

(SPOT)light Newsletter

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More than 80 sites are...

...taking part in (SPOT)light and since the Study went live in November 2010, data on over 3,000 patients have been entered onto the web portal.

Well done to Medway Maritime Hospital, Harrogate District Hospital and Southend University Hospital for being the first sites to enter data!



**Thank you to everyone
for your hard work!**

Dataset in focus



Don't forget the CMP Admission Number!

We need the Case Mix Programme (CMP) Admission number for every patient admitted to critical care. So you may need to go back to the web portal to enter this at a later date under 'Visit outcome' for patients not immediately admitted to critical care.

Patient Information

There have been some minor changes to the text on the (SPOT)light Patient Information Leaflet and Patient Information Poster. You should download the latest version of the Leaflet (version 1.2, 26 November 2010), and Poster (version 1.1, 21 January 2011) from the (SPOT)light blog: <http://spotlightstudy.org/downloads>



Congratulations to...

Nuno Pinto at Medway Maritime Hospital for entering the first patient.

We're giving away a prize for every 1,000th patient entered onto the (SPOT)light web portal, so congratulations to:



1,000

Thomas Hughes, Colchester General Hospital

2,000

Ben Booth, Bradford Royal Infirmary

3,000

Angela Peskett, Maidstone Hospital

Please keep entering patients on the web portal and maybe you'll win a prize!



(SPOT)light blog

The (SPOT)light blog is updated with all the latest news, as well as helpful guidance and answers to FAQs. You can also download all of the latest (SPOT)light Study documents. These include the:

- Protocol
- Data Collection Manual
- Data Collection Forms
- Patient Information Leaflet
- Patient Information Poster

You can also download the Dataset Familiarisation Course slides for local training or to refresh your memory! For more information, please visit <http://spotlightstudy.org/>



Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do if I forget my username or password?

If you forget your username, you can refer back to the email you received from us informing you of your (SPOT)light account set-up and your username.

If you forget your password, you can use the 'Password reminder' facility on the log-in screen.

If you are still experiencing problems logging in, please call us on 020 7554 9770, and we will be more than happy to reset your password for you.

Why can't I see all the patients I have entered?

When you open the 'Patient list' screen, only patients who are 'open' (see below) currently appear. However this will be changed soon so that the default will be 'all' patients entered. If you click on the name of your hospital at the top of 'Patient list' - you can select any of the following options:

All – all patients you have entered;

Empty – patients for whom demographic data have been entered but not a recorded visit;

Open – patients with planned follow-up after the first (SPOT)light visit;

Closed – patients who have been discharged, i.e. don't have planned follow-up (either because it is not indicated, or because they were admitted to critical care);

Multiple – patients with more than one first visit.

How do I delete a patient record?

Only a designated (SPOT)light 'Super user' (one per site) can delete a patient record or make other major revisions to patient data. The Principal Investigator at each site is responsible for designating this role.



Do we include patients seen in A&E?

No. Only patients seen on a ward are eligible for inclusion in (SPOT)light. If a patient was seen in the A&E and then again on the ward following admission, the ward visit would be considered the first visit.

Do we include cardiac arrest calls?

No. Patients seen by the critical care outreach team in response to a cardiac arrest call are not eligible, unless the call turns out to be a 'false alarm' and the visit becomes a clinical evaluation for critical care unit admission.

What do you mean by 'discharge' on visit outcome?

'Discharge' means that the patient has been discharged from further review by the critical care outreach team (either because further follow-up is not required or they have been admitted to the critical care unit).

A full list of FAQs can be found on the (SPOT)light blog.



Accruals

We upload patient accrual data onto the NIHR Portfolio Database at the beginning of each month. The minimum data which must be entered for a patient to count as an accrual are detailed on the (SPOT)light blog: <http://spotlightstudy.org/archives/569>

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