

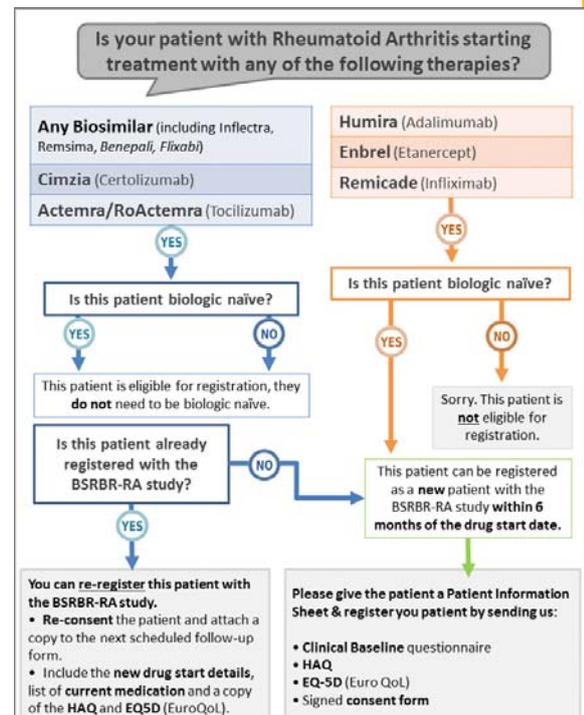
Starting a RA patient on new therapy?

Whether your patient is new to biologics/biosimilars or changing between drugs please remember to register them with us. We currently have several open cohorts recruiting. Please see the recruitment flowchart on the right and check our website for details. If you are ever unsure if a patient is eligible you can always give the office a quick call.

The introduction of biosimilars has the potential to provide patients with access to a wider range of treatments. The BSR recommends that we monitor their use in the real world to gather more data and so you can register RA patients starting any biosimilar with the BSRBR-RA. For more information on biosimilars you can go to the BSR website: www.rheumatology.org.uk/biosimilars. BSRBR-RA will be taking registrations of all biosimilars. Remsima, Inflectra and Benepali are becoming available* with more soon to follow. (*correct at 29/02/2016)

Patients starting Cimzia, Actemra or biosimilars who are already on the register can be Re-Registered with us. This means that they will count as a new patient for UK CRN accrual data. Full details are on our website/available from the office. If for some reason a patient cannot be re-registered please continue to let us know about all biologic/biosimilar drug changes.

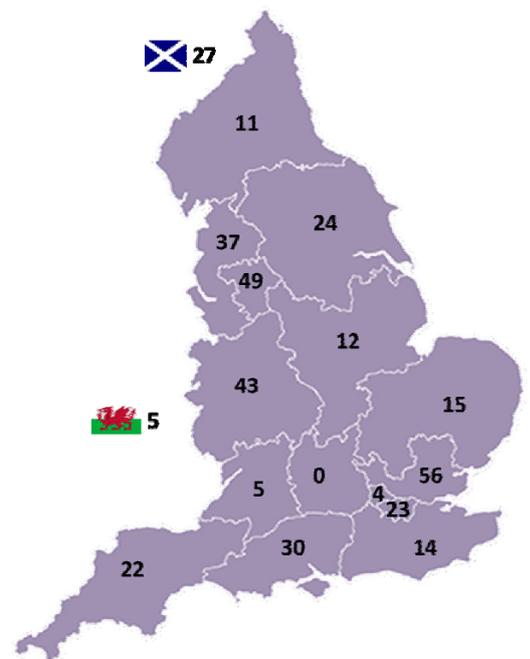
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Recruitment Update

Between 01 July 2015 and 31 Dec 2015 377 participants were registered on the BSRBR-RA database from 101 different hospitals across the UK (see map), which is fantastic, thank you!

CRN Region	Number recruited: Jan/2015 - Jun/2015	Number recruited: Jul/2015 - Dec/2015	Difference compared to previous 6 months	
North Thames	29	56*	↑	27
Greater Manchester	62	49	↓	-13
West Midlands	35	43	↑	8
North West Coast	40	37	↓	-3
Wessex	12	30	↑	18
Yorkshire and Humber	37	24	↓	-13
South London	14	23	↑	9
South West Peninsula	11	22	↑	11
Eastern	10	15	↑	5
Kent, Surrey and Sussex	8	14	↑	6
East Midlands	23	12	↓	-11
North East and North Cumbria	10	11	↑	1
West of England	7	5	↓	-2
North West London	0	4	↑	4
Thames Valley and South Midland	12	0	↓	-12
Devolved Region	Number recruited: Jan/2015 - Jun/2015	Number recruited: Jul/2015 - Dec/2015	Difference compared to previous 6 months	
Scotland	14	27	↑	13
Wales	4	5	↑	1
Northern Ireland	0	0	-	0



Thank you to all who recruited to BSRBR-RA during 2015!

*Congratulations in particular to those centres within the North Thames Clinical Research Network region, who recruited the highest number of patients to the study between July and December 2015.

BSRBR-RA is 15 years old!



This year the register is celebrating its fifteenth birthday. We've changed a lot since our set up back in **2001** and have reached many goals during that time, this means that some cohorts have closed as new ones have opened. Our logo has changed over time too (hopefully for the better) and with the introduction of the **British Society for Rheumatology Ankylosing Spondylitis Biologics Register** in 2012 our name changed a little to help highlight the different registers within the BSR Biologics Registers group.



However don't let the addition of Rheumatoid Arthritis to our name fool you. Although we only currently recruit RA patients the **BSRBR-RA** still has over 1500 patients under active follow up who **do not** have an RA diagnosis including diagnoses such as **AS, PsA & JIA** along with many other rheumatic conditions. It is important that we continue the follow up of these patients as well as those with rheumatoid arthritis.



Rheumatology 2016
26-28 April 2016 | SECC Glasgow, UK

Tuesday, 26 April 2016	
11:30 - 13:00	The BSRBR-RA at 15 Years: Lessons Learned
13:00 - 14:00	BSR Biologics Registers Lunchtime Meeting

If you are attending the BSR conference this year make sure to look out for the BSRBR-RA Team.

Once again we will have our stand to keep you up to date with news and goings on of the biologics registers as well as handouts and freebies. You can drop by to ask us any questions you may have about the study or just to say hello.

Don't forget to make space in your day for the BSRBR sessions. There are also posters and presentations from the BSRBR-RA researchers. Last year our lunchtime meeting was so popular that seating ran out. We are all set with a bigger room this time around and we look forward to seeing some of you in Glasgow!

Recruiting patients via the BRAGGSS-BSRBR-RA linked route

If your centre is participating in the BRAGGSS Study and you are recruiting patients to the BSRBR-RA via the linked route, please be aware that there will be a delay in getting these patients registered with the BSRBR-RA due to the fact that we cannot accept registrations until we know the patient has started biologic therapy. This information is captured on the three month BRAGGSS form so this will likely delay the registration of patients in the UK CRN database. In addition, BRAGGSS has recently moved to a web portal, so we are working hard to align the new system with our database. Please bear with us!

Web Portal

We have recently re-started work on the BSRBR-RA web portal. Although it will be some time before we can launch something that is tried and tested, we need to get input into the system from you. If you are interested in (i) becoming a pilot centre for testing the new system, or (ii) getting involved in a healthcare professional user requirements BSRBR-RA Focus Group, please contact Neil Wall who is our Portal Development Administrator: neil.wall@manchester.ac.uk. We are also working on the development of a patient portal to improve our communication with patients participating in the study.

Contact and Connect with BSRBR-RA

This newsletter is published by the University of Manchester for the BSRBR-RA. If you have any questions or comments about the study, please do not hesitate to contact the project team.

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