

Newsletter

We have funding!

We have some exciting announcements, so it's time for an update! First of all, we have included the first patient in the study. This means that the STEPS-EA trial has now officially started. Secondly, Helsinki has obtained ethical approval and is ready for the first patient as well.

Next, we have recently received a grant for this trial from the Sophia Foundation in The Netherlands, which will allow us to cover the costs each participating center will make. **Each center will get €750,- per inclusion.** Hopefully, this will increase the number of participating centers rapidly & make this challenging international multicenter trial a success.

Copenhagen (Denmark), Odense (Denmark), Rome (Italy) and Stockholm (Sweden) have submitted the study protocol to their local ethical committee. Padua (Italy), Amsterdam (The Netherlands) and Paris (France) only have to finalize the clinical trial agreement before also they also can apply for ethical approval. Lille (France), London (United Kingdom) and Marseille (France) have expressed their interest in participation.

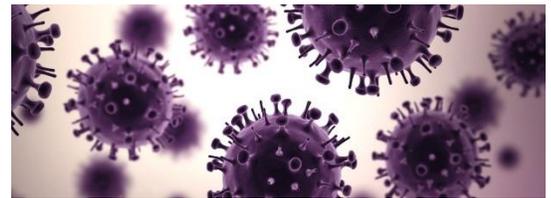
COVID-19

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, all research activities in most centers have been set on hold.

Of course we support this decision, since the primary concert at this moment is the safety of staff and patients.

We wish our colleagues all the best, and we will continue our work together when everything has settled down.

Stay healthy!



Road to success

We all know the struggles of an international multicenter trial but only collaboration in projects like this enables us to do high-level research in rare diseases.

For any questions or if you are interested to participate, please contact us. We are happy to help you with the logistics in any way possible.

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The STEPS-EA trial: intralesional STERoid injections to Prevent refractory Strictures in patients with Esophageal Atresia
 → 1:1 randomization to injection with 10 mg/ml TAC (Kenacort-A 10) prior to balloon dilatation and balloon dilatation without any injection

