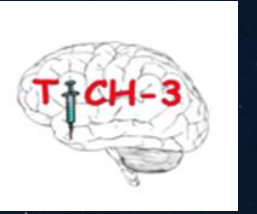


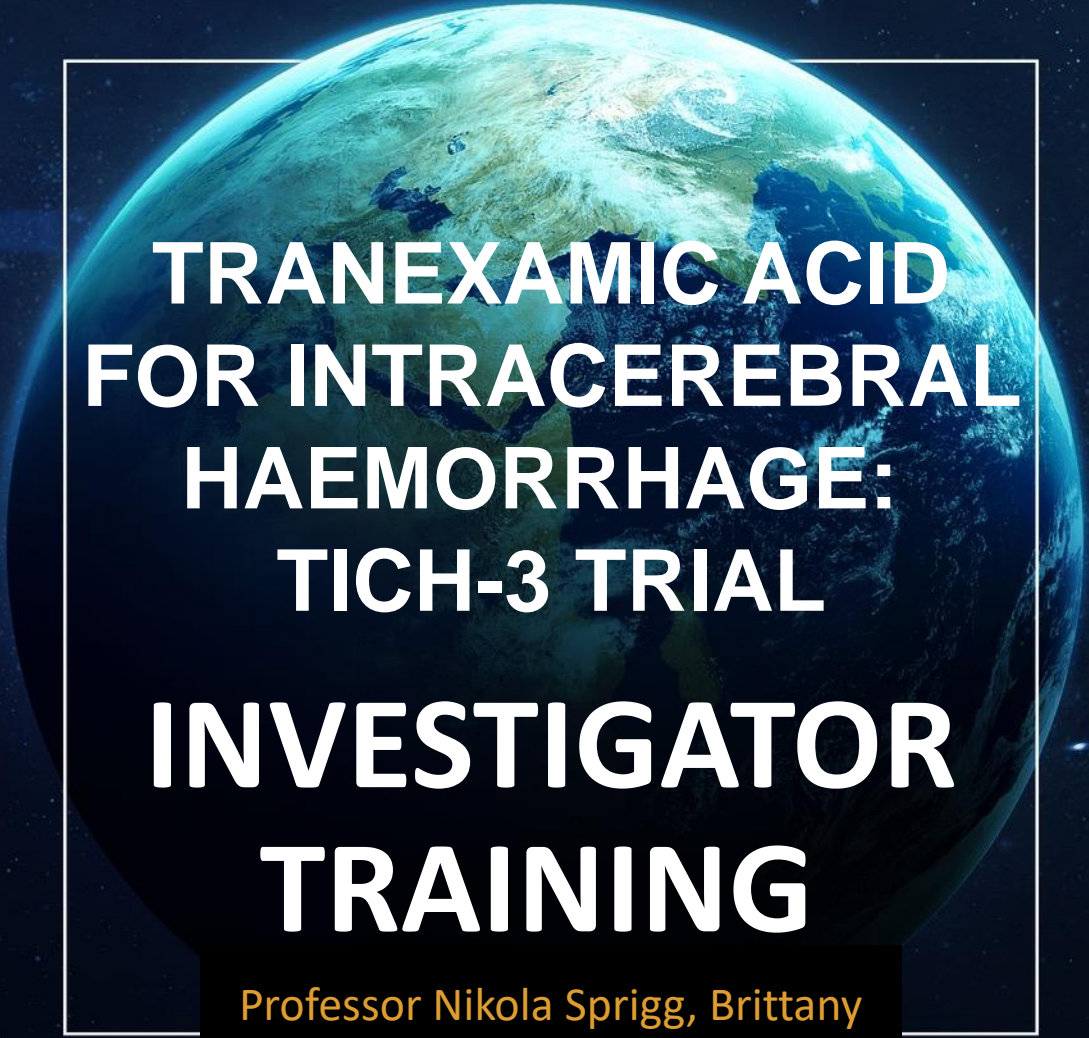


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# TRANEXAMIC ACID FOR INTRACEREBRAL HAEMORRHAGE: TICH-3 TRIAL INVESTIGATOR TRAINING

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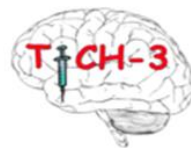
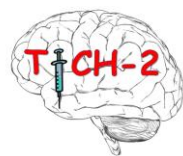
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TICH-3 IRAS Project ID:

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**BACKGROUND**

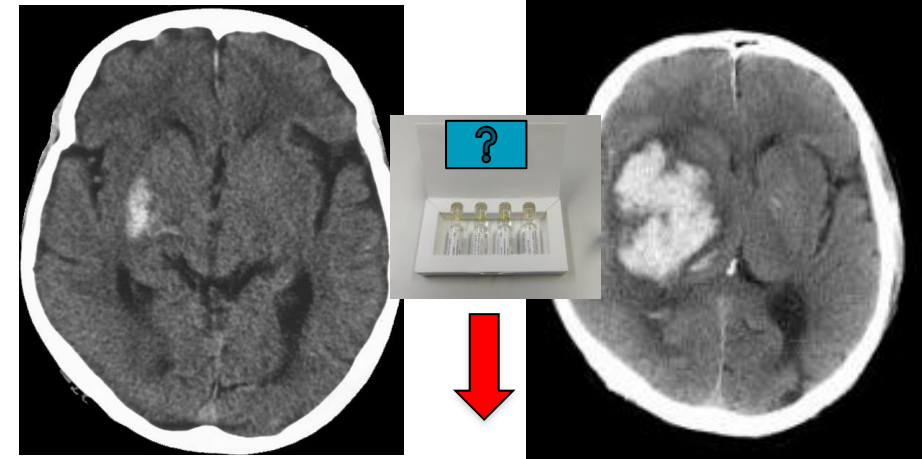


# Intracerebral Haemorrhage (ICH)



## Intracerebral haemorrhage can be devastating

- Haematoma expansion (HE) is common, occurs early and is main cause of death
- Predictors – time, haematoma volume, anticoagulation and antiplatelets
- Drugs that stop bleeding (such as tranexamic acid), are effective in other bleeding conditions and could potentially reduce haematoma expansion



**TICH-3: does giving tranexamic acid early after ICH prevent haematoma expansion and reduce death and disability**





# Tranexamic acid in other trials



- TXA acts through antifibrinolytic mechanisms
- CRASH-2 In patients with traumatic haemorrhage (including from head injuries), TXA significantly reduces death due to bleeding and all-cause mortality, with no increase in vascular occlusive events.
- Analysis of the CRASH-2 trial showed that because death due to bleeding occurred early after trauma, hyperacute administration of TXA was necessary for patients to receive any benefit.
- A meta-analysis of TXA in traumatic intracranial haemorrhage showed that it was associated with a significant reduction in subsequent intracranial bleeding.
- CRASH-3, reduced head injury related deaths in patients with traumatic brain injury, with early treatment more effective than later treatment.
- In TICH-2 (in 2325 patients with ICH within 8 hours of onset) TXA was safe, reduced haematoma expansion and early death. It did not significantly change outcome at 3 months
- Tranexamic acid is inexpensive, easy to administer, seems to be safe, and is widely available, so even a modest treatment effect could have an important impact on the global scale.



# Key changes from TICH-2



## Target participants most likely to benefit

Change	TICH-2	TICH-3
Primary outcome	Function day 90	Death by day 7 Function day 180
Recruitment target	2000	5500
Recruitment time	8 hours since onset	4.5 hours since onset
Baseline ICH volume	No maximum	Exclude massive (usually Haematoma Volume > 60ml)
Consent	Written consent	Oral consent – followed by written consent
Randomisation	On-line	Simple – lowest pack number

# PROTOCOL

Final version 3.1 25/04/2024



# TICH-3 Synopsis



**Design:** Double blind randomised clinical trial, pragmatic streamlined design

**Participants:** Inclusion: Adults ( $\geq 18$  years) within  $< 4.5$  hours of stroke onset

**Exclusion:** Massive ICH (Glasgow Coma Scale  $< 5$  or Haematoma Volume  $> 60\text{ml} \pm 10\text{mls}$ ), Contraindication to TXA e.g. Seizures

**Consent:** Rapid emergency process – oral consent followed by written consent

**Intervention:** Tranexamic 1g IV in 100ml sodium chloride over 10 mins, 1g in 250ml sodium chloride infusion over 8hrs or saline by identical regime

Given alongside standard ICH care, including BP lowering as per clinical guidelines<sup>1</sup>

**Randomisation:** Simple - use the lowest available treatment pack number

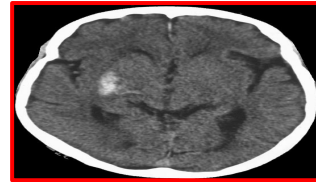
**Primary Outcome:** Early death (day 7)

**Secondary outcome:** Function-Shift analysis modified Rankin Scale day at 6 months

**Sample size:** 5500 (3900 UK and 1900 Internationally)

**Cost/funder:** UK NIHR plus others internationally

**Duration:** 7.25 years - Aim 5 yrs UK recruitment



Verbal permission

Randomise - open lowest numbered treatment pack



2 ampoules + 100ml NaCl 10 mins  
2 ampoules + 250ml NaCl 8 hours

Recruitment Alert



Written consent

Primary outcome: Mortality day 7

Secondary: mRS day 180



1: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng128/chapter/Recommendations>





# TICH-3 Eligibility Criteria



## Inclusion criteria

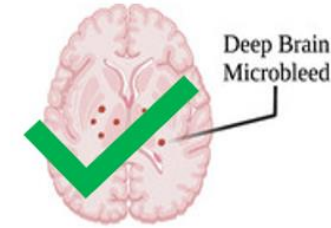
- Spontaneous ICH (confirmed on brain imaging) < 4.5 hours of onset

**It is not necessary to exclude underlying vascular lesions – but if they are known please do not include.**

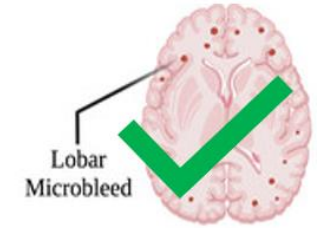
IMP treatment should be started within the 4.5 hours inclusion window.

## Exclusion criteria

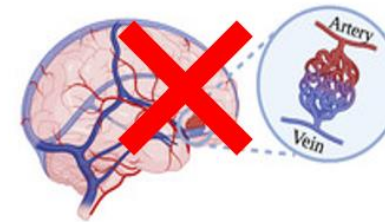
- Known indication for TXA treatment (e.g. traumatic brain injury) *or* contra-indication for TXA treatment (e.g. active seizures) *in view of treating physician*
- Patient known to be taking therapeutic anticoagulation with warfarin or low molecular weight heparin at time of enrolment. **(DOAC is permitted)**
- Massive ICH (usually when haematoma volume > 60ml HV – **only estimation is needed (+/- 10%)**)
- Severe coma, Glasgow Coma Scale <5, palliative (end of life) care



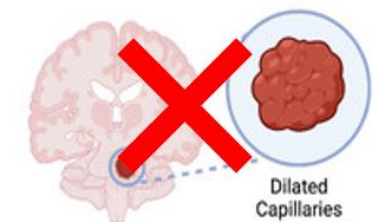
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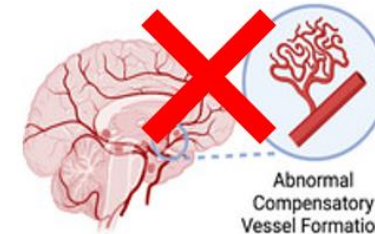
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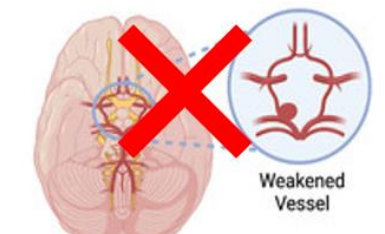
Arteriovenous Malformation



Cavernous Angioma



Moyamoya Disease





Aneurysm



# Eligibility checklist (optional document)



 **TICH-3 ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST**   
(Final Version 1.0: 23/11/2023)

Title of Study: TICH-3      IRAS Project ID: 297457      CTA ref: 03057/0074/001-0001

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that I have been given a copy of the eligibility checklist (version 1.0 dated 23/11/2023) and I have assessed the participant as suitable using the below approved checklist.

Inclusion Criteria (protocol Final v2.0 07/10/2022) (all criteria must be yes for participant to be enrolled into TICH-3)			
	Yes	No	
1			Adult (18 years and over).
2			Clinical diagnosis of acute spontaneous ICH (confirmed on brain imaging).
3			Within 4.5 hours of symptom onset (When onset of symptoms are unknown patient must be within 4.5 hours of symptom discovery and have no other exclusion criteria).

Exclusion Criteria (protocol Final v2.0 07/10/2022) (Patients cannot be enrolled if 'YES' is ticked for any exclusion criteria)			
	Yes	No	
1			Patient with a known indication for TXA treatment (e.g. traumatic brain injury).
2			Patient with contraindication for TXA treatment (e.g. seizures or known active venous thromboembolism).
3			Patient known to be taking therapeutic anticoagulation with warfarin or low molecular weight heparin at time of enrolment. Patients taking direct oral anticoagulants can be included and are not excluded.
4			Massive ICH for which haemostatic treatment seems futile (This would ordinarily be when haematoma volume is estimated as larger than 60ml). Any recognised method for estimating haematoma volume is accepted, automated software or ABC/2 calculation. If measurement is not possible in the time available a simple single measurement of the largest haematoma diameter provides an accurate estimate, if the length measurement is greater than 5cm the haematoma volume is likely to be greater than 60mls and the patient should be excluded.
5			Severe coma (Glasgow Coma Scale <5).
6			Decision already taken for palliative (end of life) care with withdrawal of active treatment.

**\*Eligibility must be confirmed by a Medic\***  
(The medic does **not** have to be on the TICH-3 delegation log or GCP trained)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Doctor confirming eligibility)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Please document eligibility confirmation in the participant's medical notes (this form can be stored in their medical notes).

Eligibility checklist TICH-3 - Final v1.0 23.11.2023

Eligibility can be confirmed by a medic that is not on the TICH-3 delegation log. An appropriate research team member on the delegation will then take oral enrolment consent, this can be completed remotely.

There is an eligibility checklist on the TICH-3 documents page that can be used to document participants eligibility whether this was completed remotely or on site.

This is an **optional document** that is not required to be completed but is available if you wish to use this.

All processes of eligibility assessment and consent must be documented in the participants medical notes.

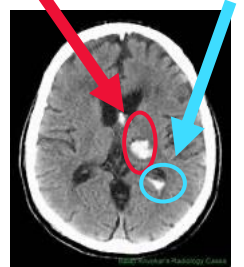


# Eligibility: Frequently asked questions



- **If time of stroke onset is unknown?**  
Patient can be enrolled if presenting within 4.5 hours of discovery if HV < 60mls on CT scan.
- **Can patients with intraventricular haemorrhage (IVH) be enrolled?**  
Yes, so long as they have intracerebral haemorrhage, (fig 1) do not have other exclusion criteria. Isolated IVH (fig 2) should not be included.
- **Can patient be enrolled if they are a candidate for neurosurgery?**  
Yes, neurosurgery is not an exclusion UNLESS the patient is being given TXA as part of standard neurosurgical care
- **Can patient be enrolled if they have a DNAR/from care home/already dependent?**  
Yes, so long as they are still for active care and consent is obtained
- **Can patients with recurrent bleeds be enrolled?** Yes, it is likely that most patients will have an arteriopathy due to hypertension or cerebral amyloid angiopathy.
- **Can a nurse consultant assess eligibility?** Confirming eligibility is defined as a medical decision, so must be undertaken by a medically qualified doctor under the clinical trials regulations.

1. ICH and IVH



2. IVH only



**Final decision on eligibility rests with treating physician**



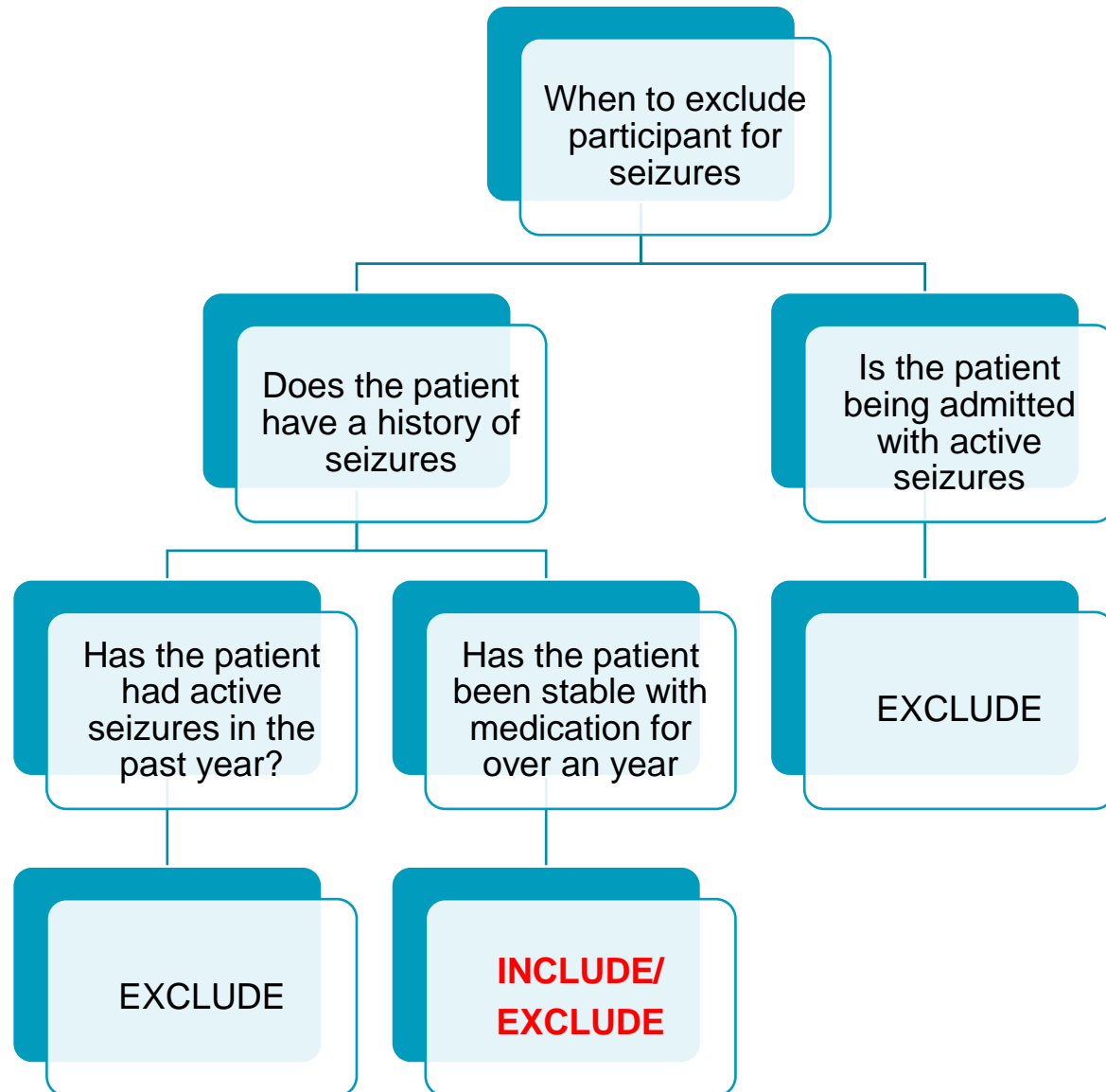
# Eligibility: seizures



- Eligibility for TICH 3 in patients with a history of seizures is at the discretion of the treating physician
- If you have an eligibility query please call the emergency phone number

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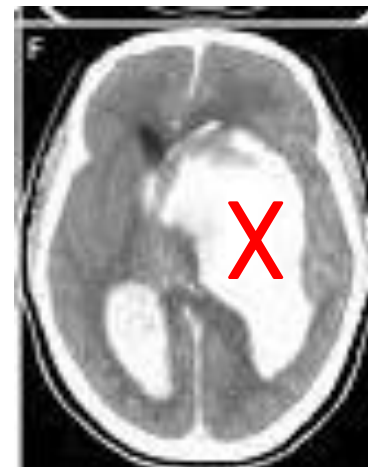
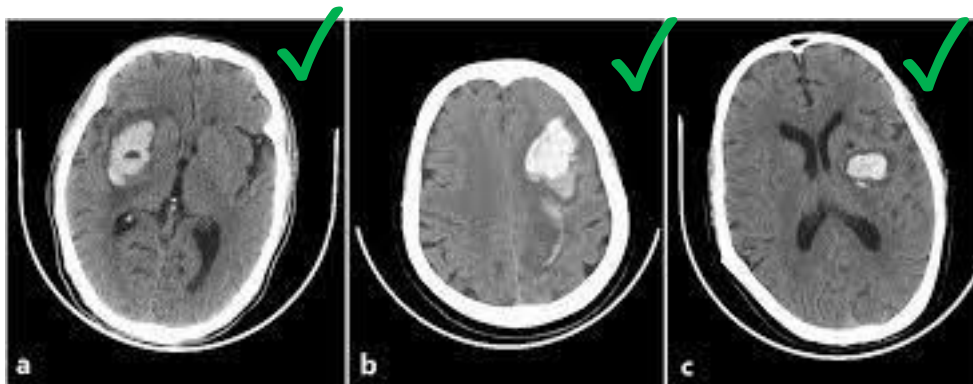
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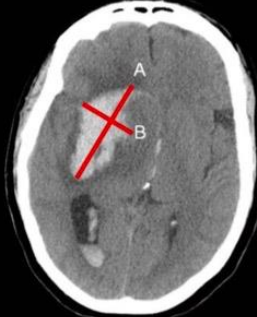
## Exclude patients with massive haematoma (usually > 60ml)

1. If CT scan uses automated haematoma volume software – patient can be enrolled if HV not greater than 60mls (+/- 10%)
2. Calculate HV manually using TICH-3  $HV=ABC/2$  calculator on the website<sup>1</sup> or alternatives e.g. mdcalc app<sup>2</sup> (*ignore 25 – 75% calculator and count all slices where ICH is visible due to time critical nature*)
3. If  $ABC/2$  not possible: measure the maximum length of the haematoma. Exclude - if max length A > 5cm

- ❖ Do not include IVH volume in calculation
- ❖ HV can be estimated by anyone trained to do so



**Formula for Estimating ICH Hematoma Volume**



$$\frac{A \times B \times C}{2}$$

Select CT slice with largest ICH  
 A = longest axis (cm)  
 B = longest axis perpendicular to A (cm)  
 C = # of slices x slice thickness (cm)

Estimated volume of spheroid  
 Correlates well w/ planimetric CT analysis

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**Haematoma volume calculator**

**Estimated volume of largest haematoma**

[View guide](#)

Maximum haematoma length 'A'  cm  
*(up to 4 decimal places)*

Maximum haematoma width 'B'  cm  
*(up to 4 decimal places)*

Number of slices where haematoma visible  slices

Scan slice thickness  mm  
*(up to 3 decimal places)*

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**Please enter the individual components and then the calculated volume will be shown.**

**i** The [ABC/2 calculator](#) can be used to calculate haematoma volumes during eligibility checks, without needing to be logged in.



**CONSENT**



# Emergency Consent Process



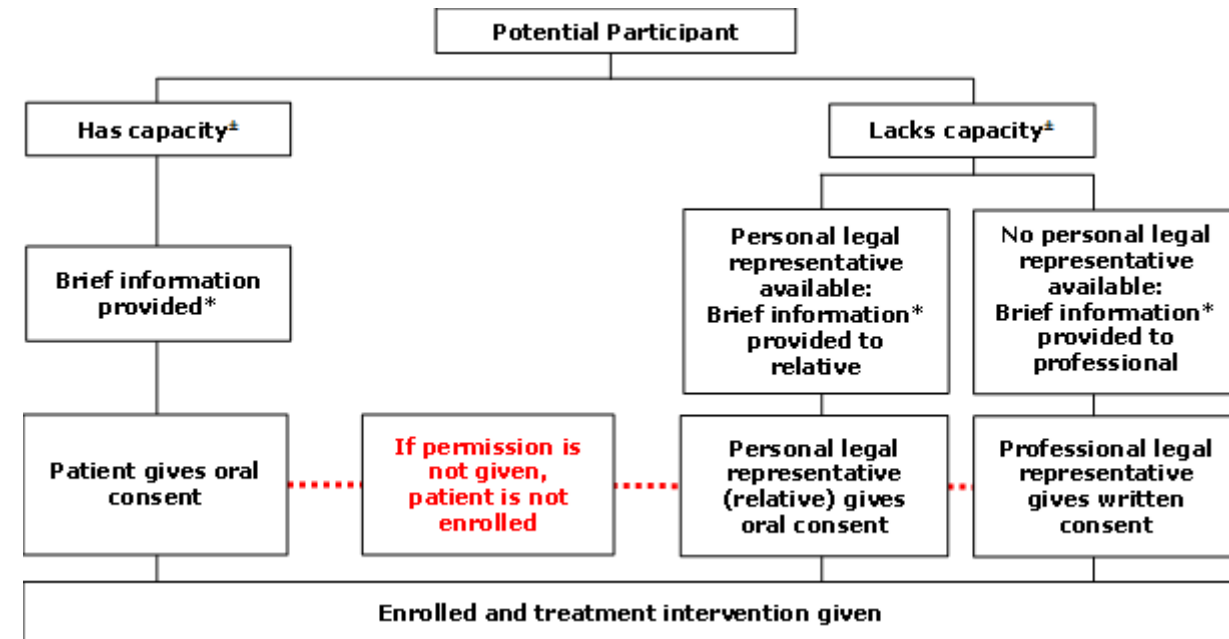
## Rapid consent process, initial verbal consent

Full informed written consent to be obtained later after administration of IMP

### Hierarchy approach in UK

1. Patient has capacity – gives oral consent
2. Patient does not have capacity – relative or close friend likely to know patient wishes provides oral consent
3. Patient does not have capacity and no relatives available – independent doctor provides written consent

- Oral consent can be given over the telephone and then follow-on written consent obtained when relative is on site
- A delegated doctor may assess the patient via telemedicine to obtain verbal consent.
- Medical record must document that the patient meets TICH-3 eligibility criteria and oral consent was given



± Assessment of capacity is the responsibility of the treating physician

**Members of research team taking consent must be appropriately trained and authorised on the TICH-3 delegation log**

**If research team are not available participant can be consented by a member of clinical team and documented via the eligibility checklist and enrolment form (SA\_06\_24)**



# Professional legal representative enrolment consent by an independent doctor



## Enrolment consent by independent doctor

Short Information Sheet and Consent form should be used (pictured to the right). In this scenario this professional legal representative enrolment consent is handwritten and then a follow on written consent form is not required to be completed by the independent doctor. If the participant regains capacity or a relative becomes available they should complete the written follow on consent.

## Follow on written consent by independent doctor

The follow on written consent form for professional legal representative should only be used if participant has capacity and consents for enrolment orally, then loses capacity and no relatives are contactable to provide the handwritten follow on consent. If the participant regains capacity or a relative becomes available they should complete the written follow on consent.

## Informing relatives

The clinician at site has full responsibility for informing relatives of participant when professional legal representative consent has taken place. In event of a patient dying after being enrolled by a professional legal representative but before relatives can be contacted the clinical team should inform the relatives of the patient's involvement in the study and provide information about the study.

[Form to be printed on local headed paper]

**PROFESSIONAL LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE  
SHORT INFORMATION SHEET AND CONSENT**  
(Draft Version 0.2 / Final Version 1.0: 03/11/2021)

**Title of Study:** TICH-3

**IRAS Project ID:** 297457 **CTA ref:** 03057/0074/001-0001

**Name of Researcher:**

**Name of Participant:**

I confirm that I have been given a copy of the Short Professional Legal Representative Information Sheet (Version 1.0 dated 3/11/2021) and I agree as professional Legal Representative on behalf of this stroke patient

- The patient will take part in the TICH-3 study and be given the study medication
- For their medical records to be accessed
- To be followed up at 6 months
- For their GP to be informed
- For their contact details to be collected and used for the purpose of the study
- For their anonymised research data to be used in further research analysis about ICH.

I understand that they are free to withdraw from the study at any point without giving a reason.

For participants who are enrolled following agreement by a professional legal representative as soon as relatives are available or when the patient regains capacity, a detailed information sheet will be provided, and written consent sought for continuation in the trial.

**Professional nominee consent - to be completed if participant does not have capacity to consent**

Name of Person giving nominee consent	Date	Signature
Relationship to patient (please tick): Healthcare Professional <input type="checkbox"/>		
Name of Person taking consent	Date	Signature
Telemedicine used (please tick if Yes) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Name of Witness if consent taken	Date	Signature

3 copies: 1 for participant, 1 for the project notes and 1 for the medical notes

Professional (Legal Rep) Short Information Sheet and Consent - TICH-3 Draft v0.2 Final v1.0 3/11/2021

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You have been asked to act as a professional legal representative to consider if you think that the patient named above should take part in the TICH-3 study.

TICH-3 aims to assess whether the drug tranexamic acid reduces the risk of death and/or improves disability 6 months after stroke due to intracerebral haemorrhage (ICH).

Because intracerebral haemorrhage is an emergency and the potential benefits of the study treatment (tranexamic acid) are likely to be related to how soon after stroke the treatment is given, every minute counts. We need to decide about giving the treatment as quickly as possible. As the patient is not well enough to decide, and no relatives are immediately available you have been asked to decide on their behalf. You are able to make this decision in accordance with emergency consent procedures.

The patient has been identified because they have had a stroke caused by intracerebral haemorrhage - and they fit the requirements for this research project. At present they are not able to tell us whether to take part, so we are asking your opinion. If you do decide they would take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form. We are inviting approximately 5500 participants with intracerebral haemorrhage to take part from around the UK and worldwide.

Tranexamic acid is approved for use in emergency patients with bleeding after trauma, labour or surgery. The side effects from tranexamic acid are generally mild and can include diarrhoea, low blood pressure and dizziness. Importantly, because the treatment works by stopping bleeding there is a chance it can cause a deep vein thrombosis (DVT) or Pulmonary embolism (PE). However, in previous studies in stroke patients, and in people with emergency bleeding due to trauma, involving many thousands of patients, tranexamic acid at the dose used in this study (2g) was safe and did not increase blood clots.

In this study the treatment (either tranexamic acid or saline) is administered as intravenous infusion through a venous cannula with a loading dose infusion over 10 minutes followed by an infusion over 8 hours.

During the next 7 days members of the clinical and research team will monitor the potential participants condition and record relevant information from their medical notes.

For participants who are enrolled following agreement by a professional legal representative as soon as relatives are available or when the patient regains capacity, a detailed information sheet will be provided, and written consent sought for continuation in the trial.

The participants' decision to withdraw would overrule the decision of either a professional or relative acting as the legal representative.

Professional (Legal Rep) Short Information Sheet and Consent - TICH-3 Draft v0.2 Final v1.0 3/11/2021



# Delegated roles for consent: J and Z

## Person taking initial consent must be delegated role J

The PI must select whether code J should be applied as a delegated role.

J. Obtaining consent for enrolment (including oral consent, as appropriate to local policy and practice). **I, PI, DPI**

Site investigator ▼ (Not authorised) Authorise ▼

Consent training for enrolment (J)

No consent training

- Monitoring will check patient was consented by someone on delegation log

**TICH-3 trial**  
**Tranexamic acid for IntraCerebral Haemorrhage 3**

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### Enrolment form v1.1

#### Section A: Inclusion/exclusion criteria and consent

##### Inclusion criteria

- Adults within 4.5 hours of onset of acute spontaneous ICH (confirmed on brain imaging)
- When onset of symptoms is unknown, patient must be within 4.5 hours of symptom discovery and have no other exclusion criteria

##### Exclusion criteria

- Patient with a known indication for TXA treatment (e.g. traumatic brain injury)
- Patient with contraindication for TXA treatment
- Patient known to be taking anticoagulation at time of enrolment
- Massive ICH for which haemostatic treatment seems futile (this would ordinarily be when haematoma volume is estimated as larger than 60ml)
- Severe coma (Glasgow Coma Scale less than 5)
- Decision already taken for palliative (end of life) care with withdrawal of active treatment

A1 Did the participant have capacity to consent?  Yes  No

A2 Please give the name of the investigator taking initial consent for enrolment in the trial   Not known

## Person taking written consent must be delegated role Z

Z assigned to those with relevant investigator roles (not pharmacists, radiology etc) and confirmed by PI.

Z. Obtaining follow-on written consent (after initial consent) to continue in the study and for follow-up. **I, PI, DPI**



# Enrolment consent when research team are not available



- We have received ethical approval to implement the eligibility checklist and enrolment form (SA\_06\_24 and MA\_24\_24)
- This form allow medics at the local site that are not on the TICH-3 delegation log and may not be GCP trained to be fully informed of the TICH-3 trial by reading the synopsis on the eligibility checklist and enrolment form and then using the checklist to assess their eligibility. If eligible the clinician will discuss with the potential participant and if consent is taken, they will be enrolled into the trial and will receive the trial treatment.
- All study materials, including protocol and related documents, will be available online and there will be a 24-hour telephone service, supported by medical consultant staff and trained coordinating centre research staff.
- Within each treatment pack is a prescribing and administration guide, the team member on site completes a recruitment alert (the team member does not need to be on the delegation log or have a log in for the TICH-3 website to complete) which emails all team members on the sites delegation log and the coordinating centre that a recruitment has taken place so that when the delegated research team are next on site they can follow up the participant as normal and obtain the follow on written consent.
- This approach is to ensure participants do not miss out on the opportunity to participate in the trial because they present when the research team are not present, particularly in smaller hospitals or outside working hours. This approach has the support of our stroke survivor group, and will be monitored closely, and any protocol violations reported to sponsor and the trial steering committee.
- We have worked very closely with our PPI group to develop and co-design this approach which we believe is proportional to risk benefit; tranexamic acid is a relatively low risk intervention, with an established safety profile, in the setting of a time critical medical emergency, ICH is a devastating condition with no effective drug treatment available.





# Eligibility checklist and enrolment form FAQs (SA\_06\_24 and MA\_24\_24)



**When can this method of consent be used?** This is ONLY to be used when the delegated research team are not available to consent participants into TICH-3.

*Alternative text: screenshot of the eligibility checklist and enrolment form*

**Who can take consent via this method?** Site PI may delegate enrolment and administration of the IMP to appropriately trained members of the treating clinical team (not on TICH-3 delegation log, does not need to be GCP trained or have CV on file). There is no minimum grade doctor. Eligibility must be assessed by a medically qualified practitioner under the clinical trial regulations.

**How is this consent process documented?** This would be facilitated and documented by the use of an approved study synopsis, eligibility checklist and enrolment form which then would be stored in the participant's medical record.

**What happens after this consent?** Participant will be enrolled, and treatment administered by appropriate trained team members at the site. Full written consent would then be obtained as soon as practicable by a member of the local research team who is GCP trained and delegated the responsibility on the study delegation log.

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**TICH-3 EMERGENCY ENROLMENT SYNOPSIS**  
You have been asked to consider if you think that the patient is eligible to take part in the TICH-3 trial. Please read below carefully then use the checklist above to assess if the patient is eligible. If eligible, [ask](#) verbal permission.

If the patient is eligible, you should discuss the trial with the research team as soon as possible. Treat the patient as per standard of care.

**Background of TICH-3**  
TICH-3 is a randomised controlled trial that aims to improve emergency and intensive care for patients with acute intracerebral haemorrhage (ICH) by using tranexamic acid (TXA) as soon as possible. Treat the patient as per standard of care.

**Risks of tranexamic acid**  
Tranexamic acid (TXA) is a medication used to reduce bleeding. It is generally safe but can cause side effects such as dizziness, headache, and changes in blood clotting. There is a small risk of blood clots. Patients taking TXA should be monitored for signs of blood clots. Patients taking TXA should be monitored for signs of blood clots. Patients taking TXA should be monitored for signs of blood clots.

**Consent**  
ICH is an emergency condition. The patient or the patient's representative must give consent for the patient to be enrolled in the trial. Please explain the trial to the patient or the patient's representative. The patient or the patient's representative must understand the trial and agree to participate. The patient or the patient's representative must be of legal age and have the capacity to give consent. The patient or the patient's representative must not be under duress or coercion. The patient or the patient's representative must not be a minor. The patient or the patient's representative must not be a prisoner. The patient or the patient's representative must not be a person who is unable to give consent. The patient or the patient's representative must not be a person who is unable to give consent. The patient or the patient's representative must not be a person who is unable to give consent.

**Further information**  
A brief information sheet is available for patients and their representatives. This provides more details about the trial and what to expect. If you need a copy of the information sheet, please contact the research team. If you need a copy of the information sheet, please contact the research team. If you need a copy of the information sheet, please contact the research team.

**Treatment:**  
If the patient is eligible for the trial, they will be enrolled and treated with TXA as soon as possible. The patient will be monitored for signs of blood clots. The patient will be monitored for signs of blood clots. The patient will be monitored for signs of blood clots.

**Safety:**  
If you are concerned about the patient's safety, please contact the research team immediately. If you are concerned about the patient's safety, please contact the research team immediately. If you are concerned about the patient's safety, please contact the research team immediately.

**Further guidance**  
Eligibility checklist

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**ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST AND ENROLMENT FORM**  
(Draft Version 1.1:25/04/2024)  
IRAS Project ID: 297457 CTA ref: 03057/0074/001-0001

**Title of Study:** TICH-3

**Participant name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that I have been given a copy of the eligibility checklist and verbal enrolment consent form and TICH-3 synopsis (Version 1.1 dated 25/04/2024) and I have assessed the participant as suitable using the below approved checklist. The participant has been briefly asked, due to the time critical nature of the trial, if they wish to proceed with the study treatment as part of the TICH-3 trial, in which case they will receive the trial treatment and then a detailed information sheet will be provided and full written consent will be obtained afterwards by research trained member of staff on the study delegation log.

TICH-3 is performed in accordance with good clinical practice – if unsure please contact the emergency numbers below.

**Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria** (please circle if 1:25/04/2024)

**Inclusion criteria**

- Adults within 4.5 hours of onset of acute spontaneous intracerebral haemorrhage ICH (confirmed on brain imaging). When onset of symptoms is unknown, patient must be within 4.5 hours of symptom discovery and have no other exclusion criteria. **It is not necessary to exclude underlying vascular lesions (e.g. aneurysms) – but if they are known that is not 'spontaneous' ICH so participant should not be included.**

**Exclusion criteria**

- Patient with a known indication for TXA treatment (e.g. traumatic brain injury) where TXA is to be given as part of standard clinical care.
- Patient with known contraindication for TXA treatment (e.g. active seizures or known active venous thromboembolism).
- Patient known to be taking therapeutic anticoagulation with warfarin or low molecular weight heparin at time of enrolment. Patients taking direct oral anticoagulants can be included.
- Massive ICH for which haemostatic treatment seems futile (This would ordinarily be when haematoma volume is estimated as larger than 50ml +/-10%).
- Severe coma (Glasgow Coma Scale <5) or decision already taken for palliative (end of life) care with withdrawal of active treatment.

I confirm the patient satisfies the above inclusion and criteria (please circle): Yes  No

**Name of Doctor confirming eligibility** \_\_\_\_\_ **Registration number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Eligibility must be confirmed by a Medically qualified practitioner\*

**Decision to proceed with trial treatment**

- Brief information has been given and patient or relative had opportunity to ask [questions](#).
- Full written consent to be obtained [afterwards](#).
- Prescription of trial treatment to be written in accordance with prescribing and administration guide found within the treatment pack. Use the treatment pack with the lowest pack number on it. Treatment to be started within 4.5 hours of stroke onset and trial team notified following the guidance within the pack.

I confirm the patient, relative or independent doctor gives permission to proceed with treatment (please circle): Yes  No

**Name of person giving permission if not patient** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to patient** \_\_\_\_\_

Please document eligibility confirmation and store this form in the participant's medical notes.

You must inform the research team within 24 hours should the patient experience an adverse reaction during or following administration of the treatment. 24 hours emergency helpline numbers:  
07725 580 092 07739 843 592 07798 670 726 07810 540 664

Eligibility checklist and verbal enrolment consent TICH-3 - Draft v1.1 25/04/2024

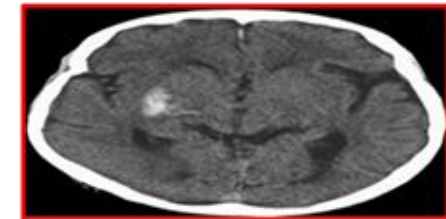


# Streamlined recruitment process



## CT/MRI scan shows bleeding and is within 4.5 hours of symptom discovery

1. **Confirm eligibility** can be completed by any clinician they do not need to be on the TICH-3 delegation log
2. **Take initial oral enrolment consent** the process of eligibility and consent just needs to be documented in the medical record. We also allow remote recruitment over phone/telemedicine. If no relatives, then ask an independent doctor and use brief consent form to document.
  - *Members of research team taking consent must be appropriately trained and authorised on the TICH-3 delegation log with code J applied (enrolment consent for CTIMPs)*
  - ***If research team are not available*** participant can be consented by a member of clinical team and documented via the eligibility checklist and enrolment form (SA\_06\_24 & MA\_24\_24)
3. **Lowest numbered TICH-3 treatment pack** is prescribed and administered by appropriately trained staff (they do not need to be on the delegation log or GCP trained)
4. **Complete QR code recruitment alert** this is within each treatment pack and can be completed by anyone (do not need to be on delegation log, no logins required to complete the form to alert the team a recruitment has taken place)
5. **When the research team is next on site** you will see the recruitment alert in your emails to know a participant was recruited and then you would find the participant to take the follow-on written consent, add participant to website and begin data entry



Verbal permission

Randomise - open lowest numbered treatment pack



2 ampoules + 100ml NaCl 10 mins      2 ampoules + 250ml NaCl 8 hours

Recruitment Alert



**PRAGMATIC METHODS ALLOWS FOR STREAMLINED RECRUITMENT OUT OF HOURS**



# Written follow-on consent

**The person taking written consent must be appropriately trained and delegated code Z by the PI to take consent on the delegation log**

Full, written informed consent will be sought as soon as practicable, ideally within the next 24 hours. Written informed consent will be sought for access to medical notes and for participation in the trial follow up. The participant information sheet will be provided to the participant at this time if not already provided. Please localise the consent forms and participant information sheets prior to printing, see WPD preparing trial documentation to help you with this <https://stroke.nottingham.ac.uk/sif/docs/?sid=TICH-3>

[Form to be printed on local headed paper]

University of Nottingham / FULL CONSENT FORM FOR PARTICIPANT (Final version 1.0: 03/11/2021)

Title of Study: TICH-3  
IRAS Project ID: 297457 CTA ref.: 03057/0074/001-0001

Name of Researcher:  
Name of Participant: Please initial box

- I confirm that I have read and understand the information sheet final version 1.0 dated 03/11/2021 for the above study and have had the opportunity to ask questions.
- I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason, and without my medical care or legal rights being affected. I understand that should I withdraw then the information collected so far cannot be used and that this information may still be used in the project analysis.
- I understand that relevant sections of my medical notes and data collected in the study may be looked at by authorised individuals from the University of Nottingham, the research group and regulatory authorities where it is relevant to taking part in this study. I give permission for these individuals to have access to these records and to collect, store, analyse and publish information obtained from my participation in this study. I understand that my personal details will be kept confidential.
- Consent for data use in possible future research (Optional) (delete yes/no and initial in box).  
I agree that the information gathered about me can be stored by the University of Nottingham, for possible use in future studies. I understand that some of these studies may be carried out by researchers other than the current team who ran the first study, including researchers working for commercial companies. Any data used will be anonymised, and I will not be identified in anyway. YES/NO
- I understand that the information held and maintained by NHS Digital, (EDRIS in Scotland) and other central UK NHS bodies may be used to help contact me or provide information about my health status.
- I agree to my GP being informed of my participation in this study and who will be asked to provide information on my status for the 180 Day follow up.
- If I lose the capacity to make decisions for myself during the course of the study, I'd be happy to continue in the study unless my legal representative (friend or relative) raises an objection to this.
- I agree to you sending me a letter/email with a summary of the results (delete yes/no and initial in box). YES/NO
- I agree to take part in the above study.

Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person taking consent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

3 copies: 1 for participant, 1 for the project notes and 1 for the medical notes

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University of Nottingham FULL CONSENT FORM FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE - RELATIVE (Final version 1.0: 03/11/2021)

Title of Study: TICH-3  
IRAS Project ID: 297457 CTA ref.: 03057/0074/001-0001

Name of Researcher:  
Name of Participant: Please initial box

- I confirm that I have read and understand the information sheet final version 1.0 dated 03/11/2021 for the above study and have had the opportunity to ask questions.
- I understand that my relative's participation is voluntary and that they are free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason, and without their medical care or legal rights being affected. I understand that should they withdraw then the information collected so far cannot be used and that this information may still be used in the project analysis.
- I understand that relevant sections of my relative's medical notes and data collected in the study may be looked at by authorised individuals from the University of Nottingham, the research group and regulatory authorities where it is relevant to taking part in this study. I give permission for these individuals to have access to these records and to collect, store, analyse and publish information obtained from participation in this study. I understand that my relative's personal details will be kept confidential.
- Consent for data use in possible future research (Optional) (delete yes/no and initial in box).  
I agree that the information gathered about my relative can be stored by the University of Nottingham, for possible use in future studies. I understand that some of these studies may be carried out by researchers other than the current team who ran the first study, including researchers working for commercial companies. Any data used will be anonymised, and my relative/close friend will not be identified in anyway. YES / NO
- I understand that the information held and maintained by NHS Digital, (EDRIS in Scotland) and other central UK NHS bodies may be used to help contact my relative or provide information about their health status.
- I agree to my relative's GP being informed of their participation in this study and that they may be asked to provide information on their status for the 180 Day follow up.
- I agree to you sending my relative a letter/email with a summary of the results (delete yes/no and initial in box). YES/NO
- I agree to my relative taking part in the above study.

Name of participant \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to participant \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Relative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of researcher taking consent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

3 copies: 1 for participant, 1 for the project notes and 1 for the medical notes

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University of Nottingham FULL CONSENT FORM FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE - Professional (Final version 1.0: 03/11/2021)

Title of Study: TICH-3  
IRAS Project ID: 297457 CTA ref.: 03057/0074/001-0001

Name of Researcher:  
Name of Participant: Please initial box

- I confirm that I have read and understand the information sheet final version 1.0 dated 03/11/2021 for the above study and have had the opportunity to ask questions.
- I understand that my professional's participation is voluntary and that they are free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason, and without their medical care or legal rights being affected. I understand that should they withdraw then the information collected so far cannot be used and that this information may still be used in the project analysis.
- I understand that relevant sections of the participant's medical notes and data collected in the study may be looked at by authorised individuals from the University of Nottingham, the research group, and regulatory authorities where it is relevant to taking part in this study. I give permission for these individuals to have access to these records and to collect, store, analyse and publish information obtained from participation in this study. I understand that the participant's personal details will be kept confidential.
- Consent for data use in possible future research (Optional) (delete yes/no and initial in box).  
I agree that the information gathered about the participant can be stored by the University of Nottingham, for possible use in future studies. I understand that some of these studies may be carried out by researchers other than the current team who ran the first study, including researchers working for commercial companies. Any data used will be anonymised, and the participant will not be identified in anyway. YES / NO
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- I agree to you sending the participant a letter/email with a summary of the results (delete yes/no and initial in box). YES/NO
- I agree to the participant taking part in the above study.

Name of participant \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to participant \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of professional \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of researcher taking consent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

3 copies: 1 for participant, 1 for the project notes and 1 for the medical notes

**Remember that all boxes must be initialed rather than ticked**

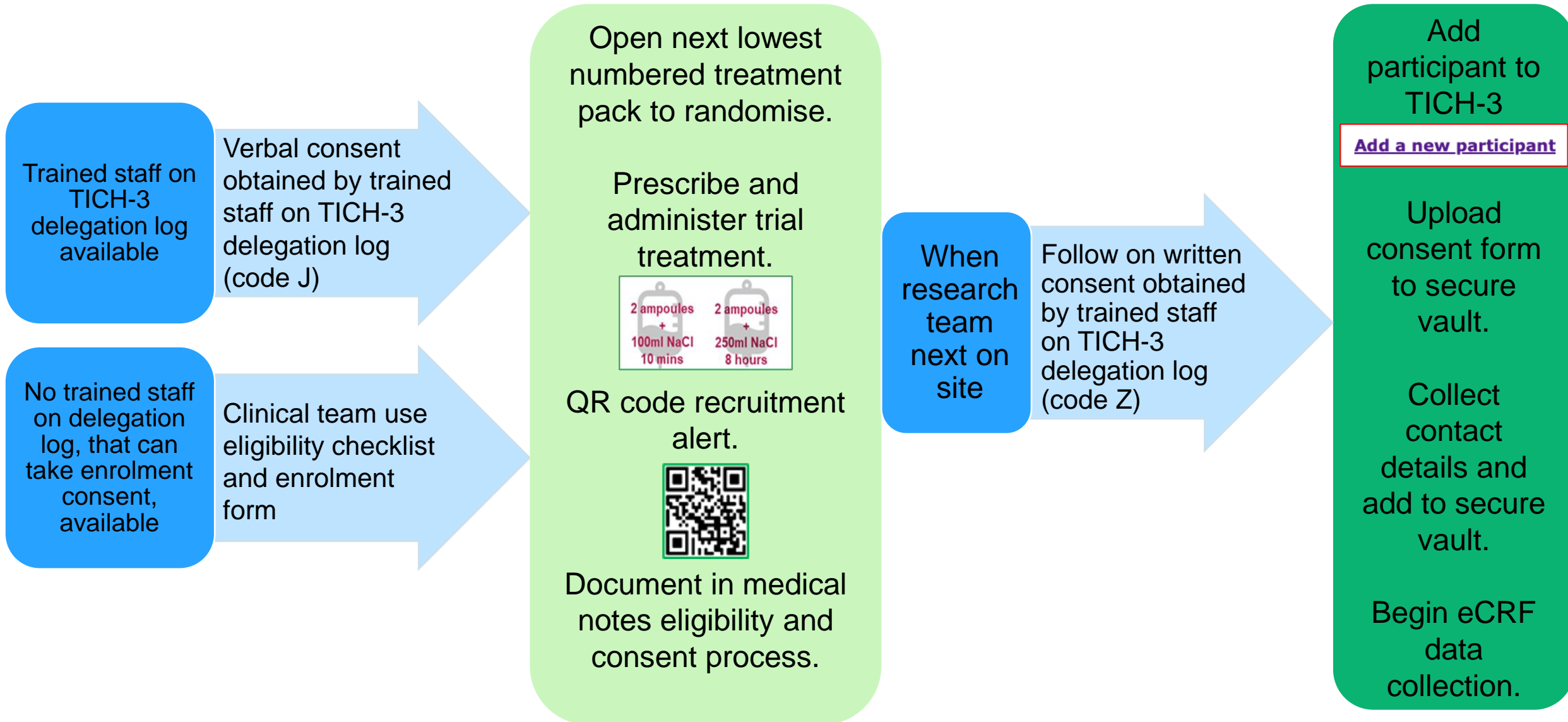


**If your site is randomised to enhanced consent in swat - please use video before taking written consent**

**3 copies of consent form – 1 patient, 1 medical notes, 1 research**



# Consent process flowchart





# **RANDOMISATION**

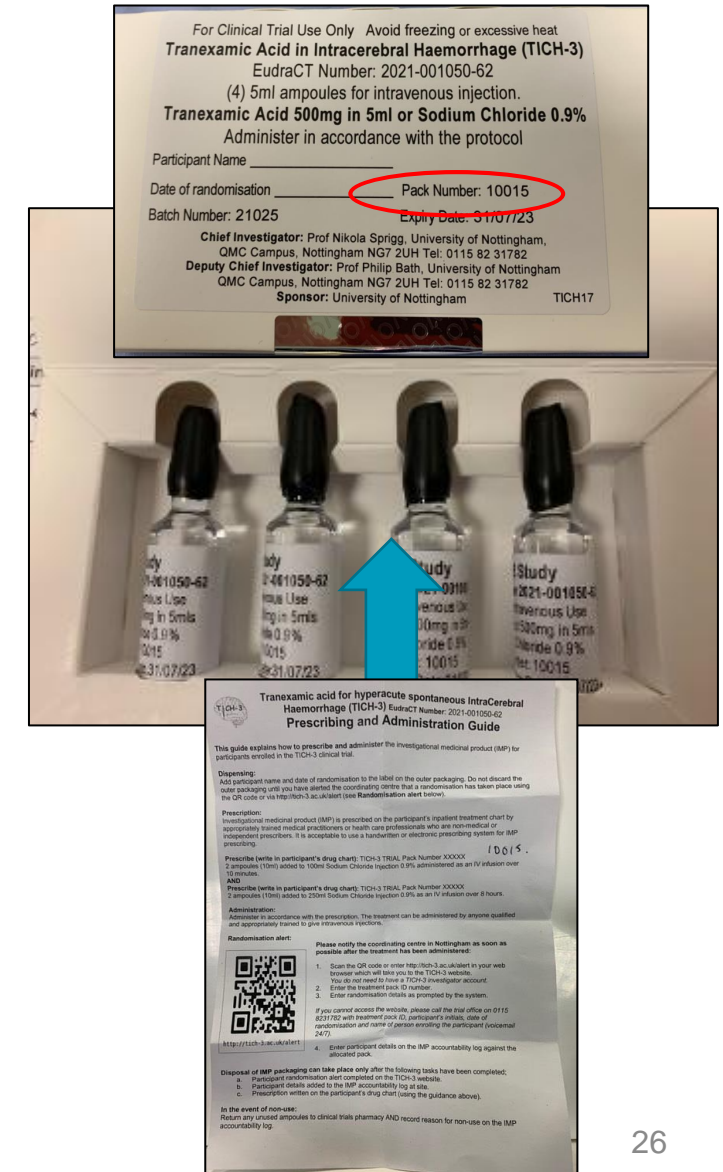




# Randomisation: open lowest pack number



- Blinded treatment packs will be randomly assigned to sites in blocks of 6 treatment packs
- TICH-3 will use simple randomisation
- After confirming eligibility and obtaining consent the investigator **randomises the patient by selecting and opening the treatment pack with the lowest pack number.**
- The prescribing and administration guide can be found inside each treatment pack.
- Due to emergency nature of trial randomisation is notified to the coordinating centre after the IMP has been administered by completing the randomisation alert (guidance for this is within the prescribing and administration guide).





# Prescribing and Administering the IMP



## Prescribing the IMP

Investigational medicinal product (IMP) is prescribed on the participant's inpatient treatment chart by appropriately trained medical practitioners or health care professionals who are non-medical or independent prescribers. It is acceptable to use a handwritten or electronic prescribing system for IMP prescribing.

**Do not need to be on delegation log or GCP trained to prescribe.**

### Prescribe (write in participants drug chart):

*TICH-3 - TRIAL Pack Number XXXXX*

*TRANEXAMIC ACID OR PLACEBO*

*2 ampoules (10ml) added to 100ml Sodium Chloride Injection 0.9% administered as an IV infusion over 10 minutes.*

*AND*

*TICH-3 TRIAL Pack Number XXXXX*

*TRANEXAMIC ACID OR PLACEBO*

*2 ampoules (10ml) added to 250ml Sodium Chloride Injection 0.9% as an IV infusion over 8 hours.*

## Administering the IMP

Administer in accordance with the prescription. The treatment can be administered by anyone qualified and appropriately trained to give intravenous injections. **Do not need to be on delegation log or GCP trained to administer.**



**Tranexamic acid for hyperacute spontaneous IntraCerebral Haemorrhage (TICH-3)**  
EudraCT Number: 2021-001050-62  
EU CTIS registration number: 2022-500587-35-00

### Prescribing and Administration Guide

This guide explains how to prescribe and administer the investigational medicinal product (IMP) for participants enrolled in the TICH-3 clinical trial.

#### Dispensing

Add participant name and date of randomisation to the label on the outer packaging. Do not discard the outer packaging until you have alerted the coordinating centre that a randomisation has taken place using the QR code or via <http://tich-3.ac.uk/alert> (see **Randomisation alert** below).

#### Prescription

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#### Administration

Administer in accordance with the prescription. The treatment can be administered by anyone qualified and appropriately trained to give intravenous injections.

#### Randomisation alert:

**Please notify the coordinating centre in Nottingham as soon as possible after the treatment has been administered:**



<http://tich-3.ac.uk/alert>

1. Scan the QR code or enter <http://tich-3.ac.uk/alert> in your web browser which will take you to the TICH-3 website. *You do not need to have a TICH-3 investigator account.*
2. Enter the treatment pack ID number.
3. Enter randomisation details as prompted by the system. *Note: If you cannot access the website, please call the trial office on 0115 8231782 with treatment pack ID, participant's initials, date of randomisation and name of person enrolling the participant (voicemail 24/7).*
4. Enter participant details on the IMP accountability log against the allocated pack.

**Disposal of IMP packaging can take place only after the following tasks have been completed.**

- a. Participant randomisation alert completed on the TICH-3 website.
- b. Participant details added to the IMP accountability log at site.
- c. Prescription written on the participant's drug chart (using the guidance above).

#### In the event of non-use:

Return any unused ampoules to clinical trials pharmacy AND record reason for non-use on the IMP accountability log.



# Randomisation Alert

1. Investigator will enter the treatment pack ID (pack number), participant initials and their own initials to alert the coordinating centre to a new randomisation.

SCAN  
QR CODE



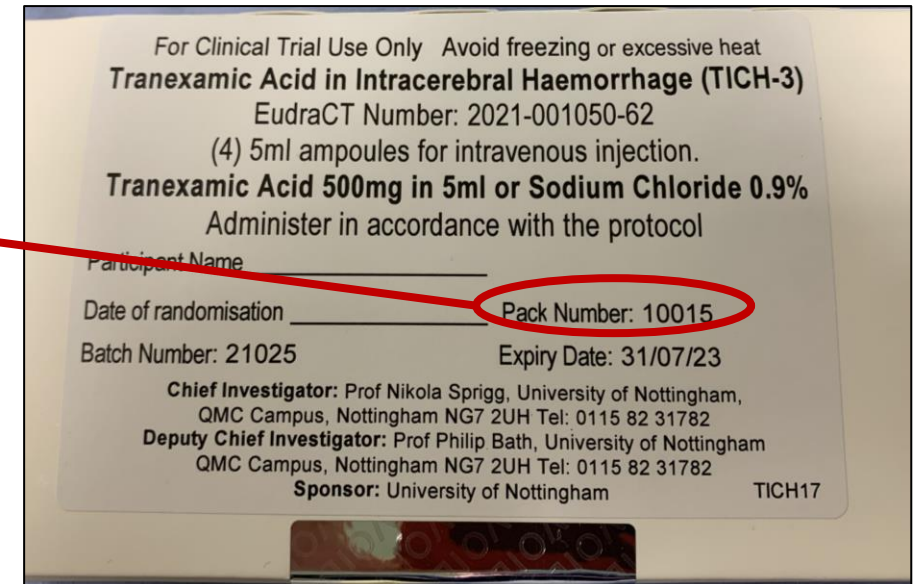
Let us know about a new TICH-3 participant

Treatment pack ID:

Participant's initials:  
(2 or 3 letters)

Your initials:  
(2 or 3 letters)

For initials, please use first letters from forename then surname and enter a dash (-) if no middle initial



2. Investigator will then confirm that the participant was randomised at the hospital shown in the alert box.

Please confirm that the TICH-3 participant was randomised at the hospital shown below.

Centre ID: **C001**

City/name: **NOTTINGHAM, Nottingham DEMO Hospital**

Country: **United Kingdom**



# Standard of care for ICH

- All participants should receive standard care for ICH as per the local clinical pathway and guidelines. This is likely to include:
  - ✓ Referral to stroke unit
  - ✓ **Blood pressure lowering as per clinical guidelines<sup>1</sup> target**  
**For patients with BP 150-220mmHg aim for BP 130-140mmg**
  - ✗ Do not use the same cannula for study drug infusion and blood pressure lowering infusions—need separate IV access line

aiming for a target of BP < 140mmHg as per clinical guidelines, supported by the recent INTERACT -3 Results [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(23\)00806-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)00806-1)

The third Intensive Care Bundle with Blood Pressure Reduction in Acute Cerebral Haemorrhage Trial (INTERACT3): an international, stepped wedge cluster randomised controlled trial



- ✓ Consideration of referral to neurosurgery or critical care if appropriate
- ✓ Prophylaxis of venous thromboembolism with intermittent compression stockings

*Please note tranexamic acid is not standard of care for spontaneous ICH*

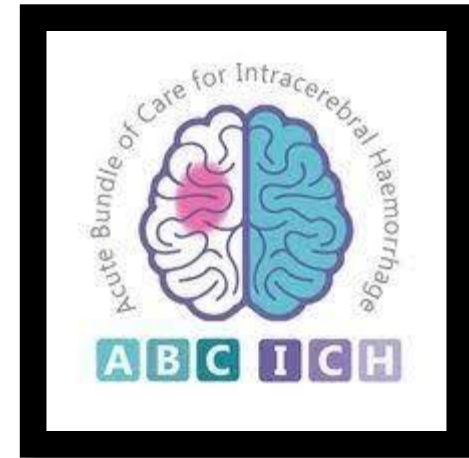




# ABC-ICH Bundle of care + TICH-3



- The 'ABC' care bundle for intracerebral haemorrhage (ABC-ICH) was developed and implemented at Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust (part of the Northern Care Alliance NHS Group) in 2015-16 and reduced 30-day deaths by one-third (35.5% to 24.2%).
- The bundle consists of guideline-recommended interventions:
  - Rapid **A**nticoagulant reversing
  - Intensive **B**lood pressure lowering
  - A **C**are pathway for prompt neurosurgical referral



**Patients can be enrolled in TICH -3 if you are delivering the ABC-ICH Bundle of care**

PLEASE CONSIDER TICH-3 enrollment IF < 4.5 hours onset (or symptom discovery if onset not known)





# Broken vials:



## **Broken prior to randomisation e.g. upon receipt in pharmacy**

- ✓ Inform the Nottingham coordinating centre and dispose of the pack(s) in accordance with WPD (Destruction of IMP).

## **Broken after randomisation, before treatment:**

- ✓ Disregard this pack and use the lowest treatment pack ID that is available at your centre

## **Broken during treatment i.e. Bolus given but infusion vial breaks:**

- ✓ Administer as much drug as possible
- ✓ Record on day 7 form that participant does not receive all of the randomised treatment as per protocol and explain why
- ✗ Do not open another treatment pack

**Always record broken vials on the inventory or accountability log as appropriate**



# SAFETY MONITORING

**Safety outcomes**

**Serious adverse reaction (SAR)**

**Suspected Unexpected Serious Adverse Reaction (SUSAR)**

**Serious adverse event (SAE)**



# Good Clinical Practice (GCP)



- TICH-3 is to be performed in line with all the principles of good clinical practice
- Investigators must adhere to the protocol at all times
- The safety and rights of the participant are paramount
- Training for investigators should be in proportion to their role within the trial and in accordance with their experience and skills
- The participant has the right to withdraw at any time without giving a reason, without it affecting their medical care
- Investigators eligible for NIHR GCP online training learn account

<https://portal.nihr.ac.uk/register>



- **Sponsors SOPS can be found on the document page; see TA016 GCP Breach Reporting**



# Safety Events, SARS and SUSARS



Please remember that investigators have a legal responsibility to report applicable SAEs to the chief investigator within 24 hours of being made aware of the event.

TXA has an established safety record – we only collect data on focused **safety outcomes** occurring within the **first 7 days or events suspected to be related to the IMP (SAR or SUSAR)**:

**Safety outcomes:** **\*\*If a safety outcome (e.g. seizure) occurs during infusion, the infusion must be stopped immediately\*\***

1. Venous occlusive events: VTE (Pulmonary embolism, Deep vein thrombosis)
2. Ischaemic events (arterial thrombosis at any site, ischaemic stroke, transient ischaemic attack peripheral artery embolism, myocardial infarction, acute coronary syndrome)
3. Seizures
4. Fatal events up to discharge from hospital

## **Serious adverse reactions (SAR) or Suspected Unexpected Serious Adverse Reactions (SUSAR):**

- All events suspected to be related to the IMP will be assessed for seriousness, expectedness and causality by local investigator. Section 4.8 of the SmPC, date of last revision 02 February 2021, will act as the **Reference Safety Information:** Tranexamic Acid [https://Tranexamic Acid\\_SmPC\\_20210202\\_REVISION.pdf](https://Tranexamic Acid_SmPC_20210202_REVISION.pdf)

**Serious Adverse Events (SAEs) that are not safety outcomes, SARS or SUSARS should not be reported**

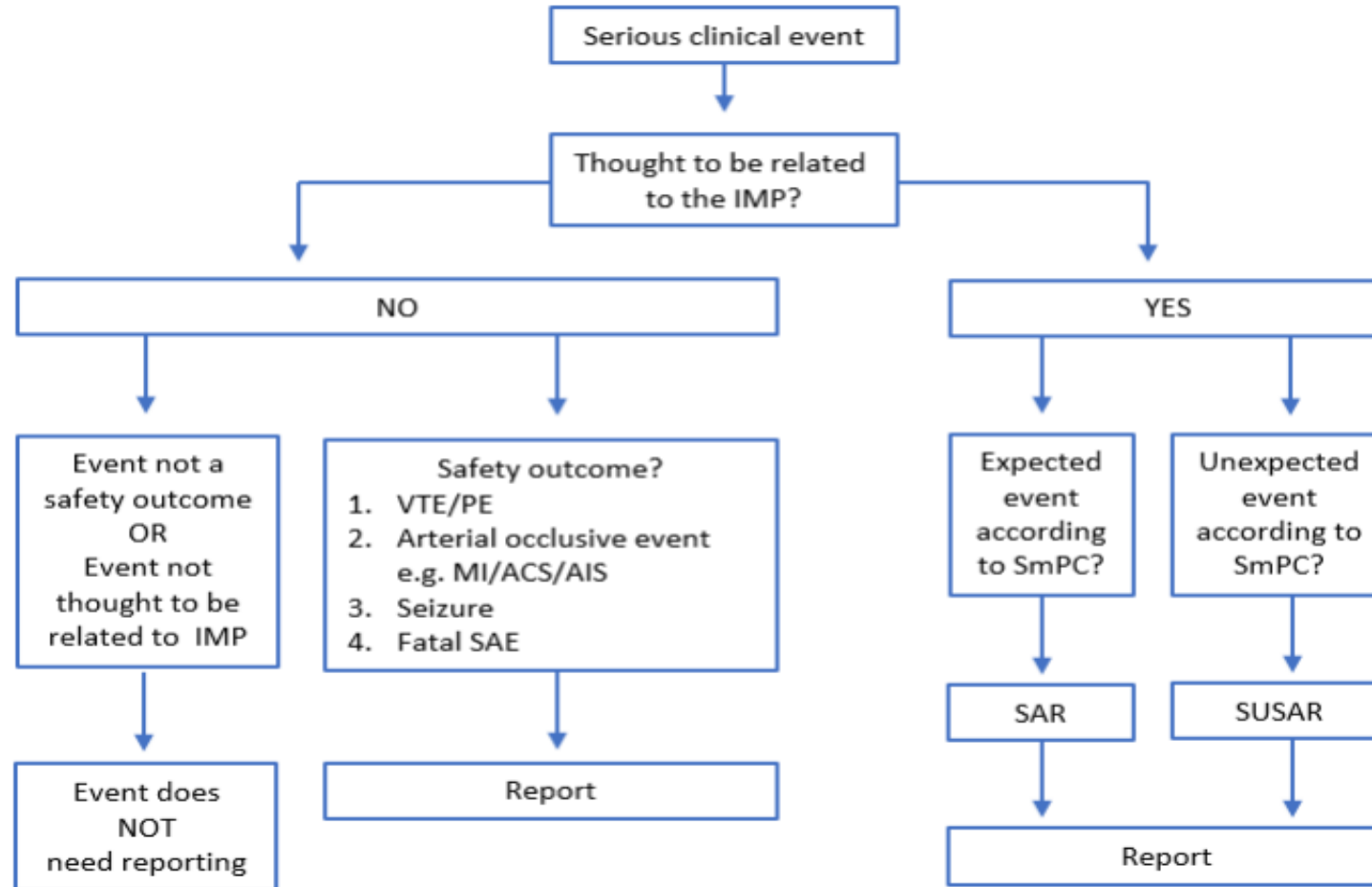
E.g. Neurological deterioration, haematoma expansion, cerebral oedema that is NOT thought to be related to the IMP, and does not result in death does not need to be reported as an SAE



# SAE Reporting Flowchart



## SAE Reporting Flowchart





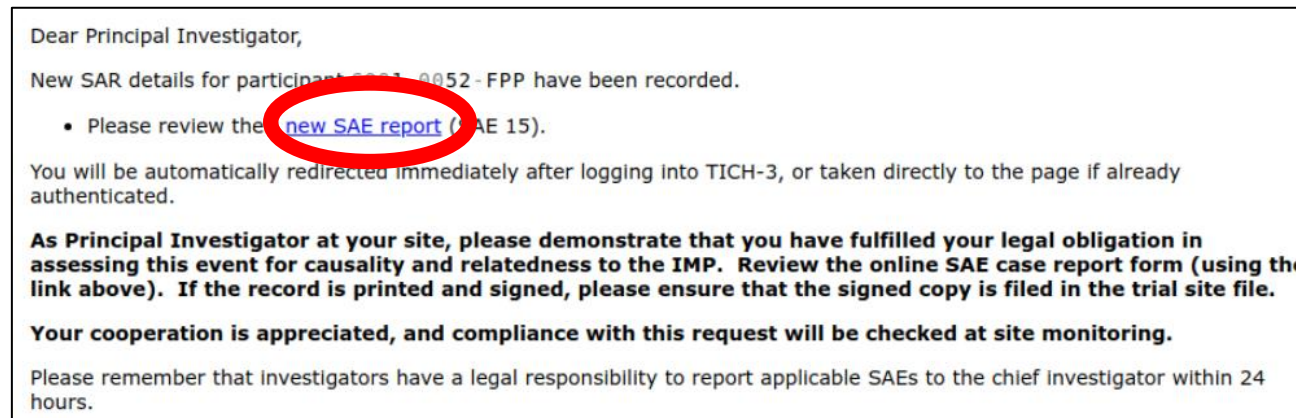


# PI oversight of SAEs



The local PI to assess the event for causality and relatedness to the IMP, this review is now electronic.

When an SAE report is submitted or has a data correction, the PI is emailed to review the online SAE report.



At the bottom of the eCRF you will now see a review dialogue box. You can either accept the SAE report (figure A) or reject the report (figure B) as more information is required e.g. cause of death

**Figure A**

I have reviewed the data contained in this case report form and I confirm that, to my knowledge, they are accurate and complete

Reject this record and request data correction

**Accept this record**

**Review comments / reason(s) rejected**

**Figure B**

I have reviewed the data contained in this case report form and I confirm that, to my knowledge, they are accurate and complete

**Reject this record and request data correction**

**Accept this record**

**Review comments / reason(s) rejected**

Please submit a data correction to amend the cause of death (Q5a) to expansion of intracerebral haemorrhage - with hydrocephalus

**Save rejection details**

If more information is needed another email will be sent to the local team to complete a data correction, once completed the local PI will then re-review the SAE report and can accept or reject.



# REPORTING SAEs (1)



## PLEASE REPORT SAES AS SOON AS YOU BECOME AWARE OF THE EVENT

Please remember that investigators have a legal responsibility to report applicable SAEs to the chief investigator within 24 hours of being made aware of the event.

If all of the required information is not known, report with what you have through the SAE form on the TICH-3 website, then you can add further information later through a data correction request (refer to data correction guidance doc on TICH-3 docs page).

### Assessing relation to the study drug

When submitted SAEs or safety events please select possible only if you suspect the IMP may be related to the event. If you think it is unlikely but cannot absolutely exclude a relationship, please select improbable. All events that are reported as probable need to have causality assessed as could be a SAR or SUSAR. If in doubt, please speak to your PI, site medic or contact the coordinating centre.

### Event classification

MHRA guidelines are that if you suspect an event to be possibly/probably/defiantly related that the event categorisation must be a SAR or a SUSAR, if you think it is unlikely to be related to the study drug (not related/improbable) then this is an SAE.

A10a Relationship to study drug	<input type="checkbox"/> Not related <input type="checkbox"/> Improbable <input type="checkbox"/> Possible <input type="checkbox"/> Probable <input type="checkbox"/> Definite
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A10b Please classify the event	<input type="checkbox"/> SAR <input type="checkbox"/> SAE <input type="checkbox"/> SUSAR <b>Please assess if expected according to SmPC.</b> Expectedness should only be assessed in events that are thought to be possibly/probably/definitely related to the IMP.
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# REPORTING SAEs (2)



## Ongoing SAEs

If an ongoing SAE submitted e.g. seizure/PE and then patient dies, unless you think the death was related to this event please complete a data correction that this event was resolved and then submit a new SAE for the fatal event.

## Cause of death

Please make sure you always provide details in question A4 of what was the cause of death – only use death unattended when patient is found in the community with no known cause

## Suspected SUSARs

If you are suspecting a SUSAR please call the emergency helpline phone numbers.

Please remember to update on-going SAEs when resolved if patient dies

A12a Clinical outcome of this event	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolved <input type="checkbox"/> Event ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered with sequelae <input type="checkbox"/> Died
A12b If event ongoing or recovered with sequelae, please provide details	<input type="text"/>

A4 Please describe the event, e.g. new limb weakness, crushing chest pain, bleeding gums, rash	<input type="text"/>
<b>Note: Death is an end result, not an independent event</b>	

For urgent medical enquiries (including unblinding), and for randomisation problems, you can contact the following emergency mobile numbers.

+44 (0)7725 580 092	+44 (0)7736 843 592
+44 (0)7798 670 726	+44 (0)7810 540 604



# What to do in Case of Emergency



## Safety events during the infusion

If seizure, thrombosis or arterial occlusion occurs during infusion, the infusion must be stopped immediately. This will be recorded as part of the trial documentation and safety monitoring.

## Emergency Unblinding

In general there should be no need to unblind the allocated treatment. If some contraindication to tranexamic acid develops after randomisation (e.g. clinical evidence of thrombosis), the trial treatment should simply be stopped. Unblinding should be done only in those rare cases when the doctor believes that clinical management depends importantly upon knowledge of whether the patient received TXA or placebo. In those few cases when urgent unblinding is considered necessary, the emergency telephone number should be telephoned, giving the name of the doctor authorising unblinding and the treatment pack number. The caller will then be told whether the patient received TXA or placebo.

## Eligibility query or any other emergency query

Call the emergency contact number listed on TICH-3 website.

**TICH-3 trial**  
**Tranexamic acid for IntraCerebral Haemorrhage 3**

ISRCTN 97695350

Room S/D2123, Stroke Trials Unit  
School of Medicine, University of Nottingham  
Queen's Medical Centre, Derby Road  
Nottingham NG7 2UH, United Kingdom  
TICH-3 trial office <tich-3@nottingham.ac.uk>


Log out

Logged in as: Nikola Sprigg <nikola.sprigg@nottingham.ac.uk> ([update\\_email\\_address](#))

For urgent medical enquiries (including [unblinding](#)), and for randomisation problems, you can contact the following emergency mobile numbers. Please ensure that you have these written down.

+44 (0)7725 580 092    +44 (0)7736 843 592

+44 (0)7798 670 726    +44 (0)7810 540 604

 The [ABC/2 calculator](#) can be used to calculate haematoma volumes during eligibility checks, without needing to be logged in.



# What to do in the event of a Protocol Violation



A protocol violation is a major variation in practice from the trial protocol, for example where a participant is enrolled in spite of not fulfilling all the inclusion and exclusion criteria (e.g. lack of consent, randomisation after 4.5 hours after ICH), or where deviations from the protocol could affect participant safety, the trial delivery or interpretation significantly.

**\*\*Important to report any protocol violations to coordinating centre straight away\*\***

All protocol violations must be reported to the Chief Investigator, via the online electronic case report form and/or telephone call. The CI will notify the Sponsor if a violation has an impact on participant safety or integrity of the trial data. The Sponsor will advise on appropriate measures to address the occurrence, which may include reporting of a serious GCP breach, internal audit of the trial and seeking counsel of the trial committees.

**Sponsors SOPS on the document page; see TA016 Serious GCP Breach Reporting**



# IMP AND PHARMACY



# Storage of IMP



- Temperature monitoring is not required. The packs will be stored at room temperature and protected from excessive heat and freezing
- TICH-3 treatment packs contain 4 ampoules: Tranexamic Acid **OR** Sodium Chloride (placebo)
- The IMP is stored in a secure, limited access storage area, this could be in the A&E, stroke ward or thrombolysis bag
- Ensure all members of the local team are aware of where the IMP and related documents (consent forms/PIS) are stored
- Local site is responsible for the accountability and monitoring of the IMP
- Research Coordinators will carry out checks monthly to ensure all treatment packs are sealed and accounted for
- TICH-3 drug should **NEVER** be given to patients that are not enrolled in to the TICH-3 trial
- To randomise **open the next lowest numbered treatment pack**





# Drug dispatch



- Coordinating centre will order drug for dispatch once site is nearly ready to commence recruitment
- Blinded treatment packs will be randomly assigned to sites in blocks of 6 treatment packs
- Pharmacy informed of dispatch by email
- Delivery after noon next day of ordering
  - > No deliveries out of hours/weekends
- Pharmacy complete inventory log and part of accountability log and pass accountability log and treatment packs to research team for storage
- Investigator (this can be research team or pharmacy team) needs to 'mark available for randomisation' on TICH-3 website
- Coordinating centre will re-order/issue when stock running low or when drug due to expire

**Treatment packs for hospital C002  
Derby TEST hospital**

Block	Treatment pack IDs	Dates assigned/ dispatched to centre	Date at pharmacy	Date at stroke unit	Randomised/ remaining	Comments
3	60157 60160 60174 60188 60191 60201	15 Sep 2021 -	15 Sep 2021	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark as available for randomisation	5	-
4	60215 60229 60232 60246 60263 60277	15 Sep 2021 -	15 Sep 2021	31 Jan 2022	1 5	-
5	60280 60294 60304 60318 60321 60335	15 Sep 2021 -	15 Sep 2021	15 Sep 2021	0 6	-
<b>3 blocks</b>	<b>18 packs</b>	<b>18 assigned / 0 dispatched</b>	<b>18 received</b>	<b>11 available</b>	<b>2 used / 16 remaining</b>	



# IMP Paperwork (1): Set up, IMP receipt



## Assessment and monitoring of remote IMP storage

1

Study Title:	Tranexamic acid for hyperacute spontaneous IntraCerebral Haemorrhage (TICH-3)
EudraCT No:	2021-001050-62
Chief Investigator:	Professor Nikola Sprigg
Site:	
Principal Investigator:	

Description of proposed area for IMP	Suitable for use (Yes/No)	Comments
Security measures in place (location, access controls etc)		
Size and description of proposed storage area (shelves, cupboards etc)		
If not for exclusive use, what controls are in place to segregate IMP from other medicines		
Description of IMP management. The following should be available.		
Dispensing procedure with documented training for research team	Select the next lowest numbered available treatment pack. Prescribing and administration guide to be followed.	
Accountability procedure with documented training for research team	Prescribing and administration guide to be followed.	
A procedure for transfer of IMP between pharmacy and proposed storage facility		
Proposed methods of maintaining pharmacy oversight		

## 1. Assessment & monitoring of remote IMP storage – Pre-set up:

Pharmacy and trial team to complete form as part of site set up, Pharmacy and local trial team to complete, sign and then return to coordinating centre as part of site set up, before green light can be issued.

## 2. IMP Inventory Log

Pharmacy to complete inventory upon receipt of the IMP treatment packs (will be sent to sites in blocks of 6 treatment packs). Inventory log to be retained in the pharmacy site file.

Tranexamic acid for IntraCerebral Haemorrhage (TICH-3) IMP Inventory Log Tranexamic acid or placebo, 4 x 5ml ampoule treatment pack							
EudraCT No:	2021-001050-62			Site:			
Principal Investigator:				Storage location:	Stroke unit / ED / other.....		
Date	Block number	Pack number	Do not use after	Received by	Date sent to stroke unit/ED from pharmacy	Initials	Comments

2

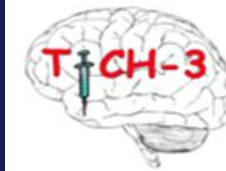




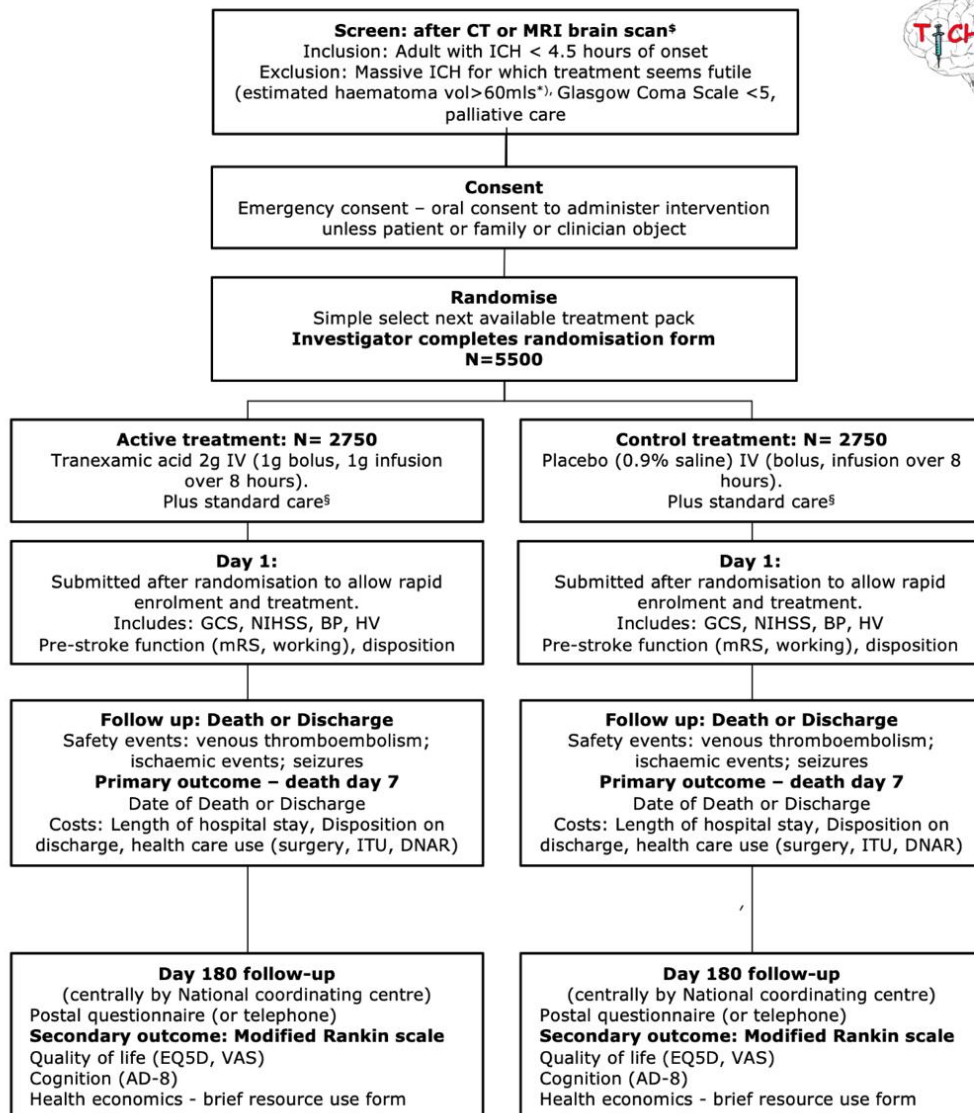
# DATA COLLECTION



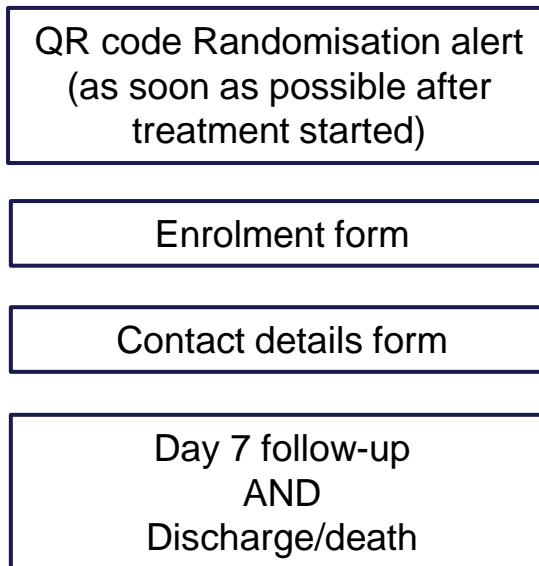
# Trial Flow Chart:



TICH-3 Flow chart Protocol v1.3 4.Mar 21



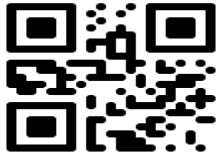
Electronic Case Report Forms (eCRFs) to be completed by local site



(See separate guidance for completion of these eCRFs)



# Adding a new participant to the database



http://tich-3.ac.uk/

1. Complete randomisation alert

2. Add new participant

**TICH-3 trial**  
**Tranexamic acid for IntraCerebral Haemorrhage 3**  
 ISRCTN 97695350

**Participant list**

**Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham** Investigator: **Nikola Sprigg**

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1: Nottingham, Queen's Medical Centre (UK) - BButton

Find centre  Filter trial number(s):

**Add a new participant** [Non-participant protocol violations](#) (0)

**Total number of trial participants recruited at this centre: 0** **1: Nottingham, Queen's Medical Centre**

Local time: 24 Mar 2022 10:14 GMT

5. Complete enrollment form

**This will be a record of a manual randomisation already performed for treatment pack ID 10015.**

The next available trial number will be used for this participant.

**Section A: Inclusion/exclusion criteria and consent**

**Inclusion criteria**

- Adults within 4.5 hours of onset of acute spontaneous ICH (confirmed on brain imaging)
- When onset of symptoms is unknown, patient must be within 4.5 hours of symptom discovery and have no other exclusion criteria

**Exclusion criteria**

- Patient with a known indication for TXA treatment (e.g. traumatic brain injury)
- Patient with contraindication for TXA treatment
- Patient known to be taking anticoagulation at time of enrolment
- Massive ICH for which haemostatic treatment seems futile (this would ordinarily be when haematoma volume is estimated as larger than 60ml)
- Severe coma (Glasgow Coma Scale less than 5)
- Decision already taken for palliative (end of life) care with withdrawal of active treatment

A1 Did the participant have capacity to consent?  Yes  No

A2 Please give the name of the investigator taking initial consent for enrolment in the trial

**Section B: Participant details**

B1 Initials

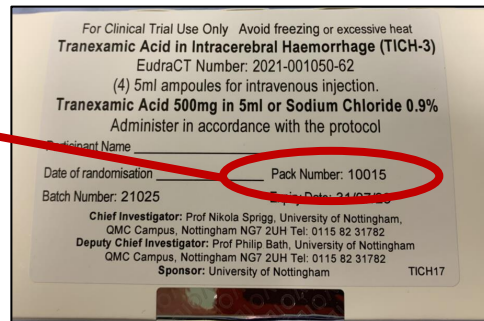
3 letters from forenames then surname, or 2 separated by a hyphen (-)

B2 Date of birth (dd-mmm-yyyy)

B3 Sex  Male  Female

B4 Date/time of onset of index stroke (dd-mmm-yyyy hh:mm 24hr)

3. Need treatment pack ID number



4. Confirm randomisation site

1. Please indicate which treatment pack was used

Treatment pack ID

2. Please confirm that the correct hospital has been selected

Hospital C001 **Queen's Medical Centre** Stroke Office  
 Room 2149, D Floor, South Block  
 Queen's Medical Centre  
 Derby Road  
 Nottingham  
 United Kingdom

Local time **10:10 GMT, 24 Mar 2022**  
 (Europe/London)

Yes, randomise at hospital C001  No, select another centre

**The enrolment form does not support draft records. The form must be submitted completely, otherwise the data will be lost.**







# Enrolment, Day 7 follow-up and Discharge/death eCRF



- The following eCRFs need to be completed in order on the TICH-3 website <http://tich-3.ac.uk/live/>

1. Enrolment form
2. Day 7 follow-up
3. Discharge or death in hospital

Total number of trial participants recruited at this centre: 2 ✓ There are no active data queries  
Local time: 6 Apr 2022 13:13 BST

1: Nottingham, Queen's Medical Centre (UK) - BD

Participant ID/age at randomisation	Event date	Treatment pack ID	Randomised	Contacts/documents	Day 7 follow-up	Discharge/death	SAEs
C001-0001-F-G 93	23 Mar 2022	10015	23 Mar 2022	Y NNN	29 Mar 2022	27 Mar 2022	Select 1
C001-0002-F-0 65	29 Mar 2022	10029	29 Mar 2022	Y NNN	4 Apr 2022	-	Select

- Refer to WPD009 on the documents page for entering missing data <https://stroke.nottingham.ac.uk/sif/docs/?sid=TICH-3>
- Trial team members on the delegation log will have received an investigator ID and password to securely log in to the TICH-3 website
- You will need to enter the participant's date of birth when entering data to confirm correct participant
- The forms can be completed early if the participant dies or is discharged before day 7  
**\*\*Only trial team members authorised on the delegation log can enter data\*\***



# Enrolment form eCRF changes SA\_06\_24



## 1. Collect pre-stroke baseline VAS score

You do not need to backfill data for existing participants, please collect for participants recruited after implementation of SA\_06\_24.

## 2. Collect pre-stroke baseline CFS

You do not need to backfill data for existing participants, please collect for participants recruited after implementation of SA\_06\_24.

## 3. If eligibility checklist and enrolment form is used please state this on question A2

I7a	Imaginable health state points score <i>Best imaginable=100 / worst imaginable=0</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Not known
I7b	Who answered the question?	<input type="checkbox"/> Participant <input type="checkbox"/> Carer	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Not known

**Section J: Clinical frailty scale**  
**Pre-morbid clinical frailty scale, judged on their ability approx. 2 weeks prior to admission**  
**Scoring guide: <https://stroke.nottingham.ac.uk/tich-3/links/CFS>**

J1	Clinical frailty scale	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Very fit <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Well <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Managing well <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Vulnerable <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - Mildly frail <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - Moderately frail <input type="checkbox"/> 7 - Severely frail <input type="checkbox"/> 8 - Very severely frail <input type="checkbox"/> 9 - Terminally ill	<input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Not known
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A2	Please give the name of the investigator taking initial consent for enrolment in the trial	<input type="text"/> <i>Where a medic (non-investigator) took consent out of hours, please write 'Consent by eligibility check list'.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not known
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# Participant repatriated prior to day 7



## Site to site transfer

If participant is transferred to another TICH-3 centre prior to day 7 please complete site to site transfer, this appears as a button on the death/discharge eCRF. Both sites can then complete the day 7 eCRF and discharge/death or submit a data correction to the eCRFs, there will only ever be one death/discharge form per participant.

## Repatriated to another site within the same trust but not a TICH-3 site

If the rehab centre is not an active TICH-3 site but is within the same trust do not complete discharge form until the participant is discharged from the trust and do not complete day 7 early. Not technically classed as discharge as within same trust. C&C approvals would be in place for the trust. We ask that the staff at the recruiting site could contact the sister site in the same trust to ask for the data and record it themselves on the eCRFs.

## Repatriated to non TICH-3 site and outside trust

If the rehab centre is not an active TICH-3 site and is outside of the trust, then death/discharge would be completed on the day of repatriation and complete day 7 eCRF early. We just ask that if possible if you could try and find out alive and well status on day 7 by contacting the hospital and if they have died enter this data on the day 7 eCRF by completing a data correction.



**TICH-3 trial**  
**Tranexamic acid for IntraCerebral Haemorrhage 3**

Room S/D2123, Stroke Trials Unit  
 School of Medicine, University of Nottingham  
 Queen's Medical Centre, Derby Road  
 Nottingham NG7 2UH, United Kingdom  
 TICH-3 trial office <tich-3@nottingham.ac.uk>

ISRCTN 97695350

### Day 7 follow-up form v1.2

Section A: Day 7 follow-up			
A1a	Participant status	<input type="checkbox"/> Alive and in hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Discharged prior to day 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn from follow-ups <input type="checkbox"/> Died	
A1b	If died, date of death (dd-mmm-yyyy)	D ____ / M ____ / Y ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable



# Uploading Participant Data - Monitoring





The coordinating centre will complete ongoing monitoring of the eCRF data and consent forms.

## Consent forms


Please upload consent forms to the secure vault site via the TICH-3 website as soon as possible after enrolment.

**Please do not anonymise** consent forms as we need to see who gave and received consent.

 Identifying information **MUST NOT** be entered into this pseudonymised database for TICH-3. You can use the secure vault (see below) to provide us with the participant's contact details and other identifying information, which will be encrypted and stored separately.

 You can also use the secure vault to upload required documents for the selected participant. Please indicate the document type below, or use the 'Multiple document types' option (if you have a mix of documents in one file). If your file isn't a PDF or image, please 'print' it to a PDF first.

**Please choose a data type to access the secure vault**

  (\*) applicable type only

## Baseline CT scan images

To be uploaded to the TICH-3 website, not the secure vault (**MUST be anonymised**).


- The scans must include the date/time present at a minimum
- It's also preferable to retain some pseudonymised data - such as date of birth and sex - to allow the system to ensure that the correct scans are being uploaded.
- See CT scan upload guidance and WPD on the TICH-3 documents page <https://stroke.nottingham.ac.uk/sif/docs/?sid=TICH-3>





# GP Letter



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*To be printed on Trust Headed paper*  
**Tranexamic acid for hyperacute spontaneous Intracerebral Haemorrhage (TICH-3)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
GP Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Dear [name of GP] \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Name of patient:</b>	_____
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	_____

This is to inform you that the above patient registered under your care is participating in the Tranexamic acid for hyperacute spontaneous Intracerebral Haemorrhage (TICH-3) trial. Add REC and CTA reference numbers when available.

CTA: 03057/0074/001-0001  
REC: 21/EM/0243

Consent has been obtained from the patient, or proxy consent has been obtained from their legal representative professional/relative, both for their participation in the trial and to provide you with this information.

This trial will assess the clinical effectiveness of Tranexamic acid after spontaneous Intracerebral Haemorrhage and determine whether Tranexamic acid should be used in clinical practice.

It is aimed that around 5500 patients with spontaneous Intracerebral Haemorrhage worldwide will be randomised into this study.

I enclose a copy of the participant information sheet for your information.

We may contact you to check on the patient's vital status prior to contacting them at 6 months.

If you need any more information or have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact your patient's research team using the contact details below.

Yours sincerely,

Name: *insert name* Job Title: *insert job title*

**RESEARCH TEAM CONTACT DETAILS**  
*Add local research team contact details here*

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- Please send a letter to the participants general practitioner to inform them of the patients participation in the trial.
- A template for this is available on the TICH-3 documents page <https://stroke.nottingham.ac.uk/sif/docs/?sid=TICH-3>
- File a copy in the local site file with the consent form (both documents are unanonymised) and in the participants medical notes.
- The GP letter and other trial documents (participant information sheets and consent forms) are to be localised by the local site, see WPD W004 Preparing Trial Documentation on the TICH-3 documents page.

# LOCAL SITE FILE

**Sponsors SOPS can be found on the document page; see TA010 TSF Set up**



# Local Site File Contents

- Please see the TICH-3 website <http://tich-3.ac.uk/docs/> where you can download a contents page for the local investigator site file.
- The coordinating centre will not be sending local (investigator) hardcopy sites files in the post for reasons due to sustainability and version control.
- All documents will be available on the TICH-3 website <http://tich-3.ac.uk/docs/> – if the local site want to print their own local site file that is their choice and their responsibility to keep the hardcopy site file up to date (this applies to electronic as well).
- The coordinating centre will send any amendment notifications electronically with guidance of if any documents need superseding, we will then put the updated documentation on the TICH-3 website.
- Sites need to ensure that there is an AUDIT trail for monitoring purposes – and all up to date documents are available.
- Safety – file SAE forms in site file after sign off by PI



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## Trial documents

### Emergency contacts

This page does not provide the emergency mobile numbers.

Please [log in](#) to view them, or bookmark the main documents page instead of this one.

### Approved protocol

- [Protocol Final v1.0 03.11.2021 fully signed.pdf](#)

### Expression of interest

- [Online expression of interest form](#)

### Trial documents

- [Contact List 08.03.22.pdf](#)
- [File Note v1.0 01.05.21.docx](#)
- [Poster for ED v1.0 05.01.22.pdf](#)
- [Site File Index v1.0 20.10.21.pdf](#)

### UK site training

- [Enrolling Investigator Training Final v1.0 17.03.2022.pdf](#) (updated 3 days ago)
- [Investigator Training Final v1.7 17.03.2022.pdf](#) (updated 3 days ago)
- [Pharmacy Training Final v1.0 02.02.2022.pdf](#)

### Information sheets and consent forms

- [Participant Full Consent Form -TICH-3 - Final v1.0 - 03.11.2021.docx](#)
- [Participant Information Sheet - TICH-3 - Final v1.0 - 03.11.2021.docx](#)
- [Participant Short Information Sheet - TICH-3 - Final v1.0 - 03.11.2021.docx](#)
- [Professional \(Legal Rep\) Full Consent Form - TICH-3 - Final v1.0 - 03.11.2021.docx](#)
- [Professional \(Legal Rep\) Information Sheet - TICH-3 - Final v1.0 - 03.11.2021.docx](#)
- [Professional \(Legal Rep\) Short Information Sheet and Consent TICH-3 - Final v1.0 - 03.11.2021.docx](#)
- [Relative \(Legal Rep\) Full Consent Form - TICH-3 - Final v1.0 - 03.11.2021.docx](#)
- [Relative \(Legal Rep\) Information Sheet TICH-3 Final v1.0 - 03.11.2021.docx](#)
- [Relative \(Legal Rep\) Short Information TICH-3 Final v1.0 - 03.11.2021.docx](#)
- [GP letter final v1.0 03.11.2021.docx](#)

### Pharmacy documents

- [Assessment and monitoring of remote IMP storage Final v1.0 20.12.2021.docx](#)
- [IMP Final v2.0 09.03.2022.pdf](#)
- [IMP Accountability log Final v1.0 07.12.2021.docx](#)
- [IMP Check Final v1.0 20.12.2021.docx](#)
- [IMP Inventory Log Final v1.0 20.12.2021.docx](#)
- [Information for Pharmacy Final v1.0 20.12.2021.pdf](#)
- [Prescribing and administration guide Final v1.0 17.11.2021.pdf](#)
- [Treatment packs specification.pdf](#)





# Electronic Delegation Log



Only people appropriately trained and delegated responsibility on the delegation log can take consent.

Anyone who is involved in the trial needs to be on the delegation log; nurses, admin entering data onto online platform, doctors, pharmacist handling the IMP. Can have as many people on the delegation log as required.

The training and roles delegated should be appropriate to the respective job role.

Completing training log will generate an email to the PI asking them to sign you on to the log

Requirements for the local team member to be able to go on the TICH-3 delegation log;

- Up to date investigator CV (as appropriate to role)
- Evidence of GCP training (as appropriate to role)
- Completion of TICH-3 training relevant to role in trial

*It is the local PI's responsibility to check local teams investigator CV and GCP, as appropriate, before they can be signed off on the delegation log*

New members to the team need adding to the delegation log (meeting the requirements above) before they can start working on the TICH-3 trial.

If staff leave the team the PI is required to sign and date 'role finished' against their name.

[Print this certificate](#) or [go to the TICH-3 start page](#)



For site initiation we require a minimum of the following team members signed off on the delegation log

- Principal Investigator
- Research Nurse/coordinator
- Pharmacist

➤ Please return the training log to us as soon as possible after training completed



# Electronic Delegation Log



## TICH-3 delegation log for C001 Nottingham, Queen's Medical Centre

**Chief investigator:** Nikola Sprigg

**Principal investigator:** Kailash Krishnan

Log ID	Investigator name/ID	Certificate/ date trained	Roles and responsibilities*	Delegation log status
1	<b>Kailash Krishnan</b> <i>Consultant Physician</i> (K Krishnan)	<a href="#">G9L3P7</a> 2 Feb 2022	<b>Principal investigator</b> ABCDEFGHIJKL <u>M</u> NOPQRSTUVWXYZ	7 Mar 2022 08:23 <b>Authorised</b> <i>Kailash Krishnan</i>
2	<b>Nikola Sprigg</b> <i>Professor of stroke medicine</i> (N Sprigg)	<a href="#">L9N9E7</a> 2 Feb 2022	<b>Site investigator</b> BFHIJKL <u>N</u> OPQRSYZ	7 Mar 2022 08:25 <b>Authorised</b> <i>Kailash Krishnan</i>
3	<b>Rachel Facilitator</b> <i>Researcher</i> (R Facilitator)	<a href="#">L3N3F7</a> 2 Feb 2022	<b>Site investigator</b> BFHIJKL <u>N</u> OPQRSTY	7 Mar 2022 08:25 <b>Authorised</b> <i>Kailash Krishnan</i>
4	<b>Clara Researcher</b> <i>Clinical Trials Researcher</i> (C Researcher)	<a href="#">K7H7C6</a> 4 Feb 2022	<b>Site investigator</b> BFHIJKL <u>N</u> OPQRSTY	7 Mar 2022 08:25 <b>Authorised</b> <i>Kailash Krishnan</i>
5	<b>Any Doctor</b> <i>Researcher</i> (A Doctor)	<a href="#">F3C9T7</a> 2 Feb 2022	<b>Site investigator</b> BFHIJKL <u>N</u> OPQRSYZ	7 Mar 2022 08:25 <b>Authorised</b> <i>Kailash Krishnan</i>
6	<b>Zee Pharmacist</b> <i>Pharmacy DTO</i> (Z Pharmacist)	<a href="#">Y7X6Y7</a> 2 Mar 2022	<b>Pharmacist #</b> FHLNPQSY	12 Mar 2022 08:49 <b>Authorised</b> <i>Kailash Krishnan</i>





# Delegated roles:

Investigators should only be delegated roles for which they are appropriately skilled and trained.

Staff who work across multiple sites can be on multiple delegation logs as investigators at multiple sites but must be approved by the PI at each site.  
Example – doctors providing telemedicine acute stroke cover across sites

PI is responsible for signing investigators on and off the log



- A. Overall responsibility for study at site and responsible for local financial management where appropriate. **PI**
- B. Medical care and supervision of trial patients. **I, PI, DPI**
- C. Obtain local ethics committee and R&D approvals and communication of subsequent amendments. **PI, DPI**
- D. Ensuring all staff delegated to work on the trial are adequately informed as to the protocol requirements and trained in study procedures. **PI, DPI**
- E. Delegation and authorisation of study related duties. **PI, DPI**
- F. Act as document controller for trial related documents. **I, P, PI, DPI**
- G. Set up and maintenance of Site File. **PI, DPI**
- H. Implementation of subject recruitment strategy and obtaining informed consent. **I, P, PI, DPI**
- I. Screening of potential subjects. **I, PI, DPI**
- J. Obtaining consent for enrolment (including oral consent, as appropriate to local policy and practice). **I, PI, DPI**
- K. Randomisation (allocation of trial intervention). **I, PI, DPI**
- L. Completion and return of CRFs, including electronic entries. **I, P, R, PI, DPI**
- M. Authorisation of CRF. **PI, DPI**
- N. Respond to data queries. **I, P, R, PI, DPI**
- O. Prescription of and administration of IMP. **I, PI, DPI**
- P. Be familiar with IMP safety data and disseminate to staff. **I, P, PI, DPI**
- Q. Ensure IMP accountability. **I, P, PI, DPI**
- R. Documentation of adverse events and timely SAE reporting. **I, PI, DPI**
- S. Adhere to CI recommendations in response to SAEs. **I, P, PI, DPI**
- T. Collection of trial related biological samples. (n/a)
- U. Initiation (training) of new trial personnel. **PI, DPI**
- V. Prepare and be available for audit and inspections. **PI, DPI**
- W. Archiving of trial data. **PI, DPI**
- X. Responsibility for data monitoring. **PI, DPI**
- Others as locally applicable or trial specific (list)*
- Y. Destruction of IMP. **I, P, PI, DPI**
- Z. Obtaining follow-on written consent (after initial consent) to continue in the study and for follow-up. **I, PI, DPI**



# Training opportunities:



[NIHR Associate PI Scheme Website](#) great for your CV!

Register: [NIHR Associate PI Scheme Applicant Registration Form](#)

We recommend sites consider appointing an associate PI – please discuss if any questions.



Enrolling doctors/clinicians:

Focused training – 20 minutes – eligibility, consent, safety

Pharmacy team:

Focused training – 20 minutes – drug accountability, safety

*Access training documents page:*

<https://stroke.nottingham.ac.uk/sif/docs/?sid=TICH-3>

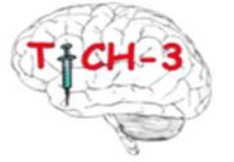
Once training has been completed please use the self-referral link

<http://tich-3.ac.uk/?ZSelfRef>





# Co-enrolment with TICH-3



We are open to co-enrolment however we need to have a co-enrolment agreement in place with other interventional studies before co-enrolment is permitted.

**There is a co-enrolment log on the TICH-3 documents page, please check this to review if co-enrolment with the respective trial is permitted**

**<https://stroke.nottingham.ac.uk/sif/docs/?sid=TICH-3>**

If the trial is not listed on listed please contact us so we can start the process to get a co-enrolment agreement in place.

**CO-ENROLMENT MUST NOT TAKE PLACE UNLESS THERE IS AN AGREEMENT IN PLACE**



# Site requirements before start up



Attendance at training for minimum PI, one research nurse/coordinator and one pharmacist

Paperwork - send documents to coordinating centre via email.

- Signed and dated recent investigator CV and GCP certificate of the local Principal Investigator
- Attendance investigator training log
- Assessment and monitoring of remote IMP storage form
- Fully executed non-commercial agreement and confirmation of local capacity and capability

Electronic delegation log

Local PI to authorise all local team members onto the online delegation log via the TICH-3 website.

Drug dispatch

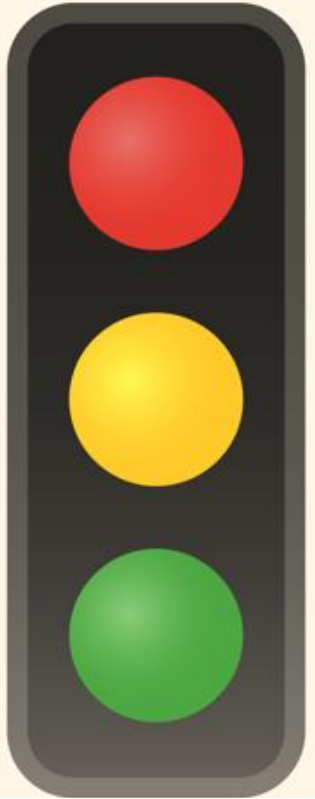
Drug will be dispatched when the delegation log has been countersigned by the PI, drug needs to be marked as received and then marked as available for randomisation on the TICH-3 website.

Green light

We will advise once everything has been checked and confirm that the site can open to TICH-3 by sending the regulatory green light email from the University of Nottingham sponsor.

- All documents are required to be stored in your local investigator site file (electronic or hardcopy)

**\*\*Investigators may only work on the trial once signed off on the delegation log and the site may only begin enrolling participants in the trial after green light has been received from the sponsor\*\***



# **STUDY WITHIN A TRIAL (SWAT)**





# SWAT Sub-study



**Aim:** To reduce inequalities in enrolling participants from minority communities.

**Population:** All individuals recruited to the TICH-3 trial in the UK.

**Intervention:** Animated participant video

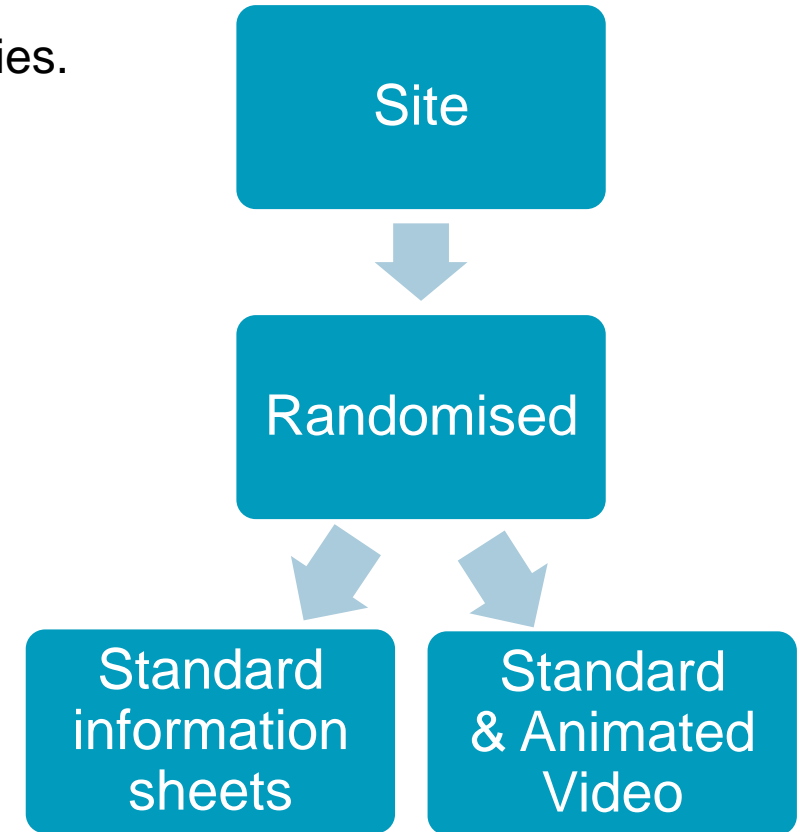
**Control:** Standard information sheets

**Outcome measures:**

1. Proportion providing consent for follow up:
  - i. In the TICH-3 UK study population as a whole
  - ii. By ethnic minority groups versus non-ethnic minority groups
2. Follow up completion rates in the control and intervention groups.

**Design:** Cluster randomisation at site level

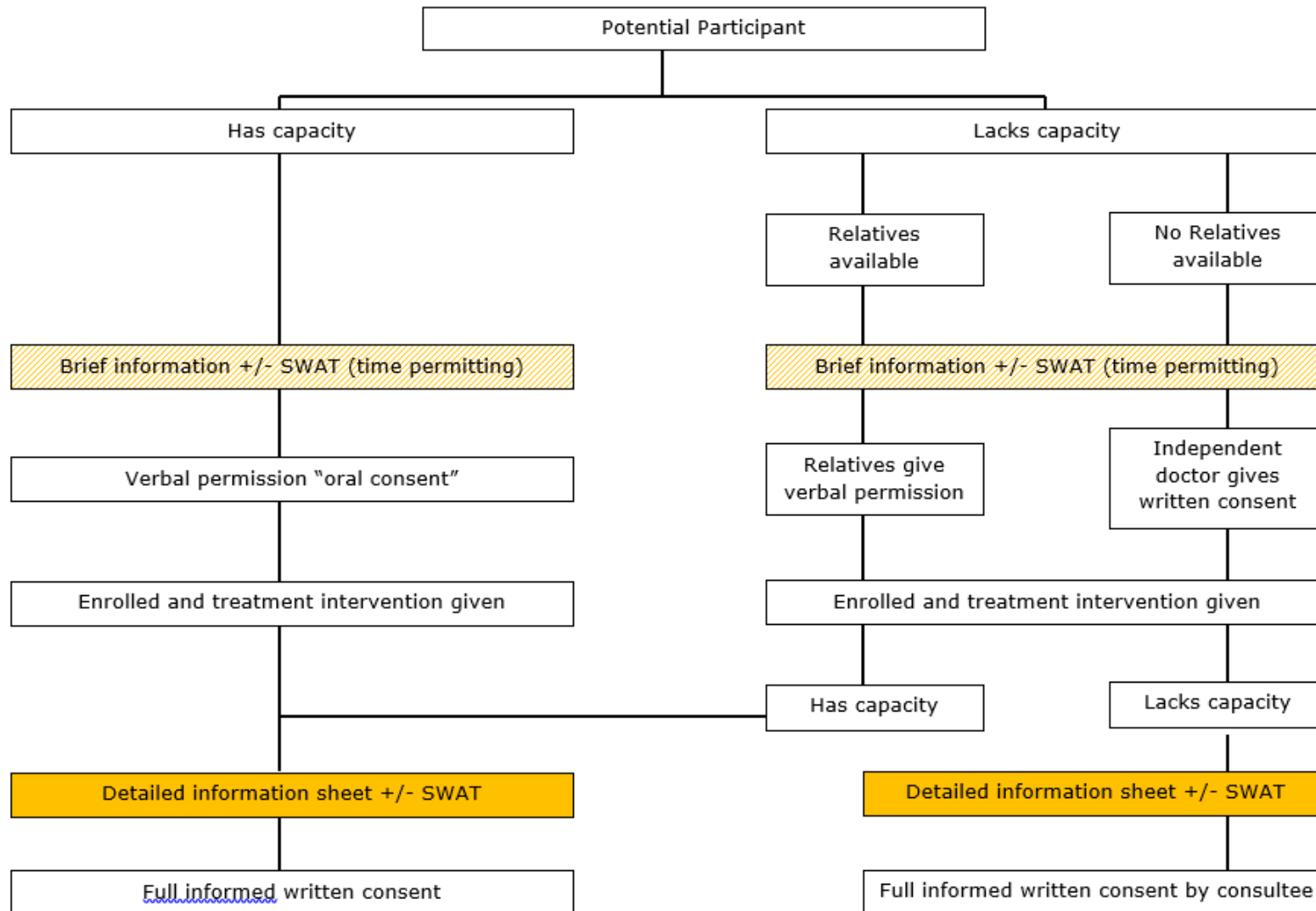
Sites will be informed of their randomisation prior to initiation and Sites will be given training on how to use the video if randomised to animated video



**Note:** Animated video will be used **in addition** to the standard consent process and information sheets. Given the age and recent stroke, the intervention **may improve understanding of all participants** not just those in ethnic minority groups, we will therefore **include all UK participants** rather than the sub-set from ethnic minority groups in the SWAT.



# SWAT Consent Process



- All participants give follow on written consent.
- Sites randomised to the enhanced process will have access to the website with the video in 5 languages.
- On day 7 the eCRF will capture if the video was used.
- The database will also record when the video is accessed.

# Only sites randomised to enhance consent will be given access links to the videos

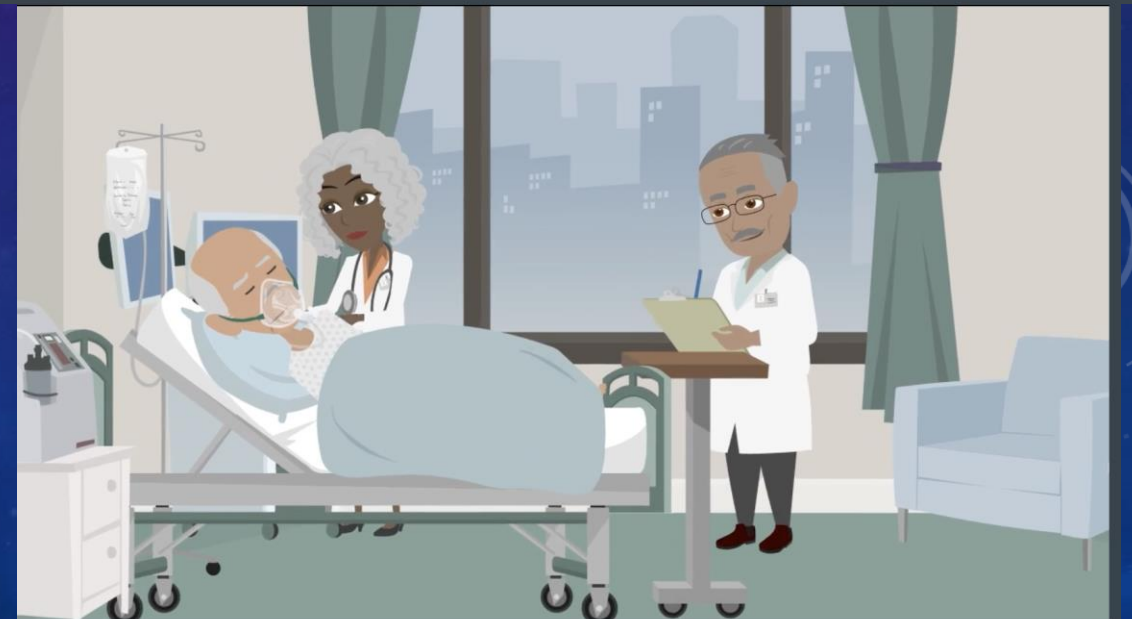


## TICH-3 consent

Welcome to TICH-3, which is a clinical trial to assess whether tranexamic acid reduces death and dependency after hyperacute (within 4.5 hours of onset) spontaneous intracerebral haemorrhage.

Please select the most suitable language for the patient

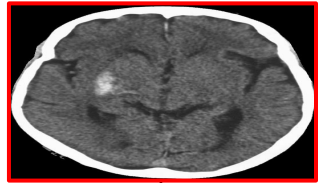
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# SUMMARY



# TICH-3 Key Points



Verbal permission

Randomise - open lowest numbered treatment pack



Recruitment Alert



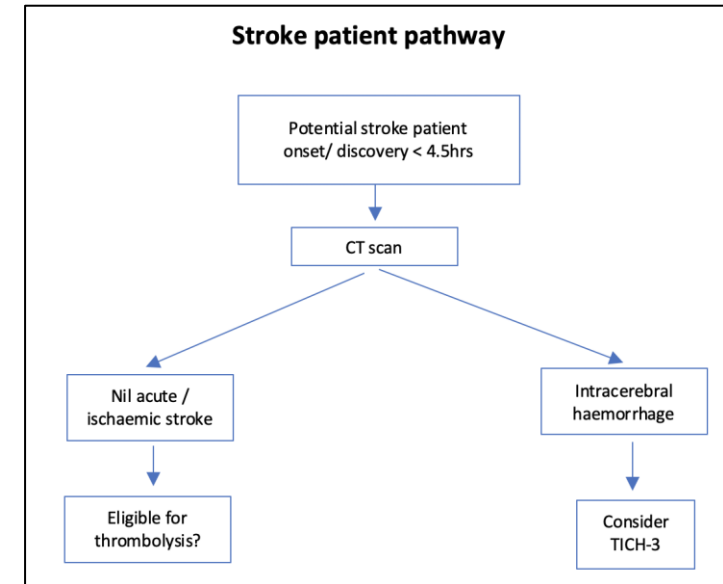
Written consent

Primary outcome:  
Mortality day 7

Secondary:  
mRS day 180



- Pragmatic design and methods
- Inclusion criteria – ICH < 4.5 hours, Exclusion - massive ICH (low GCS < 5, HV > 60mls), contraindication to tranexamic acid (e.g. seizures)
- Emergency consent – initially oral followed by written consent
- Simple randomisation – use the lowest available treatment pack number and administer treatment
- QR code randomisation alert – inform trial office of enrolment – after treatment started
- Safety monitoring – safety events for 7 days, SAR and SUSAR Venous and arterial occlusive events and seizures
- Central postal/telephone follow up at 6 months







# ACTION - DELEGATION LOG



- Please use the self referral form to create your account for the TICH-3 website after training has been completed, this also adds you to the online delegation log for PI approval: <http://tich-3.ac.uk/?ZSelfRef>
- Team members who could not attend live training can access training slides from TICH-3 website [https://stroke.nottingham.ac.uk/tich-3/docs/#UK site training](https://stroke.nottingham.ac.uk/tich-3/docs/#UK_site_training)

There are 3 versions of the training slides

1. Investigator training which gives a detailed description of the whole trial process, intended for the PI and research nurses/coordinators. There is also a video of this training.
  2. Enrolling investigator training this streamlined training is intended for team members who will only be taking enrolment consent i.e. consultants
  3. Pharmacy training this streamlined training is intended for members of pharmacy team
- A short 3 ½ minute video is available to introduce team members to the TICH-3 trial <http://tich-3.ac.uk/docs/#Videos>

**SCAN TO  
COMPLETE SELF-  
REFERRAL**



<https://stroke.nottingham.ac.uk/tich-3/?ZSelfRef>

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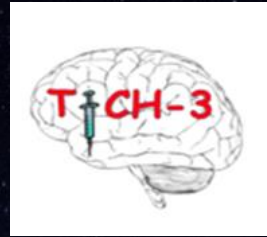
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**THANK YOU!**

**Any questions?**



# Audit list of updates to training presentations



## Previous version 4.0 23/04/2024

- Added Protocol amendment slide SA\_06\_24 and MA\_24\_24
- Slide Out of hours recruitment clarified members of research team must be delegated code J on delegation log, if research team not available a member of clinical team can take consent and document using the eligibility checklist and enrolment form. Combined streamlined process slide/out of hours slide/remote recruitment process slide.
- Edited Emergency Consent Process slide that person taking consent code J if research team or if not available medic can use eligibility checklist and enrolment form
- Added eligibility checklist and enrolment form slide and FAQ slide
- Moved slide Recent eCRF changes – Nov 2023 to end of presentation under additional information
- Protocol section heading slide amended to Version 3.0 Approved 22/04/2024
- Added Enrolment form eCRF changes SA\_06\_24
- Added Consent process flowchart
- Consent: Frequently asked questions moved to additional information as during training felt this information if repeated on other slides
- Added to Safety Events, SARS and SUSARS – legal responsibility to inform CI within 24 hours of being aware event
- Inclusion of DOAC patient moved to additional information as we added to inform of eCRF changes but this has been a long time now so no longer relevant to highlight

## This version 4.1 17/12/2024

- Updated SAE review for local PI that now is electronic
- Updated co-enrolment slide, removing specific trial details and to refer to the log so that the training slides don't have to be updated every time a co-enrolment agreement is fully executed
- Updated contact details



# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**



# Obtaining Oral Consent

**The person taking verbal consent must be appropriately trained and delegated by the PI to take consent on the delegation log**

- "The responsible doctor or delegate will explain that the patient has had stroke caused by bleeding in the brain known as intracerebral haemorrhage (ICH) and will receive the usual emergency treatments for ICH. That, in addition to the usual care, the patient may be enrolled in a research study that aims to improve the treatment of patients with ICH once confirmed by a brain scan. Whilst we hope that TXA will improve recovery after ICH, at present we cannot be sure about this."
- A brief information sheet will be provided but detailed written information will only be provided if the patient requests at this point.
- We recommend that a maximum of approximately 10 minutes should be taken obtaining initial oral permission (consent) due to emergency nature of treatment administration. If the potential participant does not want to decide in such a short time frame they will not be enrolled.
- The case report form and medical records will record that the patient meets the TICH-3 eligibility criteria and initial oral consent was given.
- If patient lacks capacity - relatives (or close friends) can provide oral consent if they can be contacted rapidly in time frame required. Oral consent can be given over the telephone, bearing in mind emergency nature of the clinical situation.
- Where the doctor assesses the patient via telemedicine, verbal consent will be obtained and witnessed by someone present in the hospital and this will be recorded in the medical notes.



# Documenting Consent

Yes



## ALL CONSENT PROCESSES NEED TO BE RECORDED IN THE PARTICIPANT'S MEDICAL NOTES

For example:

- Patient meets criteria for TICH-3 and gives oral consent
- Patient meets criteria for TICH-3, but lacks capacity, wife provided oral consent over the telephone, witnessed by staff nurse Mr ED Nurse (Figure 1)
- Patient meets criteria for TICH-3, but lacks capacity, attempt to contact relative with no response so independent doctor provided written consent
- Patient meets criteria for TICH-3 study, oral consent was obtained after discussion over telemedicine with Dr O Call
- Patient meets criteria for TICH-3, but lacks capacity, no relatives available, independent doctor provided written consent via telemedicine – witnessed and recorded on written form (figure 2)

1

21.02.22 1020 Am: ED.  
 ICH onset 3 hrs ago.  
 Patient meets criteria for TICH-3 trial.  
 verbal consent given by wife -  
 patient lacks capacity due to stroke.

*Dr*  
 SP1144.  
 QWXYZ

2

Professional nominee consent - to be completed if participant does not have capacity to consent

Dr Indi Pendent	01.01.01	electronic
Name of Person giving nominee consent	Date	Signature
Relationship to patient (please tick):	Healthcare Professional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Name of Person taking consent	Date	Signature
Telemedicine used (please tick if Yes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ms. Staff Nurse	01.01.01	S. Nurse
Name of Witness if consent taken	Date	Signature

3 copies: 1 for participant, 1 for the project notes and 1 for the medical notes



# Inform trial office: Randomisation Alert



Please notify the coordinating centre that a randomisation has taken place as soon as possible after administration of the IMP

## EXAMPLE QR CODE



A QR code has been created to go inside the treatment packs, on the prescribing and administration guide, which will take the person scanning the code directly to the TICH-3 website.

Ease of use - generate alerts without needing to log in (do not need a username and password)

- Alternatively, investigators can type in link under QR code without scanning or log in as normal
- The coordinating centre will monitor the alert log and to follow-up sites/participants

## QR code not working or unable to access TICH-3 website

If you cannot access the website, please call the trial office on +44 (0)115 823 1782 with treatment pack ID, participant's initials, date of randomisation and name of person enrolling the participant (voicemail 24/7).



# Amendments approval



## ■ SA\_01\_22

Professor Nikola Sprigg formally reinstated as CI. IMP be defined by active substance only rather than by a specific product.

Submitted – 22/11/2021

Approved - REC 17/12/2021, HRA 19/01/2022, MHRA Approved as part of first clinical trial authorisation received on 03/11/2021 CTA document

## ■ SA\_02\_22

SWAT video completed and transcript uploaded for ethical approval.

Submitted – 21/02/2022

Approved – REC and HRA 31/03/2022, MHRA not required

## ■ SA\_03\_22

Health economics resource questionnaire and cover letter.

Approved - REC and HRA 21/07/2022, MHRA not required





# Amendments approval



## ■ SA\_04\_22 approved 30/01/2023

Protocol amendment, the protocol that sites should adhere by is now TICH-3 Protocol Final v2.0 30.01.2023

Summary of changes

1. Patients that are on DOACs at the time of ICH are now eligible to be enrolled into TICH-3
2. Trial background information literature review updated
3. Inclusion of adults clarified to ( $\geq 18$  years)
4. Safety reporting – pregnancies occurring in trial participants or partners of trial participants will not be followed up as TXA has a short half life and TXA is very commonly used during pregnancy.
5. Appendix 1
  - i. Table one wording has been amended to EXPECTED EVENTS NOT SUBJECT TO EXPEDITED **SUSAR** REPORTING. Note: Table one isn't whether the event is to be reported or not but states the events that are expected after tranexamic acid but not subject to expedited reported as they are expected so are not a SUSAR.
  - ii. Table two been removed as they are common side effects after haemorrhagic stroke and are unnecessary to be reported. Table 1's text has been updated so that it is clear the events that should be reported isn't whether the event is to be reported or not but states the events that are expected after tranexamic acid but not subject to expedited reported as they are expected so are not a SUSAR.
6. Health economics outcomes have been moved from the Health economics chapter to secondary outcomes.
7. Layout corrections



# Recent eCRF changes – Nov 2023



- Enrolment eCRF

Added question E2b 'Intraventricular haemorrhage (IVH) present on scan?' This can be found on the CT report or ask a clinician

- Day 7 eCRF

Added questions

- A3a: Was tranexamic acid given open-label as part of clinical care?
- A3b: If yes, please provide explanation.

Tranexamic acid is not standard of care for ICH. If your patient is given tranexamic acid for a clinical reason, please report it to us. Please use the emergency phone numbers if advice is needed regarding emergency unblinding.



# Consent: Frequently asked questions



## Who can act as the professional legal representative?

Independent doctor must not be an investigator in the TICH-3 trial (i.e. not on delegation log), no specific grade of doctor is required (but usually registrar or above). The independent doctor can give permission via telemedicine if not on site.

## How is consent witnessed?

When a witness is used for consent the independent observer can be anyone, they do not need to be on the delegation log, it could be one of the ward staff, for example. The witness should note what they are witnessing (i.e. participant gave consent but unable to sign due to dominant hand weakness), print their name, sign and date. This should be documented on the consent form in the blank space near the signature section.

## Where should we document the consent process?

The consent process should be clearly detailed in the medical notes

**SEE ADDITIONAL SLIDES OBTAINING ORAL CONSENT AND DOCUMENTING CONSENT AT THE END OF THIS PRESENTATION**



# Inclusion of DOAC patient

## Enrolment form

Section D: Medical history			
D1	History of antiplatelet therapy on admission (aspirin, dipyridamole and/or clopidogrel)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not known
D2	History of direct oral anticoagulant(s) on admission (edoxaban, rivaroxaban, apixaban, dabigatran)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not known
D3	History of hypertension?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not known
D4	History of ischaemic stroke or transient ischaemic attack (TIA)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not known
D5	History of ischaemic heart disease?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not known
D6	History of venous thromboembolism?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not known

On the enrolment forms there is an added question regarding patients taking DOACs (please note patients taking treatment dose LMWH and/or Warfarin are still excluded)

## Day 7 follow up form

Section B: Treatment during first 6 hours after stroke onset			
B2	If the participant was taking direct oral anticoagulant(s) on admission, which reversal agents were given?	<input type="checkbox"/> Prothrombin complex concentrate (PCC) <input type="checkbox"/> Idarucizumab <input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable

On the day seven follow up form we have asked if patients on DOAC received any reversal as a part of standard care