



**1,500 PATIENTS TO BE RANDOMISED IN 5 MONTHS**

## WHAT'S NEW?

### SHORT FILM



View and share the film, available on the website or CTU YouTube channel.

### BLOG



Contribute to the blog by submitting your stories and comments on the website.

### NEW WEBSITE



Check out the new website using the same address as before [womantrial.lshtm.ac.uk](http://womantrial.lshtm.ac.uk)

## TRIAL NUMBERS



18,500 PATIENTS RECRUITED

FROM 199 ACTIVE SITES



ACROSS 21 COUNTRIES

## The WOMAN trial team is now complete

**"I urge all of our collaborators to continue the effort to make sure we complete recruitment of 20,000 women by March 2016."**

Professor Mohamed Ahmed A El Sheikh, National Coordinator and Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at Soba University Hospital in the Sudan explains why the WOMAN trial is so relevant

"The Sudan, a large country with diverse cultures and difficult unpaved roads, has scarce obstetric services run by different levels of health care providers. We have joined the WOMAN trial as it probes yet another novel method for the management of postpartum haemorrhage (PPH). As an international, well designed study it is conducted in many countries in which the obstetrics services are similar to our situation. The trial started in the Sudan in September 2011; ten teaching hospitals participated, seven of which are now actively recruiting. Many practicing obstetricians are familiar with the trial and hoping for positive results."



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## PAKISTAN NATIONAL MEETING MAY 2015

Over 50 investigators attended the WOMAN trial national meeting held in Pakistan, with everyone making great contributions. It was the collective effort of all the collaborators in Pakistan that made this such a successful event.



The meeting was hosted in Rawalpindi by the National Co-ordinator for Pakistan, Professor Rizwana Chaudhri. The strategy for the remaining months was mapped out to ensure all high risk patients are randomised as early as possible using the most appropriate form of consent. Investigators took part in consent role plays, re-enacting different consent situations and working through difficult situations that may arise.



Teams from collaborating sites in Pakistan agreed to make promises to the WOMAN trial at the meeting and subsequently sent us team photos of their promises.

We hope that with all these promises made, the WOMAN team in Pakistan are able to fulfil these and see total recruitment reach 20,000 patients within the next 5 months, before trial recruitment is concluded in March 2016.



# WOMAN **PLEDGE** BOARD

NIGERIA  
NATIONAL  
MEETING  
MARCH 2015

“To rededicate my  
centre in recruitment  
and randomisation of all  
eligible patients and robust  
data”

*Dr. Josiah Mutahir  
Jos University Teaching Hospital*

“To recruit all the  
eligible patients  
up to the end of  
the trial”

*Dr. Sule Abdullah Gaya  
Aminu Kano Teaching  
Hospital, Kano*



“To present  
local data  
at meetings  
to recruit more  
patients.

To contribute significantly  
to the recruitment for the  
WOMAN trial ”

*Dr. Swati Singh  
Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital*

“Nigeria will deliver  
on it's promises”

*Dr. Bukola Fawole  
Nigeria National Coordinator*

**ARE YOU KEEPING  
YOUR PROMISE?**



# WE'RE PREPARING FOR THE RESULTS, AND SO SHOULD YOU!

The WOMAN trial campaign has now been officially launched

On October 6th 2015, Professor Rizwana Chaudhri presented the launch of the WOMAN trial campaign to the audience at FIGO (International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics) World Congress 2015. This saw the launch of the trial teaser video and new website.

Share the teaser film on the new website and subscribe to our YouTube channel  
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The overall aim for this campaign is to inform health professionals, health ministers, civil society charitable organisations and public audiences of the trial progress in advance of results which will be available next year. So please feel free to share the video and post on social media.



## SHARE YOUR WORK

Supporting this launch is the campaign leaflet which informs of the issue of postpartum haemorrhage and what the global trial team is working towards.

If you would like to present the campaign on behalf of the trial please email us at [thewomantrial@Lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:thewomantrial@Lshtm.ac.uk) to receive printed leaflets, the trial film and/or presentation.

The new WOMAN trial website is now live!

...but don't worry, you will find us in the same place

## Share the website and film

The new website is a platform for you to promote all of your hard work to the rest of the world and allows you to interact with the trial.

The website features all the same resources for collaborators as well as new developments such as:

- A maternal health and PPH blog
- Trial results subscription
- Informative trial film
- Room for much more...

[www.womantrial.lshtm.ac.uk](http://www.womantrial.lshtm.ac.uk)



# 1,500 high risk patients to be randomised before March 2016

## SPECIAL MENTION FOR ENTHUSIASM

- Fatima Bai Hospital, Pakistan
- Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital, Nigeria
- St Paul's Millenium Hospital, Ethiopia
- Ayub Teaching Hospital, Pakistan

## SPECIAL MENTION FOR COMMITMENT

- Dr Brian, AIC Kijabe Hospital, Kenya
- Dr Fouzia, Liaquat Memorial Women & Children Hospital Kohat
- Prof Nabag, Khartoum North Teaching Hospital, Sudan

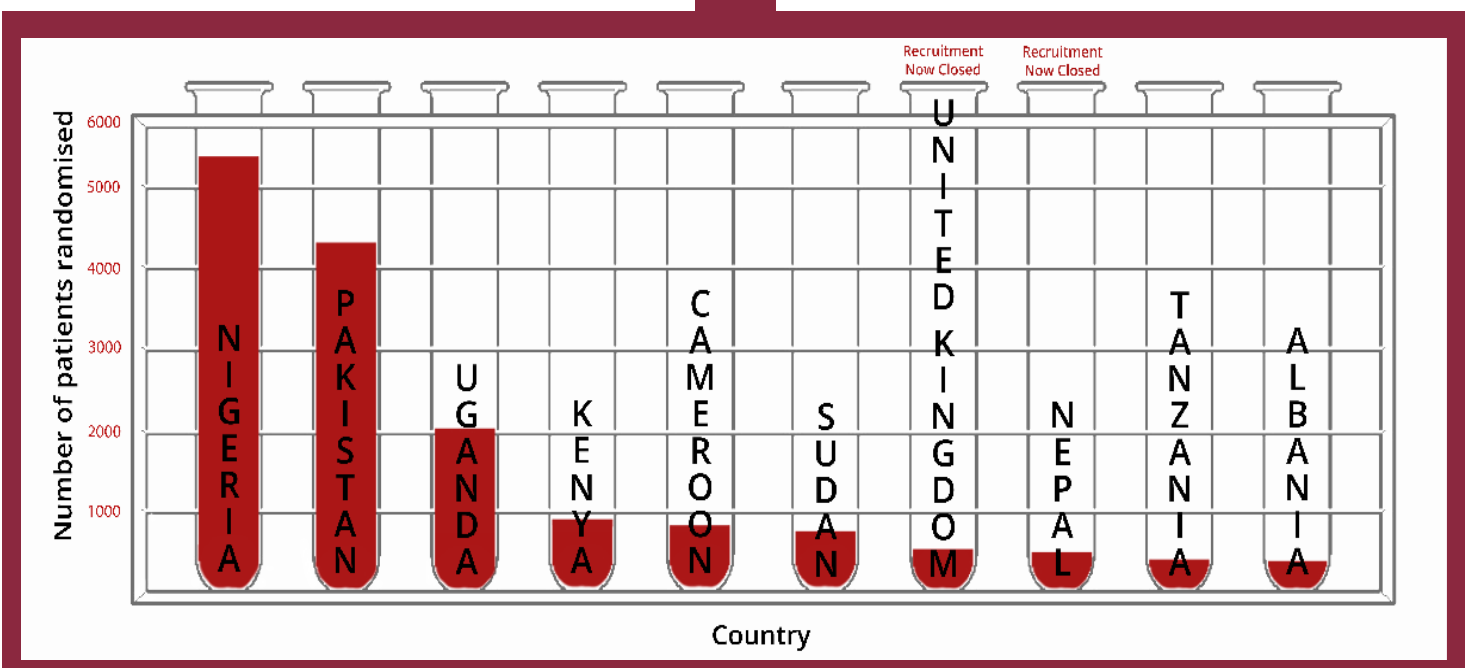
## IMPROVED RECRUITERS

- Liaquat Memorial Women & Children Hospital Kohat, Pakistan
- DHQ Hospital Rawalpindi, Pakistan
- Bolan Medical Complex Hospital Unit IV, Pakistan
- Hopital General Abobo Nord, Cote d'Ivoire
- Liaquat University Hospital LUMHS Gynae Unit I, Pakistan

## CLEAN DATA PROVIDERS

- Braithwaite Memorial Hospital, Nigeria
- Rehman Medical Institute Private Limited, Pakistan
- St Francis Hospital Buluba, Uganda
- Peoples University of Medical & Health Services, Pakistan
- Liaquat University Hospital Gynae Unit I, Pakistan

## TOP 10 RECRUITING COUNTRIES



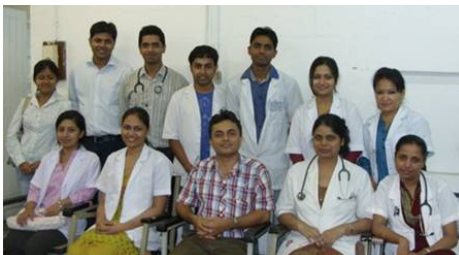
# THE FINISH LINE IS IN SIGHT

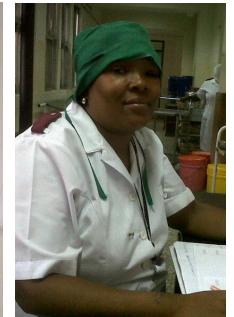
Congratulations and thank you for reaching 18,500 patients recruited. After this massive achievement, 1500 patients in 5 months won't be a problem if we all do our very best.

You all know the statement - Success is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration. Designing the WOMAN trial was the 1% inspiration, but it is all of you putting in the 99% perspiration has got us to 18,500 patients. As the finish line approaches, the temptation is to slow down. However, we know that many races are lost just before the finish line. We urge all of you to bring it in on time - 20,000 patients by March 2016. We have had several new countries joining us since our last global newsletter - Cote D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia and Papua New Guinea; also many new sites from Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia. So we have a strong team to carry us to the end.

From now till March 2016, every doctor, midwife, nurse, researcher and trialist working on the trial knows the challenge ahead - 1500 patients in 5 months!

Our focus must also be on making sure that the right types of patients are recruited (those women who, following first line interventions, continue to bleed and are considered for additional treatments) and that you are considering randomisation of these women as early as possible - do not delay! Also, only the best quality data will do!





# MEET SOME OF YOUR FELLOW COLLABORATORS

If you can't see a photo of your team, please email a photo to [thewomantrial@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:thewomantrial@lshtm.ac.uk) and we can feature you in the next newsletter and also on the website.

# The WOMAN team is now complete, and you are part of it!

**After five years the WOMAN trial has now initiated all countries needed to achieve the target recruitment.**

Many new countries have joined the trial since the last global newsletter in 2013 including:

**Cote d'Ivoire**  
**Democratic Republic of Congo**  
**Ethiopia**  
**Papua New Guinea**

## COUNTRIES IN THE TRIAL TEAM



It gives me great pleasure to write on behalf of the Steering Committee and to extend their warm regards to collaborators. It has been a long trial but we are on the final lap due to end March 2016. As we all know, this is a historic trial and it remains significant irrespective of the findings. The Nigerian members have been privileged to be involved in both its conceptualization and recruitment.

In the next few months we need to focus on making good the promises we made at the last national collaborators meeting in Ibadan. I am aware that some centres in Nigeria were not recruiting due to various professional disputes. This should motivate the recruiting centres to make sure that our National recruitment target is met. We must recruit every eligible patient especially the high risk patients.

I believe that at the end of this trial we would have made a significant contribution to the reduction of maternal mortality through reducing PPH. We hope this trial will also provide a cheap and affordable solution to this enormous problem. More importantly this intervention will be applicable to the women in Nigeria.



**Professor Oladapo Olayemi**  
 PI at UCH Ibadan and  
 Trial Steering Committee member

The activity that started in Nigeria in 2010 has now evolved into a strong network of collaborating institutions. WOMAN trial started in Nigeria with 12 health facilities. All study team members in all participating hospitals must take huge credit for sustaining this collaboration as we approach the end of the trial. Every team member in all of our 51 collaborating hospitals is sincerely appreciated. Your individual contribution has added value to the WOMAN trial. We urge you to re-double your efforts in order to ensure that we maintain the momentum until the very last day of the trial.

With the recent crisis in the health sector behind us, let us complete the trial in the remaining months on a high note. It is in this spirit that we welcome the teams at Federal Medical Centre, Asaba and Karshi General Hospital, Abuja into the WOMAN trial family in Nigeria.

**Dr Bukola Fawole**  
 Nigeria National Coordinator

