


Electronic survey of investigators' experience of recruiting to the EASI-SWITCH trial

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Demographics

We would be very grateful if you could complete the following short questionnaire - it should take no longer than 5-10 minutes.

The aim of the questionnaire is to help us better understand why recruitment to the EASI-SWITCH trial has been so challenging and therefore see if there are any improvements that could be made.

Thank you very much for your participation and feedback – it is much appreciated.

* 1. Please indicate which site/hospital you are recruiting from

* 2. Please indicate your role with regards to EASI-SWITCH

☐ Site Principal Investigator

☐ Sub-investigator (nursing e.g. acute oncology)

☐ Sub-investigator (medical)

☐ Research nurse

☐ Other (please specify)

* 3. Have you been involved in EASI-SWITCH from your site opening to recruitment?


☐ Yes, from when the site opened

☐ No, I joined at a later date

* 4. Have you personally been involved in recruiting a patient to EASI-SWITCH?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Trial design and planning

The following factors, related to the trial design of EASI-SWITCH, are potential barriers to recruitment - we are interested in whether you have found them to affect recruitment at your site

* 5. Please indicate for each listed statement whether you consider it a barrier to recruiting to EASI-SWITCH

	Highly significant barrier	Moderate barrier	Somewhat of a barrier	Not a barrier
The acceptability of the trial to you	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The acceptability of the trial to other clinicians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The acceptability of the trial to patients	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
You have a preference for standard care (i.e at least 48hrs of IV antibiotics)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other clinicians have a preference for standard care (i.e at least 48hrs of IV antibiotics)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
You have a preference for the intervention 'early switch' to oral antibiotics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other clinicians have a preference for the intervention 'early switch' to oral antibiotics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Patients have a preference for standard care (i.e at least 48hrs of IV antibiotics)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Patients have a preference for the intervention 'early switch' to oral antibiotics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 6. Please indicate for each listed statement whether you consider it a barrier to recruiting to EASI-SWITCH

	Highly significant barrier	Moderate barrier	Somewhat of a barrier	Not a barrier
Having to consent and randomise patients within 24 hours of IV antibiotics commencing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The eligibility criteria for patients to participate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The expected recruitment rate for your site	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The priority of the trial outcomes to you	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The priority of the trial outcomes to other clinicians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The priority of the trial outcomes to patients	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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Trial conduct and recruitment information needs

The following factors, related to how the trial is conducted, are potential barriers to recruitment - we are interested in whether you have found them to affect recruitment at your site

* 7. Please indicate for each listed statement whether you consider it a barrier to recruiting to EASI-SWITCH

	Major barrier	Moderate barrier	Somewhat of a barrier	Not a barrier
Potential patients are unscheduled inpatients (rather than an outpatient population for example)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The number of neutropenic sepsis admissions to your site	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trying to identify potentially suitable patients	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The participant information sheet and consent form	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The consent process involved for the trial	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The administration burden and workload involved in recruiting a patient	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The clarity of the trial protocol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The optional research blood sample	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The data collection required for the case report form	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The follow up required for the study, including questionnaires	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 8. Please indicate for each listed statement whether you consider it a barrier to recruiting to EASI-SWITCH

	Major barrier	Moderate barrier	Somewhat of a barrier	Not a barrier
The training I've received on the study protocol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The training needs of other researchers involved in the study	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delegation of the individual recruitment tasks between research team members	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Locally available resources and infrastructure to support the trial	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organisational or institution support for the trial	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The data monitoring and management from the clinical trials unit for the trial	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The recruitment updates from the clinical trials unit regarding trial progress	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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Recruiter differences at sites

The following factors relate to potential differences between recruiters at your site which may make recruitment challenging - we are interested in whether you have found them to affect recruitment at your site

* 9. Please indicate for each listed statement whether you consider it a barrier to recruiting to EASI-SWITCH

	Highly significant barrier	Moderate barrier	Somewhat of a barrier	Not a barrier
Your engagement and enthusiasm for recruitment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Engagement and enthusiasm of other potential recruiters at your site	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Which recruiter approaches the potential patient about the trial	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communication and support within the research team	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communication and support between the research team and front line clinical staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. Please list any other barriers not yet mentioned that you have encountered which cause recruitment to be challenging

11. Please list any strategies which you have found useful at your site to facilitate recruitment (so these can be shared with other sites)