

ASOS-2

African Surgical OutcomeS-2 Trial NEWSLETTER

Pilot Trial success!

During September and November 2018 sixteen hospitals across eight countries successfully piloted the ASOS-2 intervention protocol. This pilot trial has been **ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION** in the Southern African Journal of Anaesthesia and Analgesia. Thank you to every team member at the pilot hospitals from **Benin, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Mali, Mauritius, Niger, Nigeria, and South Africa!**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE from ASOS-2 Pilot Trial

The purpose of the ASOS-2 intervention (increased postoperative surveillance for 'high-risk' patients) is not to get healthcare providers to do extra work, but rather to **shift the focus** to patients at higher risk of complications and death. **Only 1 in 5 patients are classified as high-risk.**

Upcoming event

Make a note in your diary. We will have an **online ASOS-2 conference on Friday, 8th of March, at 13h00 SAST.** For those of you at the South African Society of Anaesthesiologists Annual Meeting in Port Elizabeth, please attend in person at the Woods Room. During this online event Bruce Biccard will provide an update on the trial progress and discuss the lessons we learned from the pilot trial. This will be a perfect opportunity to ask questions about the trial. Please join the meeting with this link:
<https://zoom.us/j/332714345>

TRIAL PROGRESS...

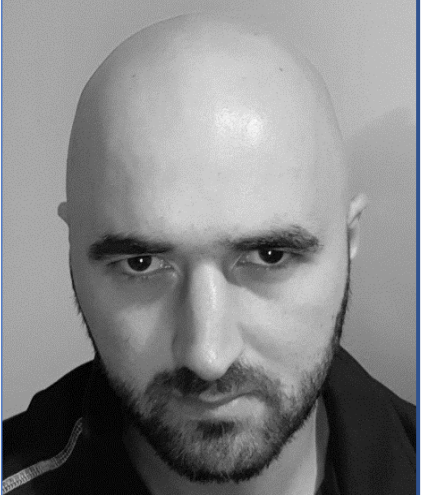
Up to this week we have **168** hospitals from **31** countries signed up to ASOS-2
Our target is 664 hospitals by April 2019.
The final protocol has been submitted for registration on clinicaltrials.gov. In our next newsletter you will meet our global surgery fellow who is developing exciting training materials for all the sites. Visit asos.org.za and follow on twitter @AfricanSOS.

Meet the team

Margot Flint is postdoctoral researcher at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. She manages many of the international research activities of the Department of Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine. Margot is a key person for processing your ASOS-2 hospital contract and very experienced in trial processes.



Dawid van Straaten is an information systems specialist at Safe Surgery South Africa. He designs the databases that we use for the ASOS projects. This includes the data collection processes involved in signing hospitals up to the ASOS-2 trial as well as the data collection during the trial. Dawid also makes sure that our data is safeguarded.



Simone Adams is a research assistant at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. She is Margot's right hand in the day-to-day tasks of processing contracts for the ASOS-2 trial. She will help you complete your ASOS-2 Trial contracts.

