

SPARC Newsletter

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From Principal Investigators

We would like to thank everyone who attended the SPARC Investigators Meeting in Chicago during the American Heart Association's annual convention. Many important issues were discussed and this meeting proved to be very informative for both attendees and our own SPARC Group.

SPARC enrollment is heating up! As of December 13, 2006, we have 1086 enrolled at 25 active sites around the United States. Keep up the good work!

From the SPARC Management Center located at Brigham and Women's Hospital - (617) 732-6566 Lcantagallo@partners.org

As SPARC enrollment continues to gain momentum, we would like to take this opportunity to address the image transfer portion of SPARC. We have contracted with a company called AG Mednet in order to simplify and send secure medical image transfers over the Internet. Use of the AG Mednet system ensures that we receive complete SPARC image data sets, while simultaneously saving your site transfer techs precious time and energy. We currently have 35 sites on board and 27 sites using the AG Mednet equipment. If you have not already completed and submitted your "AG Mednet Participant Form", please do so at your earliest convenience. Since site recruitment payments are based on completed data sets (3-page Case Report Forms and imaging data), it is imperative for all sites to send in study images within the 72-hour study window.

Additionally, here are some reminders to ensure a smooth transfer of your imaging data:

- Images should be de-identified prior to being submitted to the SPARC Image Repository. Please label each submission with a unique six digit study code that consists of your three digit site number + subject's sequential enrollment number. Place this unique subject code in the name and medical record number field on each submitted image. We ask that you do not include any patient initials or protected health information on the image submissions.
- Please submit reconstructed short axis data for SPECT, reconstructed transaxial slices for PET, and either a full cardiac CTA cycle or just the CTA phase(s) used for interpretation and reporting.

- Images should be submitted up to 72 hours post-index imaging exam.

From Barbara Johnson at the Data Coordinating Center (SPARC DCC) at Campbell University- (919) 468-9093 sparcdcc@campbell.edu

The Case Report Forms are being received here at the DCC in really good shape. I appreciate everyone's prompt responses to my queries. I have a few reminders and requests about the CRFs:

1. Send all three pages of the Case Report Form (CRF) together at the same time.
2. CRFs should be sent within 72-96 hours after they are completed. Do not hold them in order to send a big batch at one time. In tracking the submission dates, it has been found that some sites are delaying the faxing of the CRFs beyond the 72-96 hours as defined in the SPARC Protocol.
3. Please **print** on the Patient Contact Forms so that when we call the patients we can pronounce their name correctly or at least be close!
4. Fill out all areas on the forms. If none, such as no meds or no applicable medical history, please indicate none in that box so we know that no queries are needed.
5. As of December 15th, the SPARC Data Management Center at Campbell University will no longer be accepting delinquent Case Report Form submissions for subjects enrolled into the Known CAD SPECT category prior to the December 4th enrollment closing.

Thank you for your attention to the details and the completeness of the Case Report Forms!

The SPARC December 13, 2006 Enrollment Summary, which provides a detailed listing of study enrollment breakdown, will be sent to all sites via e-mail.