



## Dear Swiss-AF Study Teams

We have recently recruited patient number 2000 into Swiss-AF (see next page)! Thanks to everybody for the continued efforts to finalize enrolment as soon as possible. Completing enrolment is a key milestone for our project and will be a decisive factor for continued funding by the SNSF. Long term follow-up is indeed a crucial factor in the evaluation of cognitive function over time, so we clearly need the grant extension to answer our main study question. We would therefore like to encourage all of you to mobilize all resources for the last **298** patients needed. Thank you!

Please contact the Swiss-AF study team in Basel if you have any questions or suggestions.

Best regards,

Stefan Osswald

David Conen

Anne Springer

**To date, 2102 patients are included in Swiss-AF (goal: 2400).**

About 55% of FU-1 visits and 21% of FU-2 visits are completed.

## Update Swiss-AF Website

The Swiss-AF website now provides an area for **patients** (offered in German, French and Italian): <http://www.swissaf.ch>

You are welcome to put a link to the Swiss-AF website on your hospital's website, to improve the visibility of the project.

## When exporting ECG data ...

- Indicate the **full Patient ID** (as printed on the blood kits. Use only these predefined IDs starting with Site No).
- The **`Indication`** field must be left **BLANK at Baseline**. For FU-visits, insert: **FU\_1** (or FU\_2, FU\_3, etc.).
- Do not make accidental indications (like 1234 / SiteNo\_0000\_new, etc.). Make sure that you indicate numbers (not letters). Correcting such mistakes takes a lot of time and efforts. Thank you for your cooperation.
- All centers received an **ECG card** showing how to fill in the required fields (example below). If you need a new card, please let us know.

## Things to come ...

- **First cross-sectional analyses of the baseline data**
- **First abstracts are welcome**
- **Further Small Nested Projects submissions are welcome. The required Subproject Proposal form is downloadable at <http://www.swissaf.ch/collaborate.htm>**
- **Prolongation grant application to SNSF (hopefully) in July 2017 (Closed Call details still open)**
- **New research project grant "AF burden / AF progression" in progress – will be submitted to SNSF in Apr 2017**
- **Comparison of bMRI investigations to healthy control subjects of the Hamburg Cohort - in preparation**
- **Analyses of perfusion (new project grant to be submitted in Oct 2017)**

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<b>XX-signs must be filled in individually for each patient (the rest must be indicated exactly as shown here):</b>		
PID (SiteNum_0000):	see your center's ECG card	
Last Name (anonymous)	LEAVE BLANK	
First Name (anonymous)	LEAVE BLANK	
Birthday (01.01.YYYY)	01.01.XXXX	
Height (cm)	XXX cm	
Weight (kg)	XX kg	
Indication (e.g. Follow-Up 1 = FU_1)	FU_X	(LEAVE BLANK at Baseline)

## Swiss-AF Team Profiles

In each newsletter we introduce teams of our actively participating sites. Here, we are pleased to introduce the study team at **Inselspital Bern**, celebrating the inclusion of the 2000<sup>th</sup> Swiss-AF patient.



« *The Swiss-AF study contributes to a better understanding of atrial fibrillation, its consequences and its therapeutic options.*

*Our team is eagerly awaiting first results! »*

(Study Team Inselspital Bern, March 2017)

From left to right - upper row: **Regula Kronenberg** (Research Fellow), **Monica von Brevern** (Study Nurse), **Sarah Pfaffen** (Study Coordinator), **Svenja Heger** (Study Nurse), **Prof. Dr. med. Nicolas Rodondi** (PI). Front row: **Anette van Dorland** (Research coordinator), **Evelyne Abgottspon** (Study Coordinator), **Luise Adam** (Research Fellow).

Not on the photo: **Tanja Flückiger** (Study Nurse), **Cindy Groen** (Study Nurse) and **Martin Feller** (Research Fellow).

### Notes & Hints

- Please check your **`To Do List`** (see `Reports` section in SecuTrial) and make corrections until **March 31<sup>th</sup>**.
- Delete incorrect eCRF entries. If a blank form cannot be completed, do not save it (so no "missing data" feedback will occur).
- **Follow-Up 3 visits** are pending after 3 years +/- 4 weeks. No blood sampling and no brain MRI is required. The following exams are needed:  
Study CRF  
Clinical measures  
Resting ECG  
Cognitive assessments  
QoL and disability  
AF-related resource use and costs  
Clinical outcomes (incl. ICD-10 codes)
- **Follow-Up 3 dossiers** are now downloadable from SecuTrial (de /fr /it).

- The next **HE data transfer** will be due on June 30, 2017. Each patient included will be reimbursed with 30 CHF. Detailed information will follow.
- The next Swiss-AF **Investigators Meeting** will be held on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 2017, 13.30h-15.00h, at Baden.

### Deadline for the next financial compensation: March 31, 2017

- Please transmit all MRIs, ECG files and questionnaires until the due date.
- Send us **open bills** (for patient transport etc.) until **April 5<sup>th</sup>**, so they can be considered in the next Financial Report to the SNSF. Many thanks!