

Newsletter

New coordinator!

My name is Anne-Fleur van Hal and I am pleased to introduce myself as the new coordinator of the STEPS-EA trial. I am a PhD candidate at the Pediatric Surgery Department in the Sophia Children's Hospital in Rotterdam. In time I will take over the STEPS-EA trial from my colleague Chantal ten Kate.

In addition to the STEPS-EA trial I will be focusing on better and more effective care for patients with EA. I am looking forward to working together!



Affiliated centers

After the good news in March, regarding the obtained funding and first inclusion, we have some more good news! We are happy to welcome the new affiliated ERNICA partners to our trial. The following centers have expressed interest and/or started the administrative work: *Graz* (Austria), *Linz* (Austria), General Hospital of *Vienna* (Austria), Sozial Medical Center East, *Vienna* (Austria), *Madrid* (Spain), University Hospital *Barcelona* (Spain), Sant Joan de Déu *Barcelona* (Spain), *Vilnius* (Lithuania) and *Zagreb* (Croatia).

Furthermore, *Copenhagen* (Denmark), *Odense* (Denmark), *Rome* (Italy), *Zagreb* (Croatia), *Graz* (Austria), *Stockholm* (Sweden) and *Paris* (France) have submitted the study protocol to their local ethical committee. *Amsterdam* (The Netherlands), *Padua* (Italy), *Madrid* (Spain), University Hospital *Barcelona* (Spain) and General Hospital of *Vienna* (Austria) are finalizing the clinical trial agreement. *Marseille* (France), *London* (United Kingdom), *Vienna* SMZ Ost (Austria), Sant Joan de Déu *Barcelona* (Spain), *Lille* (France), *Linz* (Austria) and *Vilnius* (Lithuania) have expressed interest in participation.

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.

The STEPS-EA trial team steps.ea@erasmusmc.nl

COVID-19 pandemic

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic research activities have had a setback during these past few months. Nevertheless we are making progress with the STEPS-EA trial! We hope everybody has been okay and is able to resume their work. Stay safe and take care!

Road to success



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