

# The PEXIVAS

**PROGRESS AT A GLANCE**

TOTAL RECRUITMENT: 87 PATIENTS  
 TOTAL AUSTRALASIAN RECRUITMENT: 12 PARTICIPANTS  
 TOTAL ACTIVE AUSTRALASIAN SITES: 11

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The trial is progressing well and recruitment is on target (Fig. 1). At present, we are recruiting an average of 1.5 patients per month. In order to reach our final target of 100 patients within 5 years, we need to be recruiting 1.67 patients per month. With less than 40% (11/28) of our sites currently able to recruit, it is likely that this rate will accelerate as the year progresses.

The **Queensland sites** now have ethical approval. The Research Ethics and Governance Unit is currently reviewing the Clinical Trials Agreement for the Queensland sites. Furthermore, as the QLD NEAF indicated that unconscious patients and children 15 years to 18 years old may enter the trial, we also need to seek approval from QCAT. Sites are encouraged to finalise all other requirements in the meantime so that there are no further delays once the relevant approvals are received. There are 3 more Australian sites that are close to being ready to commence recruitment.

In other news, **monitoring visits** have been conducted at The Royal Adelaide and The Royal Melbourne Hospitals. The next planned visit is to John Hunter Hospital. Further visits will be planned for later in the year.

The contracts are being finalised with the New Zealand sites and they should be ready to recruit in the near future.

Finally, **thank you** to everyone for your support of the PEXIVAS trial so far. Your hard work and patience is greatly appreciated.

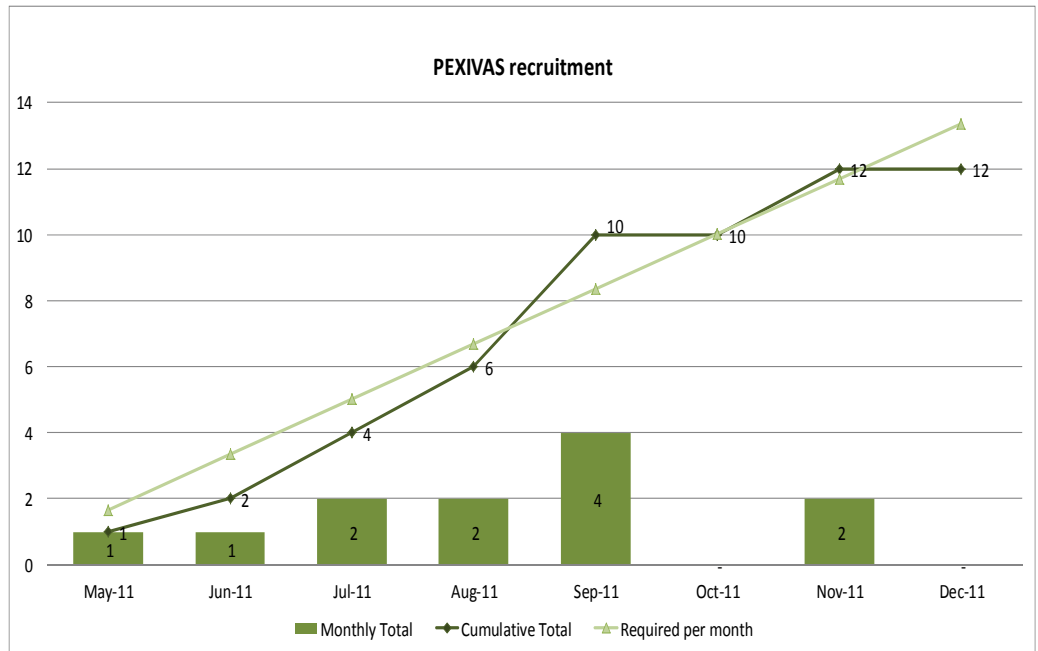


Figure 1. PEXIVAS recruitment. The cumulative total from May 2011 to December 2011 shows that we are on track to finish within 5 years. The required recruitment/month has been predicted to illustrate the rate required to reach 100 patients within 5 years. The monthly total indicates the current recruitment rate on a monthly basis.

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