partner reluctant to come for visits
- Patient feels they know everything already and rely on "Swiss statement"



Questionnaire results, feedback received

Suggestions, how to minimise the obstacles

- Need to sell the study
- Younger physicians include less patients, so try to involve more experienced attending physicians
- Bring up the PARTNER study in Doctor and Nurses meetings at the clinic
- Patients enrolled in a trial do not have waiting time



Questionnaire results, feedback received

Benefits

- Improving knowledge in the field
- Only PARTNER can prove higher safety than any randomized study, that this is a good argument to sell the study to the patients
- From the preliminary experience it seems to allow to speak more openly over sexual habits
- We have become more active asking about partnership
- Evidence based results which we can integrate in our advices about safe and unsafe sex.



Recruitment Discussion Jens Lundgren



Update on HPTN 052 Pietro Vernazza

PARTNER: Website for study participants www.partnerstudy.eu

