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## Welcome to the Quarterly OMG Newsletter!

Welcome to another quarterly OMG Newsletter, also available at [www.omgpivc.org](http://www.omgpivc.org). A lot has occurred since the last newsletter and we are happy to say several facilities have commenced data collection!

### **Registrations progress: A Tour de Force in France!**

We would like to thank our colleague Professor Jean Christophe Lucet (Bichat-Claude Bernard Hospital, Paris) who has been instrumental in spreading the word and encouraging the participation of many hospitals in France and several other French-speaking nations and areas, including Algeria, Morocco, Lebanon, New Caledonia, and Reunion Island. Thank-you, Prof Lucet!

We now have 396 hospitals in 41 countries registered to participate. The complete list of participating hospitals can be found on our website at [http://www.omgpivc.org/hospital\\_sites/sites/](http://www.omgpivc.org/hospital_sites/sites/)

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Algeria	2
Argentina	12
Australia	72
Belgium	1
Brazil	8
Canada	21
China	38
Colombia	2
Finland	1
France	43
Germany	1
Greece	1
India	8
Iran	1
Israel	1
Italy	3
Kenya	1
Kuwait	1
Lebanon	1
Malaysia	3
Malta	1
Mexico	3
Morocco	1
Netherlands	1
New Caledonia	1
New Zealand	16
Papua New Guinea	1
Peru	1
Philippines	5
Poland	1
Portugal	1
Romania	2
Saudi Arabia	1
Serbia and Montenegro	1
Spain	25
Sweden	3
Switzerland	1
Thailand	11
United Arab Emirates	2
UK	25
USA	78
Vietnam	10

### **Translation of forms**

We have been very busy translating the study forms into several languages. We sincerely thank our colleagues from the clinical setting and industry who have taken the time to assist us in the translation of forms. We know that you all donated your time out of good will for this project and we sincerely appreciate your help. The study is now fully available in English, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, and Vietnamese. **We still need help with German, Greek, Dutch, Thai, Romanian, Polish, Japanese, and Arabic.** If you could possibly help, please get in touch by email [omgstudy-group@griffith.edu.au](mailto:omgstudy-group@griffith.edu.au)

### **Institutional Review Board / Ethical clearance**

If you are a registered site, we kindly remind you that it is important to find out whether

you require ethical clearance to undertake the audit. Every organisation is different even within the same region and may have specific criteria. It has not been too difficult to gain approval from the overwhelming majority of organisations as it is a low risk audit with no interventions. Please contact Gillian if you're having difficulties obtaining approval.

### **Authorship Agreement forms**

It is a requirement of study participation that you complete an Authorship Agreement form. By doing this, you agree not to publish your own results before the main study is published and to acknowledge the OMG study team in any subsequent papers you decide to publish using the data collected during the OMG study. Please return your completed signed form to Gillian. We are happy to discuss and collaborate with you on this.

### **Data collection process**

Once you notify us that you have the necessary approvals and have returned your Authorship Agreement form, Gillian will send you an email with your unique hospital study number and the online link to the surveys.

There are 3 surveys:

**Site Information** (completed once)

**Screening Log** (completed for each participating ward or unit in your hospital)

**Data Collection** (completed for every patient with a PIVC on the day of the study).

You can also complete the study on paper and scan/email or post the data to us.

If you have any questions about the treatment of data, please see the website. <http://www.omgpivc.org/about/treatment-of-data/>

### **Benefits for participating**

All investigators in this study are vascular access clinicians and researchers. The data collected remains the property of the hospital. Each hospital will receive a report on their data (the final format is being developed). There will also be the opportunity to benchmark your data across your region, country, and of course internationally.

### **Frequently asked questions**

You probably have lots of questions about the study. We encourage you to look at this link on the website first. [http://www.omgpivc.org/wp-content/uploads/OMG\\_PIVC\\_Study\\_FAQ.pdf](http://www.omgpivc.org/wp-content/uploads/OMG_PIVC_Study_FAQ.pdf)

If your question has not been answered, do email us.

### **OMG at WoCoVA, Berlin**

The OMG study team met up with international colleagues to promote the OMG study at the recent World Congress on Vascular Access (WoCoVA)

Laura Alberto from Sanatorio de Alta Complejidad Sagrado, Argentina, gave a fabulous presentation on the enthusiasm of Argentinian nurses for the OMG study, and its expansion through South America. Laura has been a great champion of the project. Thank you, Laura!

Nearly 100 organisations have registered since WoCoVA!



*Niall Higgins discussing OMG at WoCoVa*



*Peter Carr presenting pilot results on OMG at WoCoVa*



Jocelyn Hill and Gillian Ray-Barruel presenting at WoCoVa.

**OMG at AVA, Maryland**

Several of the OMG study team will also be attending and presenting at the upcoming the Association for Vascular Access (AVA) conference in National Harbor, Washington DC - Maryland,

USA in September. So if you'll be there, drop in and say G'day!

**Registration Closure Date:**

Registration for the study will close on 31st December 2014. Data collection will finish by June 2015.

If you are thinking of joining the OMG study it's not too late, and the more hospitals we have, the more meaningful our data will be.

Recruitment is still one of our main priorities so please assist us if you can by

forwarding this newsletter through your networks and by speaking to your colleagues within your region to register if they have not done so.

**In Conclusion:**

Again, we want to thank all our collaborators for their ongoing support. Coordinating this project is an enormous task and as previously mentioned one that we as clinicians and researchers are undertaking much work in our spare time. We are working as hard and as diligently as we can to ensure this project will be a great success.

**The OMG PIVC study team**



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