

The Stroke Oxygen Study

A randomised controlled study of routine oxygen treatment after acute stroke

Dear Dr

Re:

Your patient has agreed to take part in the above study. It is a multi-centre, non-commercial, academic, clinical trial organized by Keele University and The Stroke Oxygen Study Group. The Chief investigator is Dr C. Roffe. Your patient has given consent for us to contact you. He/She was given oxygen at a rate of 2-3 l/min for 3 days and nights or for 3 nights after the stroke or control treatment (standard care). He/she has been assessed by us after one week. We will send him/her a questionnaire containing questions about how the stroke has affected him/her and about his/her functional abilities after 3, 6, and 12 months.

There is no need for you to do anything for this trial or to change any of the patient's treatment.

To avoid contacting any patient who may have deceased we will ring your surgery just before sending off the questionnaires to check whether he/she is still alive. If we do not manage to contact the patient at 3, 6, 12 months we may contact your surgery to see whether you have any information on how he/she is getting on. We will confirm the current address, ask whether the patient is currently in hospital or an institution, and whether they are well and independent or need help with daily activities of daily living.

Please let me know if you do not want to be contacted.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely

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