ARCTIC-I
Anaesthesiological Routine Care for Thrombectomy In Cerebral Ischaemia

'Frequently asked questions'

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

-As per the study protocol (section 7.1, in- and exclusion criteria), patients must not be included in another study.

-Patients who have undergone thrombectomy and who consented in study are frequently discharged or transferred before day 90. This is typical for this study population and inclusion of these patients is a mainstay of the study. For 90-day follow-up, a range between day 80 and day 105 is allowed.

- No inclusion of patients who develop new stroke symptoms while in a hospital. In contrast, if they were admitted to the other hospital because of new stroke symptoms and then referred to the thrombectomy centre, they should be included.

Authorship Policy

The number of collaborators and authors will be determined according to the following rules:

# of complete datasets	10 to 24	25 to 49	50 to 74	75 to 99	100 to 124	125 to 149	150 to 174	175 to 199	200 to 224	225 to 249	250 & more
# of collaborators	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
# of authors	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5

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Example: if a centre has recruited between 50 and 74 (included) patients, there will be one name mentioned as author in authors list and 2 as collaborators in the collaborator list.

Recruitment period

Centres can extend their recruitment from 6 month to 9 months (First patient in – Last Patient in). Adding the follow-up interval of 3 months, the active study phase in a given centre can extend up to one year altogether (First patient in – Last patient out).

Patients unable to give consent by themselves

Often, patients are not competent to consent in study participation by themselves. Depending on the judgement of the respective IRB, the following approaches are conceivable: A next of kin that represents the patient in this kind of situations might have been determined in advance. Alternatively, a legal representative might be required for consent in medical procedures as well as studies like ARCTIC-I. However, it appears that in some countries a purely observational study like ARCTIC-I does not seem to require explicit consent. As pointed out above, this must be clarified with the respective IRB.

Pre-Study Survey

Question 5 just targets a recent annual number of ET (e. g., 2019, 2020, 2021)

Question 10 is directed at the practice prior to the pandemic (i. e., the year 2019).