



Newsletter #3 - December 2023

Dear Investigators,

Time for a CASES update! Firstly, a big thank you for your enthusiasm and efforts in making this trial possible. With 54 patients included to date, we are very grateful to you all and optimistic about the trial's progress.

Recently, we organized a carotid artery stenting training session in Breda. Below, you will find a short report and some pictures from this educational day. In the coming year, more training sessions will be planned.

We hope to see you all at our first steering committee meeting on January 24th. More details will follow soon. Until then, good luck with your next inclusion!

 *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year* 

The CASES coordinating team

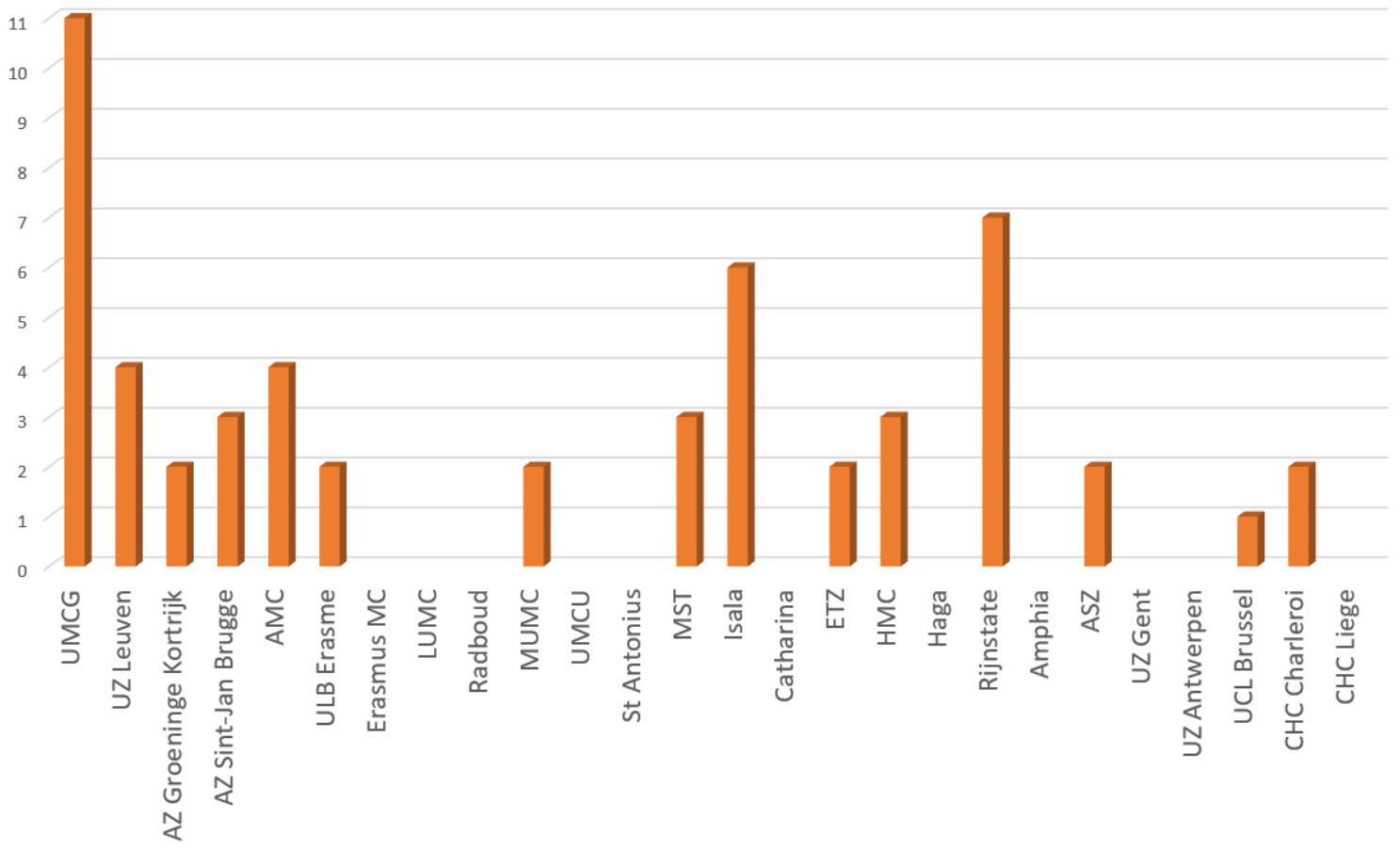
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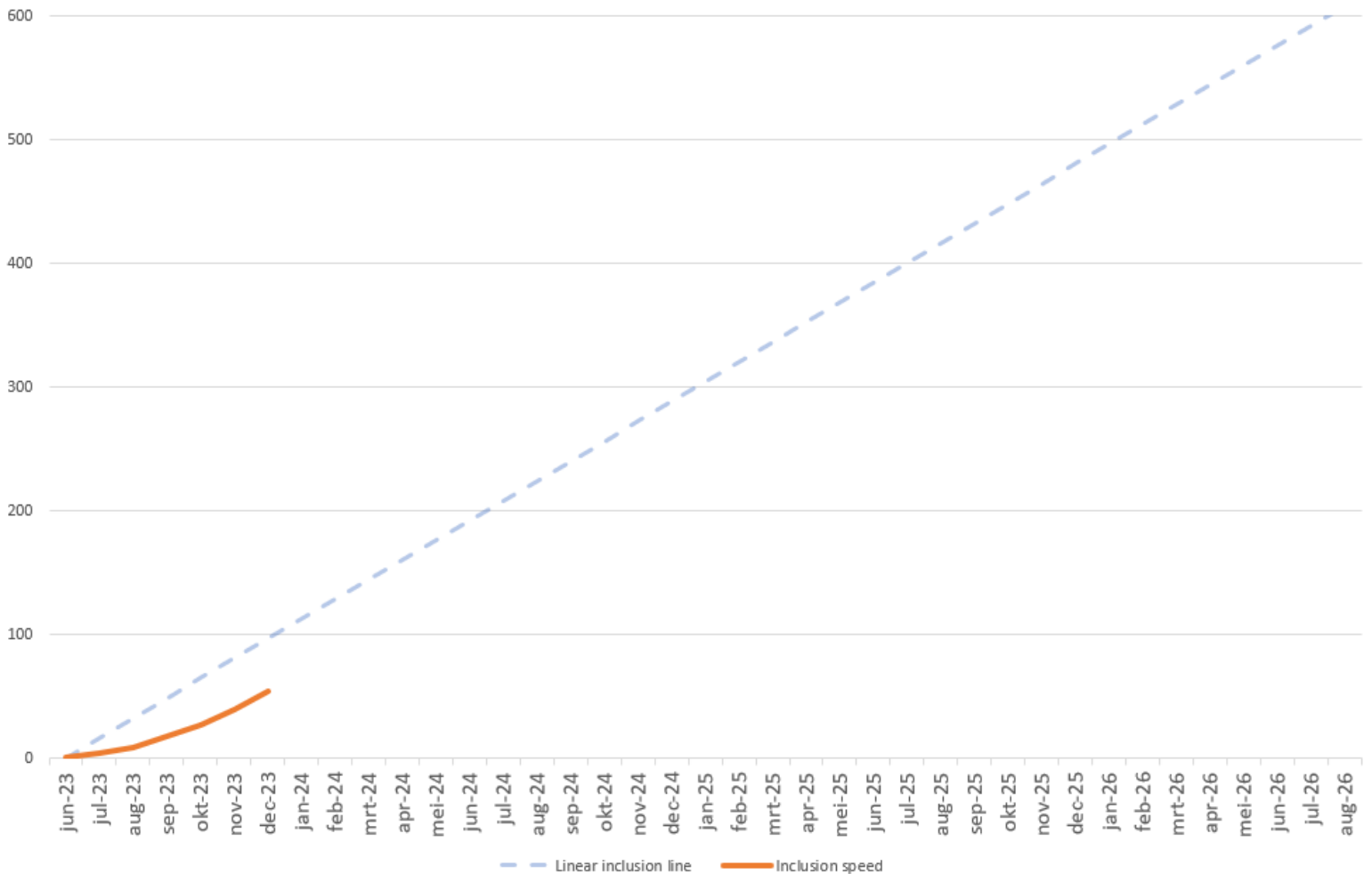
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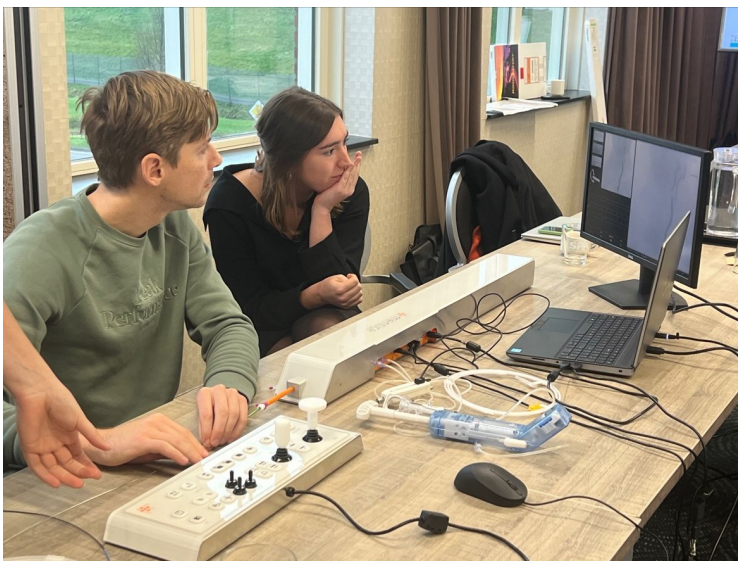
Inclusions



Inclusion rate CASES



First carotid artery stenting training session



On December 1st, 2023, the first carotid artery stenting training was organized in Breda. With the help of Terumo's simulation models, both experienced and less experienced interventional radiologists were able to practice. There was also an interesting case discussion during Maarten Uyttenboogaart's presentation.

We will schedule a second training soon so that those who were registered for the unfortunately canceled session of November 29th will still have a chance to practice their stenting skills!



UMCG has 10 inclusions, which means cake! Who's next?

Q & A

Q: Do we have to perform the CTA if the patient has a severely decreased kidney function?

A: This is a pragmatic trial and the safety of the patient is the most important. In case of an estimated eGFR $<30 \text{ mL/min/1.73m}^2$ it is okay to skip the CTA. However, we would like you to perform the NCCT.

Q: Does the carotid echo at 3 months have to be performed at the intervention center?

A: The carotid echo should be performed at the intervention center, seeing as payment (if the carotid echo is performed as part of research and not part of routine care!) is made to intervention center based on visits such as the carotid echo. However, if the patient lives far away from the intervention center it is possible to ask a referring center to perform the echo. However, we will not be able to pay the referring center for the carotid echo.

Documents such as the study protocol, information letters/informed consent forms and paper CRF worksheets can be found on the CASES website: www.cases-trial.eu/

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