

What to do if a patient develops an unexpected problem

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- If you have any concerns about a patient in the trial, you must contact the PI or his/her delegate at your hospital in the first instance
- Advice about the trial ([not clinical care](#)) is available from the TCC – see wall posters and Investigator Study File for contact information


Unblinding the treatment allocation

- In general there should be no need to unblind the allocated treatment. **If some contraindication to antifibrinolytic therapy develops after randomisation, the trial treatment should simply be stopped and all usual standard care given.**
- Unblinding should be done only in those rare cases when the clinician believes that clinical management depends importantly upon knowledge of whether the patient received tranexamic acid or placebo.
- In those few cases when urgent unblinding is considered necessary, a 24-hour telephone service is available and details provided in the Study File and wall posters.
- If unblinding is needed, the caller will be told whether the patient received TXA or placebo by email or fax; this is to ensure that the TCC staff remain blind to the study treatment

Unblinding the treatment allocation

Hospital ID Code Hospital Name

Patient Initials Randomisation number /

CRAS  Clinical Randomisation of an anti-thrombotic in significant head injury

TRIAL TITLE: Tranexamic acid for the treatment of significant traumatic brain injury:
An international randomised, double blind, placebo controlled trial

UNBLINDING REQUEST REPORT FORM

REASONS FOR UNBLINDING MUST BE REPORTED TO THE TRIAL COORDINATING CENTRE

1. What is the reason for unblinding the treatment allocation for this patient? (diagnosis if possible)

2. IS THE REASON AN ADVERSE EVENT? (circle) NO YES

3. ADVERSE EVENT FORM COMPLETED? (circle) NO YES
If adverse event is YES and no form has been completed PLEASE send the SAE form to TCC as soon as possible

4. DETAILS OF PERSON REQUESTING UNBLINDING

a) Full Name b) Telephone number c) Signature

DATE REQUEST MADE

TIME REQUEST MADE

WAS THIS PATIENT UNBLINDED? (circle) NO YES

EMAIL CONFIRMATION OF UNBLINDING RECEIVED? NO YES

5. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

a) Signature b) Date

TCC use only

DETAILS OF PERSON AUTHORISING UNBLINDING

a) Full Name b) Date c) Signature

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- An **Unblinding Request Report** form must be completed by the person who requested the unblinding
- TCC will send you a blank form immediately a request for unblinding has been granted
- If necessary, an **Adverse Event Report** must be completed

For further information see presentation titled 'Adverse Event reporting and completing the report form'

Complications – reported as outcomes

Mortality:

primary outcome routinely captured (including primary cause)

Other relevant medical events:

expected complications of TBI collected:

- neurosurgical interventions
- thromboembolic events
- renal failure
- stroke
- myocardial infarction
- sepsis
- seizure
- gastrointestinal bleeding

Outcomes routinely reported to the independent Data Monitoring Committee (DMC) for unblinded review

CRASH-3 OUTCOME FORM
COMPLETE AT DISCHARGE FROM THE RANDOMISING HOSPITAL, DEATH IN HOSPITAL OR 28 DAYS AFTER INJURY, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST

AT 9251/91

1. HOSPITAL (Hospital code) **000**

2. PATIENT a) BOX b) PACK c) INITIALS

3. OUTCOME

3.1 DEATH IN HOSPITAL

a) Date of death b) Time of death

c) Primary Cause of death (tick one option)

Head injury
 Bleeding
 Pulmonary embolism
 Stroke
 Myocardial Infarction
 Multi organ failure
 Other/describe here (only one)

3.2 PATIENT ALIVE

a) Still in this hospital now (28 days after randomisation) – Date

b) Discharged to another hospital – Date of discharge

c) Discharged home – Date of discharge

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3.3 IF ALIVE – DISABILITY RATING SCALE (tick one response for each box) – see overleaf for guidance

a) EYE OPENING
 Spontaneous
 To Speech
 To Pain
 None

b) COMMUNICATION ABILITY
 Oriented
 Confused
 Inappropriate
 Incomprehensible
 None

c) MOTOR RESPONSE
 Obeying
 Localising
 Withdrawing
 Fleeing
 Extending
 None

d) FEEDING (cognitive ability only)
 Complete
 Partial
 Minimal
 None

e) TOILETING (cognitive ability only)
 Complete
 Partial
 Minimal
 None

f) GROOMING (cognitive ability only)
 Complete
 Partial
 Minimal
 None

g) LEVEL OF FUNCTIONING (physical, mental, emotional or social function)
 Completely independent
 Independent in special environment
 Mildly dependent – limited assistance
 Moderately dependent – moderate assistance
 Markedly dependent – assist all major activities, all times
 Totally dependent – 24-hour nursing care

h) EMPLOYABILITY (as a full time worker, homemaker, or student)
 Not restricted
 Selected jobs, competitive
 Sheltered workshop, non-competitive
 Not employable

3.4 IF ALIVE: Assessed by doctor/nurse/relative based on their knowledge of the patient, or patient if able (tick one response for each box) SEE GUIDANCE OVERLEAF

a) WALKING
 No problems
 Some problems
 Confined to bed

b) WASHING / DRESSING
 No problems
 Some problems
 Unable

c) PAIN / DISCOMFORT
 None
 Moderate
 Extreme

d) ANXIETY / DEPRESSION
 None
 Moderate
 Extreme

e) AGITATION / AGGRESSION
 None
 Moderate
 Extreme

f) FATIGUE
 None
 Moderate
 Extreme

4. MANAGEMENT

a) DAYS IN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (if no ICU or not admitted to ICU, write '0' here) **2**

b) TYPE OF NEUROSURGICAL OPERATION

i) Haematoma evacuation YES NO

ii) Other YES NO

c) BLOOD LOSS DURING NEUROSURGICAL OPERATION

Estimated Volume (ml) **2000**

5. TRIAL TREATMENT

a) Loading dose given YES NO

b) Maintenance dose given YES NO

6. COMPLICATIONS (circle one option on every line)

Pulmonary embolism YES NO

Deep vein thrombosis YES NO

Stroke YES NO

Myocardial infarction YES NO

Renal failure YES NO

Sepsis YES NO

Seizure YES NO

Gastro intestinal bleeding YES NO

7. OTHER COMPLICATIONS YES NO

IF YES, REPORT AS PER PROTOCOL USING ADVERSE EVENT FORM

8. PERSON COMPLETING FORM

a) Name **Dr Tim Harris** b) Position **Principal Investigator**

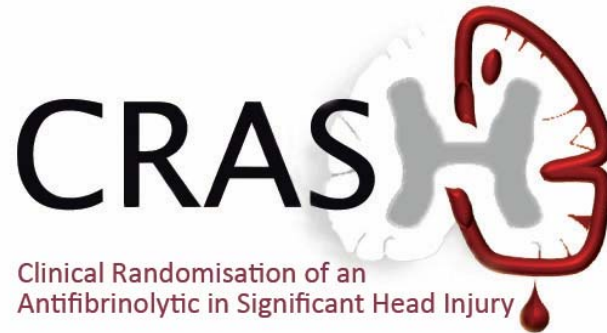
c) Signature **Tim Harris** d) Date **30/05/2012**

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What should be reported as AE or SAE?

- Any untoward medical occurrence NOT collected on the outcome form, up to 28 days after randomisation, should be reported
- If a patient is discharged or transferred to another hospital, they should be given an **ALERT CARD** which should contain information on who to contact if they develop any problems
- Report untoward medical occurrence:
 - not on the outcome form during hospitalisation
 - any event which develops after discharge and up to 28 days after randomisation
 - for each event, an Adverse Event Report form must be completed
 - for further information see presentation titled '**Adverse Event reporting and completing the report form**'





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