



## Welcome and Congratulations

EMBARC would like to welcome a number of investigators joining the network over the past month and thank those recruiting their first patients to the registry in March.

A massive congratulations are in order for Dr Alma Berlendis from Brescia, Italy, who not only recruited her first patient to the registry but has also achieved highest recruiter for March!

We would also like to congratulate Dr Muhammed Irfan who successfully enrolled the first patients from Pakistan this month. It is great to see the network expanding and capturing the attention of investigators from so far and wide, further highlighting the importance and need for the bronchiectasis registry.

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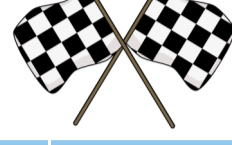


Please remember to visit the EMBARC homepage for links to all the latest publications and news in regards to our Network members. If you have a recent paper we have not displayed and would like it to be highlighted on the homepage please let us know.

If there is anything in particular you wish to see in the newsletter or online, please do let us know, [info@bronchiectasis.eu](mailto:info@bronchiectasis.eu)



## Almost There!



	Target	Actual
Enrolment of first 1000 patients	Sept 2016	Nov 2015
Active participation of 20 EU countries	Sept 2016	Nov 2015
Enrolment of 4000 patients	Oct 2017	Sept 2016
Enrolment of 6000 patients	Oct 2018	Jan 2017
Enrolment of 10 000 patients	Sept 2020	?Sept 2017

With over 7000 patients enrolled into the registry and more than 1000 pending submission, we are more than 2 years ahead of recruitment schedule. This far exceeds our expectations—a massive congratulations to each and every one of you for all the hard work you are putting into the registry!

The EMBARC team will publish the first study results this summer but we urgently need you to complete and submit the pending cases in order for all 8000 recruited participants to be included in this vital analysis. Cases which are stored in the Unsubmitted section of the eCRF do NOT count towards recruitment numbers and are therefore NOT eligible for payment until they have been fully submitted and Approved by the registry.

Please contact the study coordinator ([m.l.crichton@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:m.l.crichton@dundee.ac.uk)) if you require any assistance in submitting these cases.



We are still welcoming abstracts for the 2nd World Bronchiectasis Conference in Milan this summer. The deadline for abstract submission is 8th May with the best abstracts being published in Multidisciplinary Respiratory Medicine in a special issue on Bronchiectasis!

Details of how to submit an abstract, registration fees or for more information in relation to the conference please visit [here](#)

As a reminder, EMBARC and IRIDE are offering two free places to the 2nd World Bronchiectasis Conference. For a chance to win one of these places, applications should be emailed to [info@bronchiectasis.eu](mailto:info@bronchiectasis.eu) outlining your previous experience in bronchiectasis and the reasons why you wish to attend the conference. The outcome of the applications will be announced in May.



## JW Walsh Fund to Cure COPD

The respiratory world are deeply saddened to hear of the death of John W. Walsh, founder of the COPD Foundation.



We send our sincerest condolences on behalf of the entire European Bronchiectasis community to John's family and colleagues.

We owe John a huge debt of gratitude for the work he did in helping us to set up EMBARC.

The most appropriate tribute will be to continue his work to cure alpha-1, COPD and bronchiectasis, and realise his vision of a global collaboration to achieve this. In memory of John's passion and dedication to improve the way patients are involved in the design and delivery of research, the JW Walsh Fund to Cure COPD has been set up and will be used to achieve the mission that John set forth, ensuring his memory will live on and continue to uplift lives while searching for a cure for COPD.

<https://www.copdfoundation.org/About-Us/Who-We-Are/JW-Walsh-Fund-to-Cure-COPD.aspx>

### \*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\*\*\*

**There are still a number of invoices being sent to the wrong address and/or with incorrect details. We cannot stress how important it is to follow the below instructions.**

- Payment can only be made for cases which have been quality checked and **Approved** for the registry. You can see which cases have been Approved under the 'status' column on the eCRF.
- Invoices must be written in English and clearly state a breakdown of how many Baseline cases and how many Review cases are being invoiced as these are costed differently.
- The billing address must contain **University of Dundee**
- Invoices can only be paid to institution accounts and not personal accounts. It is at the discretion of the centre to how this recruitment payment is spent eg staff payments, however the money must first pass through your hospital/University/Department.
- **Please ensure those who raise invoices for your centre are aware of the above information.**
- Delays in payment should be expected when instructions are not followed.

**It is the responsibility of each Centre to raise invoices for their recruitment.**

**The central team will not send reminders.**

**All invoices must be in English and addressed to;**

The European Bronchiectasis Registry  
Clinical Research Centre  
James Arrott Drive  
**University of Dundee**  
Ninewells Hospital and Medical School  
Dundee DD1 9SY, UK

Alternatively, they can be emailed directly to the study coordinator;  
[m.l.crichton@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:m.l.crichton@dundee.ac.uk)

## New Publications from the EMBARC Network

- ◇ *Bronchiectasis: Phenotyping a Complex Disease*  
Chalmers JD  
COPD. 2017 Mar 15;14(sup1):S12-S18. doi: 10.1080/15412555.2017.1286171.  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15412555.2017.1286171>
- ◇ *Raising awareness of Bronchiectasis in primary care: Overview of diagnosis and management strategies in adults*  
Chalmers JD, Sethi S.  
NPJ Prim Care Respir Med. 2017 Dec;27(1):18. doi: 10.1038/s41533-017-0019-9. Epub 2017 Mar 13.  
<http://www.nature.com/articles/s41533-017-0019-9>