

**Intramuscular tranexamic acid for the treatment of symptomatic mild traumatic brain injury in older adults: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial**

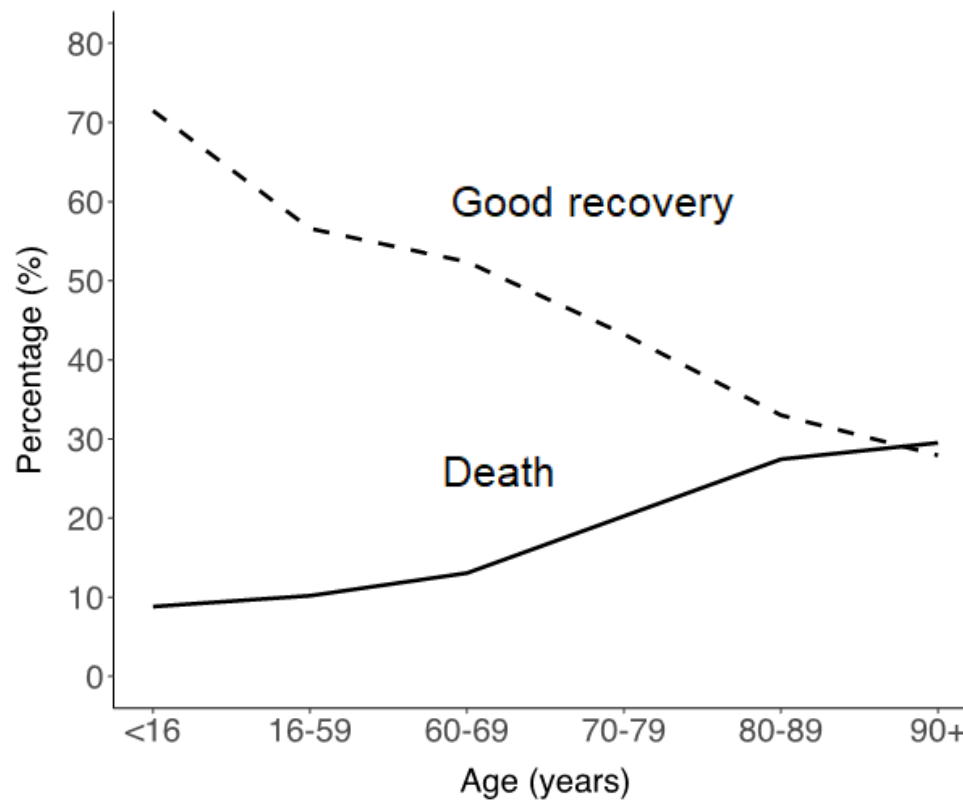
# TRIAL OVERVIEW

# BACKGROUND

- Every year in the UK, over 1.0 million patients attend UK Emergency Departments (ED) with a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Most are categorised as mild (Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) score 13-15)
- The term 'mild' is misleading in older adults who have higher death rates and worse neurological outcomes than younger adults
- TBI is a strong risk factor for dementia, particularly in older adults
- Even mild TBI without loss of consciousness doubles dementia risk

# BACKGROUND

Older adults have worse outcomes after TBI  
(more older adults die and fewer have a full recovery)



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TBI patients have microbleeds not visible on CT scan, which early TXA treatment may prevent

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## Traumatic microbleeds suggest vascular injury and predict disability in traumatic brain injury

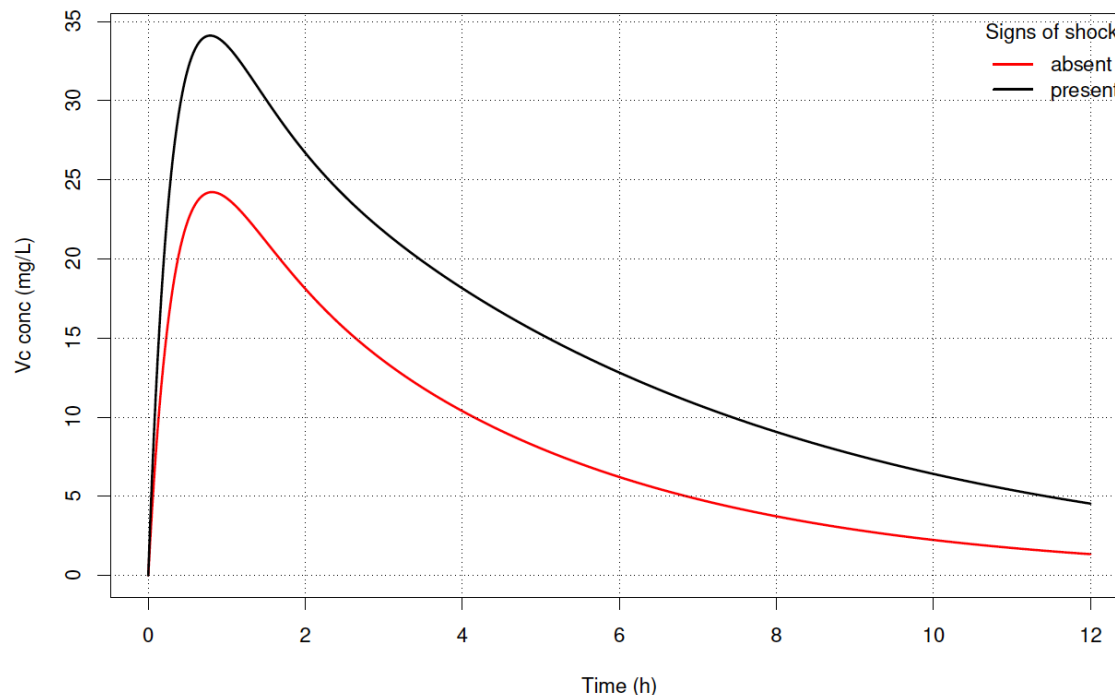
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# BACKGROUND

- The CRASH-3 trial showed that:
  - early (within 3 hours of injury) tranexamic acid (TXA) treatment improves outcome in patients with mild head injuries who have bleeding on a CT scan
  - with no evidence of adverse effects or complications
- CRASH-3 only included patients with GCS 12-15 if bleeding was present on CT scan.
- But many of these patients are scanned too late to benefit from treatment
- Earlier TXA treatment may prevent intracranial bleeding and increase the number of patient who can benefit

# BACKGROUND

Intramuscular TXA is well tolerated and rapidly absorbed reaching therapeutic blood levels within 11 minutes of injection



Therapeutic concentrations reached after 1 gram TXA:

- 5 mg/L =  $\cong$  4 minutes
- 10 mg/L  $\cong$  11 minutes

# AIM

To assess the effectiveness and safety of early intramuscular TXA administration in older adults with symptomatic mild head injury

To provide reliable evidence about the effects of early intramuscular TXA on intracranial haemorrhage, disability, death, and dementia

# TRIAL DESIGN

- Randomised, double blind, placebo-controlled trial
- 5,000 older adults
- Symptomatic mild head injury
- Patients randomly allocated to receive intramuscular TXA (500mg) or matching placebo (0.9% NaCl)
- The trial will be conducted by ambulance services and in emergency departments of trauma centres and trauma units in the UK



# PILOT PHASE

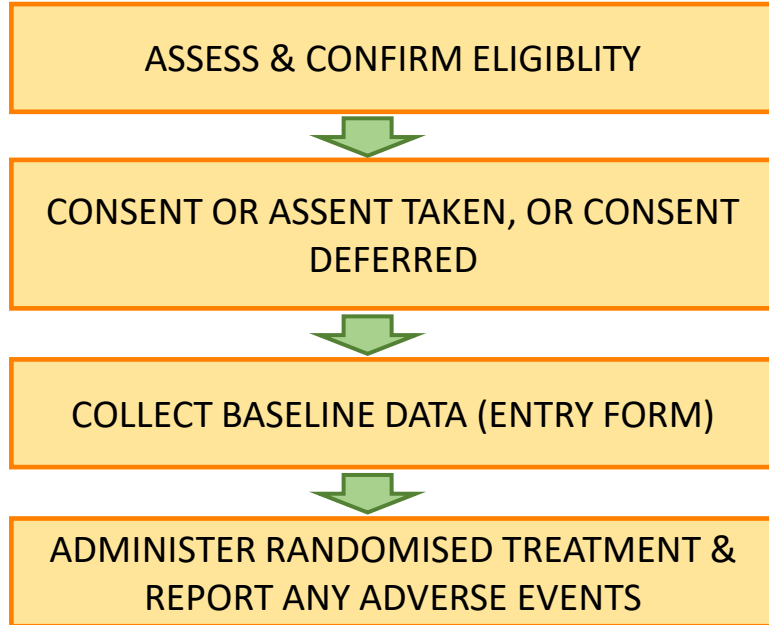
A pilot phase was conducted due to the current SARS-CoV-2 pandemic

The pilot phase allowed us to:

- assess the potential impact on recruitment rate
- determine whether the trial procedures are fit for purpose

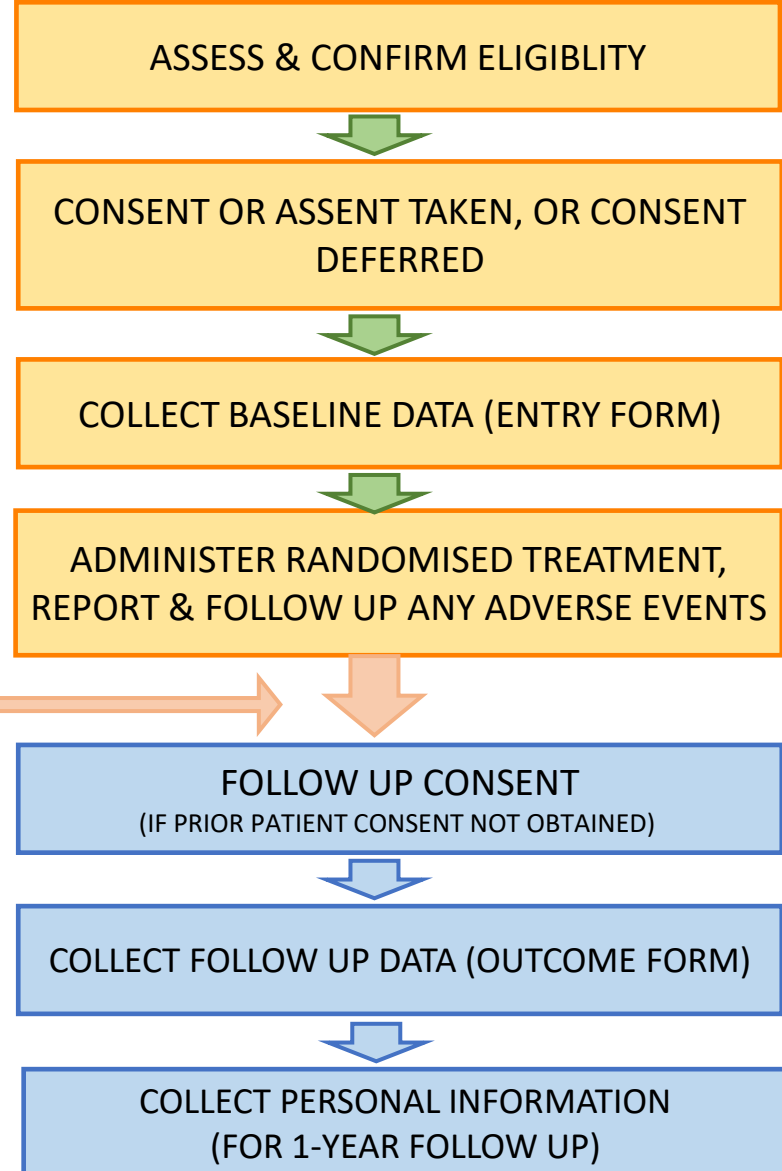
# TRIAL OVERVIEW

## RECRUITMENT BY PARAMEDICS



Handover of patient to hospital

## RECRUITMENT IN EMERGENCY DEPT



# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Appears 50 years or more
- Signs of head injury (e.g. laceration, bruise, swelling, pain in head or face) and has/had impaired consciousness (loss of consciousness, amnesia, confusion) or nausea or vomiting
- GCS  $\geq$  13
- Within 3 hours of injury (do not include if interval cannot be estimated)
- Not living in nursing home, mental health institution, prison
- TXA is not indicated (e.g. major bleeding) or contraindicated (e.g. known allergy or suspected acute arterial or venous thrombosis)
- Patient will be taken to a participating hospital

# ASSESSMENT OF CAPACITY TO CONSENT

- Eligible patients may not have the capacity to consent - they have sustained a symptomatic head injury and may have impaired consciousness.
- Capacity to consent needs to be assessed by the person responsible for the patient's care.
- Does the patient possess sufficient mental capability to:
  - understand the information provided, including the risks and benefits
  - appreciates how it is relevant to their circumstances
  - make a reasoned decision about whether or not to participate
  - to communicate that choice
- Personal legal representatives might not be available, or if available, their capacity to give informed consent might be impaired due to shock and the short time available

# PERSONAL LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE (PeLR) DEFINITIONS

PerLR definition for **England and Wales:**

“A person not connected with the conduct of the trial who is suitable to act as a legal representative by virtue of their relationship with the adult and available and willing to do so”.

PerLR definition for **Scotland:**

“Any guardian or welfare attorney who has power to consent to the adult’s participation in research.

If there is no such person, the adult’s nearest relative as defined in section 87(1) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000”.

# CONSENT OPTIONS (1)

## **Where a patient has full capacity:**

- Obtain written consent from patient

## **Where a patient does not have full capacity:**

- Give information to level of capacity and obtain verbal assent (witnessed) – Note: this is not consent.
- Respect decision if assent not given

## **If patient is unable to give assent and a Personal Legal Representative (PerLR) is available and willing and able to make a decision on behalf of the patient:**

- Obtain written consent from Personal Legal Representative or
- Obtain verbal assent (witnessed)

# CONSENT OPTIONS (2)

**Where neither the patient or personal legal representative can consent or assent:**

- Get consent from the Professional Legal Representative (PrLR) (an independent doctor working with the patient or a person nominated by the healthcare provider) if available in the emergency (unlikely to be used where patients are recruited at pre-hospital)  
OR
- Defer consent

# FOLLOW UP CONSENT

## **Where deferred consent, or assent has been used:**

- Obtain consent for continuation in the trial

## **Situations where no/missed opportunity to obtain consent:**

- Patient discharged directly from ED without admission to hospital: send information sheet and consent form to patient or their PeLR (max 3 times)
- Patient dies: the most appropriate healthcare professional should notify the PeLR of the research involvement. Where it has been determined that obtaining informed consent from a PeLR is not appropriate, informed consent will be obtained from a PrLR



# CONSENT DOCUMENTATION

## Electronic consent / paper consent

### Consent documents provided:

- brief information sheet
- information sheet
- consent form
- invitation letter to the participant
- invitation letter to the representative

Appendix 5: Brief information sheet

Personalise to each site

**BRIEF INFORMATION SHEET**

**The CRASH-4 Trial**  
**Short title:** Clinical Randomisation of Antifibrinolytic in Symptomatic mild Head injury in older adults  
**Lay title:** A trial of tranexamic acid in older adults after a head injury

Appendix 6: Information Sheet for Participants and their Representatives

Personalise to each site

**INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES**

You have suffered and serious complications prevent bleeding outcomes. We want to help you.

As part of the study, you will be invited to take part in an important, what it involves.

Everyone involved in the study will be asked to provide their name and information about the study.

If you would like to study in more detail, please provide full details.

Are you happy for us to contact you?

**NOTE:** This information is for you to read. Please provide full details.

CRASH-4 Brief information

Appendix 7: Consent form

Personalise to each site

**CONSENT FORM**

**The CRASH-4 Trial**  
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**INVITATION TO TAKE PART**  
We are inviting people to take part in an important, what it involves.

**1. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?**

- Every year, over 1 million people go to hospital with a head injury.
- Even a small head injury can cause bleeding into the brain.
- A drug called tranexamic acid can prevent bleeding into the brain.
- However, we do not know if it is safe or if it helps.

**2. WHO IS TAKING PART?**

10,000 adults in England.

**3. DO I HAVE TO TAKE PART?**

Taking part is voluntary. You can stop at any time. If you stop, this will not affect your care.

**4. CAN I CHANGE MY MIND?**

You can change your mind at any time. If you stop, this will not affect your care.

**5. HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?**

The study will last for 12 months.

**6. WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

The risks are small. You may have a headache or a bruise. There is a small risk of bleeding.

**7. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?**

You may be able to prevent bleeding into the brain.

**8. HOW WILL MY INFORMATION BE USED?**

Your information will be used to help us understand the study better.

**9. HOW WILL MY INFORMATION BE KEPT SAFE?**

Your information will be kept safe and secure.

**10. HOW WILL MY INFORMATION BE SHARED?**

Your information will be shared with the research team.

**11. HOW WILL MY INFORMATION BE USED IN THE FUTURE?**

Your information will be used to help us understand the study better.

**12. HOW WILL MY INFORMATION BE KEPT SAFE IN THE FUTURE?**

Your information will be kept safe and secure.

**13. HOW WILL MY INFORMATION BE SHARED IN THE FUTURE?**

Your information will be shared with the research team.

**14. HOW WILL MY INFORMATION BE USED IN THE FUTURE?**

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**17. HOW WILL MY INFORMATION BE USED IN THE FUTURE?**

Your information will be used to help us understand the study better.

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Your information will be kept safe and secure.

**19. HOW WILL MY INFORMATION BE SHARED IN THE FUTURE?**

Your information will be shared with the research team.

**20. HOW WILL MY INFORMATION BE USED IN THE FUTURE?**

Your information will be used to help us understand the study better.

CRASH-4 Consent form version 1.0

Appendix 8: Letter to the Representative

Personalise to each site

**LETTER EXPLAINING THE ROLE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE**

**The CRASH-4 Trial**  
**Short title:** Clinical Randomisation of Antifibrinolytic in Symptomatic mild Head injury in older adults  
**Lay title:** A trial of tranexamic acid in older adults after a head injury

Dear [representative's name],

Your friend or relative suffered a head injury needing hospital care. Bleeding into the brain is a common and serious complication of head injury and older adults are at highest risk. Even a small bleed into the brain can cause disability and some patients can die if the bleeding is more severe. We know that giving a drug called tranexamic acid to patients with bleeding into their brain from a head injury reduces their chance of dying. We are doing a study to see if this drug can prevent bleeding into the brain after head injury. We hope that this will lead to better health outcomes. You have been included in this study soon after your head injury.

As part of the study, you were given 1 or 2 injections of the trial treatment into your thigh, shoulder or buttock and we collected some information about your injury and any previous health problems. There are no further treatments as part of the study, but we would like your permission to collect information about your recovery from your medical records at one month and at one year since your injury.

To help you to decide, we ask that you read the 'Information Sheet for Participants and their Representatives'. This will tell you about the whole trial.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to ask the study team.

We hope you recover well.

Yours sincerely,

CRASH-4 Letter for the Representative

Appendix 9: Letter to the Participant

Personalise to each site

**LETTER INVITING PATIENT TO CONTINUE**

**The CRASH-4 Trial**  
**Short title:** Clinical Randomisation of Antifibrinolytic in Symptomatic mild Head injury in older adults  
**Lay title:** A trial of tranexamic acid in older adults after a head injury

Dear [participant's name],

You suffered a head injury and needed to go to hospital. Bleeding into the brain is a common and serious complication of head injury and older adults are at highest risk. Even a small bleed into the brain can cause disability and some patients can die if the bleeding is more severe. We know that giving a drug called tranexamic acid to patients with bleeding into their brain from a head injury reduces their chance of dying. We are doing a study to see if this drug can prevent bleeding into the brain after head injury. We hope that this will lead to better health outcomes. You have been included in this study soon after your head injury.

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CRASH-4 Letter for the Participant

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# BASELINE DATA

## ENTRY FORM

DATA FOR 1-17 TO BE COLLECTED PRIOR TO RANDOMISATION

### SECTION A: SITE INFORMATION

1. Hospital / Ambulance Service Name	1.A Site Number
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### SECTION B: ELIGIBILITY

2. Age (approximate if unknown)	if age < 50, do not randomise		3. Sex (circle one)	MALE	FEMALE
4. Clinical signs/history of head injury	YES	NO	if no, do not randomise. Clinical signs include: laceration, bruising, swelling or pain to head or face		
5. Any history of brain injury symptoms since head injury? (does not have to be present at time of assessment)	LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS		AMNESIA		CONFUSION / DROWSY
	NAUSEA		VOMITING		Circle all that apply – if none, do not randomise
6. Estimated time since injury	HH	MM	Record time interval between injury and randomisation. If more than 3 hours, do not randomise		
7. Pupil reaction to light	BOTH REACT		ONE REACTS	NONE REACT	UNABLE TO ASSESS
8. Glasgow Coma Score (GCS) (circle one response for each category and provide total score)	8A-EYE OPENING		8B-VERBAL RESPONSE		8C-MOTOR RESPONSE
	4 SPONTANEOUS		5 ORIENTATED		6 OBEYS COMMANDS
	3 TO SOUND		4 CONFUSED SPEECH		5 LOCUSING
	2 TO PAIN		3 WORDS		4 NORMAL FLEXION
	1 NONE		2 SOUNDS		3 ABNORMAL FLEXION
			1 NONE		2 EXTENDING
					1 NONE
	8D-TOTAL SCORE				
9. Living in a nursing home, mental health institution or prison?	YES		NO		if yes to any, do not randomise
10. Is TXA indicated (e.g. major bleeding present) or contraindicated (e.g. known allergic reaction or suspected acute arterial or venous thrombosis)?	YES		NO		
11. Will be/have been conveyed to hospital?	YES		NO		
12. Eligible for trial? (age ≥50, clinical signs/history of head injury, TBI symptoms present, injury still within last 3 hours, GCS ≥13, not living in a nursing home, TXA not indicated or contraindicated, will be conveyed to hospital)	YES		NO		if no to either, do not randomise

For all vital signs, please use the most recent measurement prior to randomisation

13. Respiratory rate (breaths per minute)	14. Heart rate (beats per minute)	15. Blood Pressure (mmHg)	A. SYSTOLIC	B. DIASTOLIC
16.A Is the patient currently taking anticoagulants?	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW	16.B Is the patient currently taking antiplatelets?
	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW	YES
17. Clinical frailty score	Assess using scale overleaf			

### SECTION C: RANDOMISATION INFORMATION

18. Which consent process used? (circle one)	ASSENT / DEFERRED CONSENT	PATIENT CONSENT	PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE CONSENT	PROFESSIONAL LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE CONSENT	
19. Randomisation number [number on drug pack given to patient]	BOX		PACK		
20.A Date of randomisation	DD	MM	YYYY	NOTE: Randomisation is the start of administration of the trial drug.	
20.B Time of randomisation (24-hour)	HH	MM			
21. Full dose given? (circle one)	YES	NO			
22. Site of administration - for locations, see overleaf (complete for a second injection site if required)	22.A Injection 1 (circle one)	RIGHT RECTUS FEMORIS	RIGHT VASTUS LATERALIS	RIGHT GLUTEAL	RIGHT DELTOID
		LEFT RECTUS FEMORIS	LEFT VASTUS LATERALIS	LEFT GLUTEAL	LEFT DELTOID
	22.B Injection 2 (circle one)	RIGHT RECTUS FEMORIS	RIGHT VASTUS LATERALIS	RIGHT GLUTEAL	RIGHT DELTOID
		LEFT RECTUS FEMORIS	LEFT VASTUS LATERALIS	LEFT GLUTEAL	LEFT DELTOID
23. Name of person randomising (first/last)			24. Signature		
25. Hospital to which patient will be conveyed			Only needed where randomised pre-hospital		

- Complete as soon as possible
- Mostly routine clinical information
- Direct database entry or paper
- For direct database entry, have all information needed before logging in

# RANDOMISATION

- The trial drug is packed according to a randomisation list
- Each drug box has 8 uniquely numbered treatment packs (number format xxxx/xxx)
- Select the lowest numbered treatment pack available to randomise a patient
- Document who prescribed the treatment and when
- Time of randomisation is the start of the first injection
- Trial drug must be available where patients are recruited (with paramedics or Emergency Department)
- There is no need to restrict any clinically indicated treatments

# INVESTIGATIONAL MEDICINAL PRODUCT (IMP) MANAGEMENT



## CRASH-4 IMP Management Risk Assessment Form

This IMP Management Risk Assessment must be completed and returned to LSHTM-CTU before IMP will be released

Trial name	CRASH-4		
Site type	Ambulance Service	Hospital	Circle one
Hospital / Ambulance Service name			
Principal Investigator name			
Lead responsible Pharmacist / other responsible person for IMP	Name		
	Email / phone		
	Role in trial		
Lead Research Paramedic / Research Nurse / other responsible person for IMP	Name		
	Email / phone		
	Role in trial		

1 Number and location of IMP stores				
1a	Do you plan to store IMP at multiple locations?	YES	NO	<i>If yes, a Risk Assessment must be completed for each location to be used and each sent to LSHTM-CTU. If NO, skip 1b and 1c</i>
1b	Name and address of the location for which this Risk Assessment applies	Name of location		
		Address		
1c	Details of person who will be responsible for the IMP at this location	Name		
		Email / phone		
		Role in trial		
2 IMP receipt at Site and transfer to IMP store				
	Who should the IMP shipments from Sponsor to Site be addressed to?			
2a	Name			Address
	Phone			
	Email			
2b	Do you have a written procedure for transferring IMP from main receipt point e.g. main pharmacy to ambulance stations / Emergency Departments?	YES	NO	<i>If no, please ensure a procedure is in place prior to receiving IMP</i>
2c	Who is responsible for the transfer?			

Oversight of IMP and local procedures required for security and accountability

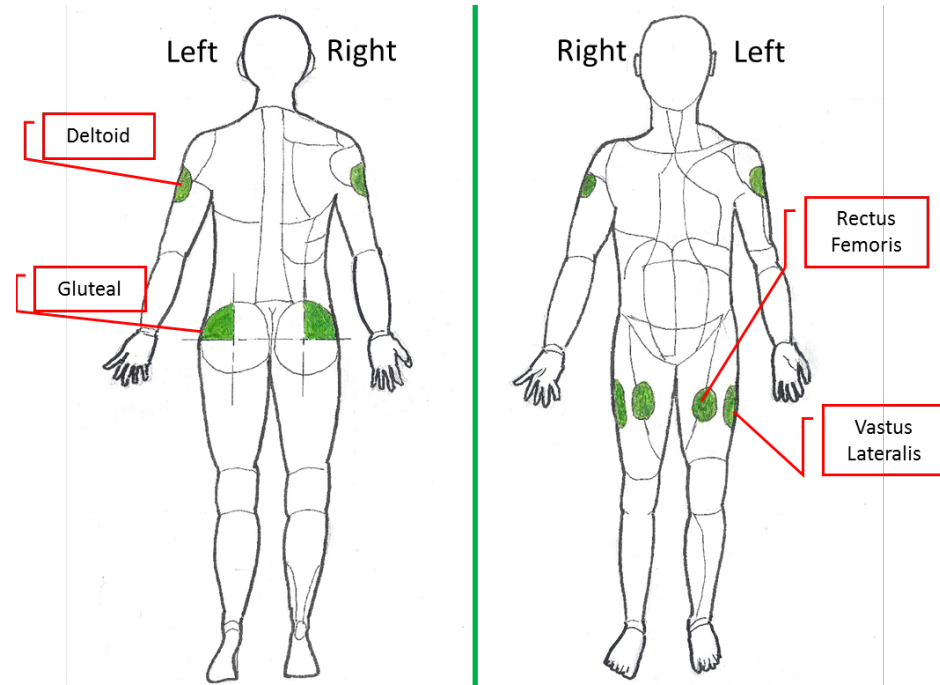
IMP management risk assessment to be completed before trial can be started at a site

Key points:

- How will drug be made available where it is needed (ambulance or Emergency Department)?
- How will drug be accounted for when given to paramedics?
- Who will be responsible for accountability at ambulance stations/Emergency Department?

# HOW TO GIVE THE TRIAL TREATMENT

- Assess the patients muscle mass; the dose (500mg TXA or placebo) can be given as either:
  - a single 5 mL intramuscular (IM) injection of 100 mg/ml or
  - two 2.5mL intramuscular injections if the muscle mass cannot accommodate a 5mL injection
- Use the most appropriate needle size for IM administration from your stock (usually 1" between 19 - 25 G and from 1 ½ inches up to 3" for large adults)
- Select injection site(s): deltoid, thigh or buttocks depending on muscle mass
- Use the Z-track method to administer to seal the medication in the muscle



# SAFE HANDOVER OF PATIENTS AT HOSPITAL

Hospital staff need to know the patient has been recruited to CRASH-4 and have all the information to care for the patient and complete follow up procedures:

- place a trial wristband on the patient immediately after giving the trial drug stating 'Randomised to the CRASH-4 trial', 'Randomisation number', 'Received tranexamic acid 500mg/placebo', 'Date', 'Time (24hrs)'
- record randomisation number, the fact that the CRASH-4 trial treatment was given, by who and what time it was given on the ambulance Patient Report Form
- handover a copy of ambulance Patient Report Form to be added to the patient's medical record to ensure this information is available to the hospital team
- verbally inform the receiving Emergency Department team of the patient's recruitment in the trial

# OUTCOMES

## Primary Outcome:

- Discharge from the emergency department within 24 hours of arrival

## Secondary Outcomes:

- Intracranial bleeding on CT scan
- Death (intracranial bleeding-related, other causes)
- Disability (Barthel scale)
- Global assessment of ability to self-care
- Patient management (neurosurgery, days in ICU, days in hospital)
- Vascular occlusive events (pulmonary embolism, myocardial infarction, deep vein thrombosis, stroke)
- Seizures
- Pneumonia
- Injection site reaction
- Other adverse events
- Re-admission to hospital (within 28 days)
- Key TBI associated outcomes at 1 year: Dementia diagnosis, mood disorders, intracranial bleeding, epilepsy and convulsions

# OUTCOMES

## OUTCOME FORM

TO BE COMPLETED AT DISCHARGE, DEATH OR DAY 28, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST



### SECTION A: HOSPITAL/PATIENT INFORMATION

1.A Hospital	1.B Site ID	2. Patient randomisation number
3. Date and time of arrival in Emergency Department	3.A Date DD MM YYYY	3.B Time (24 hour) HH MM
4. Was the patient discharged from the Emergency Department (ED)?	YES NO	4.A if no, reason admitted? (circle one primary reason) HEAD INJURY OTHER INJURY/MEDICAL CONDITION (Specify below) AWAITING SAFE TRANSFER TO THE COMMUNITY OTHER (Specify below)
4.B. if 'Other injury/medical condition', please specify primary reason		
4.C. if 'Other', please specify primary reason		

### SECTION B: PATIENT OUTCOME

PATIENT ALIVE				PATIENT DIED			
5. Patient discharged				7.A. Primary cause of death (tick one)			
5.A Date DD MM YYYY	5.B Time HH MM	5.C Patient discharged to? (Circle one) HOME OTHER ACUTE HOSPITAL REHABILITATION OR NURSING FACILITY OTHER (Specify below)		<input type="checkbox"/> Head injury (if head injury, specify type) <input type="checkbox"/> Intracranial bleeding <input type="checkbox"/> Intracranial infarction <input type="checkbox"/> Other intracranial cause		<input type="checkbox"/> Myocardial infarction <input type="checkbox"/> Stroke <input type="checkbox"/> Multi organ failure <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify one)	
If other, specify:				<input type="checkbox"/> Pneumonia			
6. Patient still in hospital at Day 28				7.B Date DD MM YYYY			
6.A Date DD MM YYYY				7.C Time HH MM			

### SECTION C: MANAGEMENT

8. Any intracranial bleeding on any post randomisation CT scan?				10. Use of non-trial tranexamic acid?			
YES (if yes, complete 8.A-9.) NO NONE DONE				YES NO			
Please consider the last scan conducted within 48 hours of randomisation:				10.A Date of TXA use DD MM YYYY			
8.A Date of CT scan DD MM YYYY	8.B Time of CT scan HH MM	9. Location of intracranial bleed on CT scan (circle one for each) A. Epidural YES NO C. Subarachnoid YES NO D. Parenchymal YES NO E. Intraventricular YES NO		10.B Time of TXA use HH MM		11. Neurosurgical operation? YES NO	
11.A if yes, type (circle one) HAEMATOMA EVACUATION OTHER, specify:				11.B Date of surgery DD MM YYYY			
11.C Time of surgery HH MM				12. Days in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) partial days count as 1; if N/A, write '0'			

### SECTION D: PRESPECIFIED ADVERSE EVENTS - For definitions, see overleaf

13. Prespecified adverse events (circle one for each event)			
A. Pulmonary embolism	YES NO	B. Stroke	YES NO
C. Myocardial infarction	YES NO	D. Seizure	YES NO
E. Deep vein thrombosis	YES NO	F. Pneumonia	YES NO
G.I Injection site reaction	YES NO	G.II IF YES circle all that apply ERYTHEMA INDURATION SUBCUTANEOUS NODULES BRUISING	
H. Other complications (If Yes, report as adverse event)			
YES NO			

### SECTION E: DISABILITY/FUNCTION - immediately prior to discharge

14. Global assessment of ability to self-care (circle one number)	
1	As a result of the head injury, patient is completely dependent on care from others
2	As a result of the head injury, patient is extremely dependent on care from others
3	As a result of the head injury, patient is partially dependent on care from others
4	As a result of the head injury, patient has only a limited dependence on care from others
5	Patient is fully independent

### 15. DISABILITY ASSESSMENT (BARTHEL SCALE) - tick one for each item - if the patient has been randomised >24 hours, consider the patient's ability over the last 24 hours; if <24 hours, consider the patient's ability since randomisation

15.A Feeding <input type="checkbox"/> Unable <input type="checkbox"/> Needs help cutting, spreading butter, etc., or requires modified diet <input type="checkbox"/> Independent	15.B Bathing <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent <input type="checkbox"/> Independent (or in shower)	15.C Grooming <input type="checkbox"/> Needs help with personal care <input type="checkbox"/> Independent face/hair/teeth/shaving (implements provided)	15.D Dressing <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent <input type="checkbox"/> Needs help but can do about half unaided <input type="checkbox"/> Independent (including buttons, zips, laces, etc.)	15.E Bowels <input type="checkbox"/> Incontinent (or needs to be given enemas) <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional accident <input type="checkbox"/> Continent
15.F Bladder <input type="checkbox"/> Incontinent, or catheterised and unable to manage alone <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional accident <input type="checkbox"/> Continent	15.G Toilet use <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent <input type="checkbox"/> Needs some help, but can do something alone <input type="checkbox"/> Independent (on and off, dressing, wiping)	15.H Transfers (bed to chair and back) <input type="checkbox"/> Unable, no sitting balance <input type="checkbox"/> Major help (one or two people, physical), can sit <input type="checkbox"/> Minor help (verbal or physical) <input type="checkbox"/> Independent	15.I Mobility (on level surfaces) <input type="checkbox"/> Immobile or <50 yards <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair, independent, including corners >50 yards <input type="checkbox"/> Walks with help of one person (verbal or physical) >50 yards <input type="checkbox"/> Independent (but may use any aid, for example stick) >50 yards	15.J Stairs <input type="checkbox"/> Unable <input type="checkbox"/> Needs help (verbal, physical, carrying aid) <input type="checkbox"/> Independent

16. Name of person completing form	16.A Signature	16.B Date DD MM YYYY
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- **Primary Outcome:** Discharge from the emergency department within 24 hours of arrival
- Outcome form to be completed at discharge, death, or Day 28 (whichever is sooner)
- Complete electronically (via database) or paper (then upload)
- Complete from medical records (so all information on the form has to be recorded there)
- If patient discharged from ED, need local procedures in place to collect disability data Q14 and Q15



# ADVERSE EVENT (AE) REPORTING

## **AEs to be reported (up to 28 days after randomisation):**

Any untoward medical occurrence in a participant to whom a medicinal product has been administered, including occurrences which are not necessarily caused by or related to that product

## **Do not report:**


Events already listed as outcomes, or those that relate to a pre-existing condition (including the patient's head injury) or any planned hospitalisations for elective treatment of a pre-existing condition

## **If a patient is discharged before 28 days:**

AEs reported after discharge will include all pre-specified adverse outcome events

- See protocol page 24 for further information
- If you need advice on AE reporting, call emergency helpline
- Give patient an alert card if discharged before 28 days

# HOW TO REPORT AN ADVERSE EVENT

SITE NAME <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>		SITE ID <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	
RANDOMISATION NUMBER <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> - <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>			
TRIAL TITLE: Clinical Randomisation of an Anti-fibrinolytic in Symptomatic mild Head injury in older adults			
<b>ADVERSE EVENT REPORT FORM</b>			
Please use this form to report any adverse event that occurs up to <b>28</b> days after randomisation Please refer to the Protocol/Study File for events which need to be reported			
Report type (circle)	Initial	Follow-up	1. Age <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> years
2. Adverse Event in medical terms (diagnosis needed – avoid signs and symptoms if possible)			
3. Is the event due to progression of underlying illness? (circle)	YES	NO	4. Onset of first signs/symptoms of AE <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> day <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> month <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> year
5. Seriousness criteria (tick all appropriate to the event)	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <input type="checkbox"/> NONE OF THE FOLLOWING  <input type="checkbox"/> Patient died <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> day <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> month <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> year  <input type="checkbox"/> Involved or prolonged in-patient hospitalisation  <input type="checkbox"/> Results in persistent or significant disability / incapacity  <input type="checkbox"/> Life-threatening  <input type="checkbox"/> Other, medically important                         </div> <div style="flex: 1; background-color: #fff9c4; padding: 5px; font-size: small;">                             If NOT serious, complete Q6-Q8 and send this first page only.                               If ANY of the serious criteria is ticked, complete and send <b>all 3</b> pages of this form                              Upload all data to the trial database within 24 hours                         </div> </div>		
6. Assessment of causality [Not Suspected or Suspected] (Relationship to study drug) (select one primary reason)		7. Outcome of the AE	
<input type="checkbox"/> NOT SUSPECTED TO BE RELATED TO TRIAL TREATMENT/PLACEBO BECAUSE OF: <input type="checkbox"/> Basic disease/pre-existing condition <input type="checkbox"/> Intercurrent disease <input type="checkbox"/> Concomitant medication <input type="checkbox"/> Non-drug therapy/intervention <input type="checkbox"/> Prior to randomisation <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-drug cause, specify: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Recovered <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> day <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> month <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> year <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered with sequelae <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> day <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> month <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> year <input type="checkbox"/> Condition improving <input type="checkbox"/> Condition still present and unchanged <input type="checkbox"/> Condition deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> day <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> month <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> year	
<input type="checkbox"/> SUSPECTED TO BE RELATED TO TRIAL TREATMENT BECAUSE OF: Please give reason for this causality assessment: _____		8. INFORMATION SOURCE for NON-SERIOUS adverse event	
		a) Investigator name: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>	
		b) Signature: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>	
		c) Date reported <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> day <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> month <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> year	

- Use Adverse Event Report Form
- Complete electronically (via database) or paper (and upload)
- If event is **serious**, report to LSHTM-CTU within 24 hours of becoming aware of the event
- Complete form as fully as possible
- Submit follow up report as soon as additional information known (but no later than five working days of becoming aware of the event)
- Event must be reported with assessment of seriousness, causality, and expectedness.

# UNBLINDING

If an investigator wishes to give additional TXA, they can do so without the need to unblind (only receive ½ gram in the trial)

Can unblind a patient if clinical management depends importantly upon knowledge of whether the patients received TXA or placebo

Contact the emergency 24-hour unblinding service at:

**+44(0)7768 707500**


If some contraindication to TXA develops after randomisation, the usual standard care should be given

Complete unblinding request form within 24 hours

# 1 YEAR OUTCOME

- Key TBI associated outcomes or death will be collected 1 year after randomisation from the HES/HES-ONS dataset/equivalent via NHS England/NWIS/NHS Scotland such as Public Health Scotland or medical note review
- Confidential Personal Information (CPI) needed to link to HES data/equivalent
- Personal Information Form completed after:
  1. Patient has consented OR
  2. If Personal Legal Representative or Professional Legal Representative consent has been obtained complete after confirming the patient is not part of the National Data Opt-Out scheme
- Personal Information Form can be uploaded directly onto the personal information database – no need to complete a paper form
- CPI will be held in a separate database to trial data

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM**

TO BE COMPLETED AT PATIENT OUTCOME.  
WHERE THERE IS NO PATIENT CONSENT (I.E. ONLY REPRESENTATIVE CONSENT), COMPLETE AFTER CHECKING PATIENT'S NATIONAL DATA OPT-OUT.

**SECTION A: SITE INFORMATION**

1. Site name							1.A Site Number		
2. Randomisation number						-			

**SECTION B: CONSENT TO PROVIDE PERSONAL INFORMATION**  
*If no written informed consent has been obtained from the patient or a representative, this must be obtained as soon as possible. Do not continue to complete this form*

3. Patient has given written consent (pre or post randomisation) and consent has not been withdrawn for data collection? (circle one)	YES	NO	<i>If YES skip 4. and go to Section C.</i>
4. If no consent obtained from patient, have they registered for National Data Opt-Out? (circle one)	YES	NO	<i>If NO, complete section C. If YES, SKIP Section C and complete section D ONLY</i>

**SECTION C: PERSONAL INFORMATION**  
*Only complete if patient consent has been obtained, OR if Personal Representative or Professional Legal Representative consent has been obtained and the patient is not part of the National Data Opt-Out.*

5. Patients full name										
6. Date of birth	DD		MM		YYYY					
7. NHS Number / CHI Number					-					
8. Postcode										

**SECTION D: PERSON COMPLETING FORM**

9. Name (first/last)							10. Date	DD	MM	YYYY
11. Signature										

# POST DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

- Give patient an alert card if discharged before 28 days
- **If a patient is discharged before 28 days and readmitted:** AEs include all pre-specified adverse outcome events
- Re-admission to hospital (within 28 days) is a secondary outcome: need local procedure in place to flag patients

# TRIAL TRAINING

## **Paramedic**

- Self-directed online training package online
- Local procedures training: contact Research Paramedic for access details
- Evidence of completion provided. End test pass rate of 100% needed.

## **Principal Investigator, Research Paramedics, Research Nurses, Pharmacists**

- Training materials available online
- Site initiation training webinar held with LSHTM-CTU
- Once relevant training has been completed, staff must log training on the training log available in the investigator site file
- All staff must complete training relevant to their role in the trial
- Remote training using videoconference or teleconference can be provided by the LSHTM-CTU as needed

# LOCAL PROCEDURES – AMBULANCE SERVICE

- How will the Principal Investigator and Research Paramedic know when a patient is randomised?
- Who will complete the Drug Accountability Log and Randomisation Log?
- How will you ensure the treatment packs get signed back in at the end of each shift and not left in kit bags (especially at Make Ready centres)
- Who will handle data queries?

How will the paramedics know:

- Where to collect and return drugs
- How and where to sign drugs in and out at each station i.e. paper or electronic documentation
- What to do with broken/damaged drug pack - do they return to the station or destroy
- What to do with a used pack – do they return the empty box to the station, or destroy
- Who to contact if they lose a pack
- What to do if their system goes off-line and so they can't enter data or they need urgent advice?

# LOCAL PROCEDURES – IN-HOSPITAL

- How will everyone be informed of the trial?
- Where patient is recruited pre-hospital 'out of hours' who will be responsible for handover of patients to ED and ensuring follow up by research team?
- For those patients not recruited pre-hospital, how will potentially eligible patients be identified?
- Who will obtain consent and complete entry data? Will this be done electronically?
- What is the process for ensuring that the trial drug is secure but accessible in the emergency setting? Who will monitor the trial drug?
- How will you know if a patient is due for discharge or has died?
- How will you track randomised patients to make sure follow-up is done on time?
- How will you ensure that the QoL measure is routinely done for all patients?
- How will adverse events be monitored and reported as per the protocol?





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