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The ERIC-GTN trial extends the follow-up process to one year

The Effect of Remote Ischemic Conditioning and Glyceryl Trinitrate on Perioperative Myocardial Injury in Cardiac Bypass Surgery Patients: the **ERIC-GTN** trial team have secured the research ethics committee, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency's **(MHRA**), and Confidentiality Advisory Group (**CAG**) approvals, to extend the follow up process for all patients who have been recruited to this trial, up to one year after hospital discharge.

Why are we extending the follow up process to one year?

We are interested in gathering more information on patients who participated in the trial, but as the current trial protocol dictated that the follow up process would end once the patient has been discharged from the hospital, we had to change the current protocol and managed to get all the necessary approval to do so.

How are we going to "collect the data"?

Th trial team will be collecting data, and up to one year from all the patients who have been involved in this trial, by checking the patients' notes on the computer systems, in both UCLH and Barts NHS trusts. We will not be contacting any of these patients to gather further information, and we will not be seeking any further consents from the recruited patients as it would be unnecessary after securing the appropriate approvals.

Do you need to sign a new consent form?

No, there is no need to sign a new consent form, as the approval we have secured allow us to carry on the follow up without the need for any new consent forms.

What if a trial participant is not happy with this new arrangement?

There is absolutely no obligation to stay in the trial. If you wish to withdraw from this study, please get in touch with the trial team research fellow Dr.Ashraf Hamarneh: a.hamarneh@ucl.ac.uk or call the Hatter Cardiovascular Institute on 020 3447 9888.

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