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Brain Injury Outcomes New Zealand In the Community

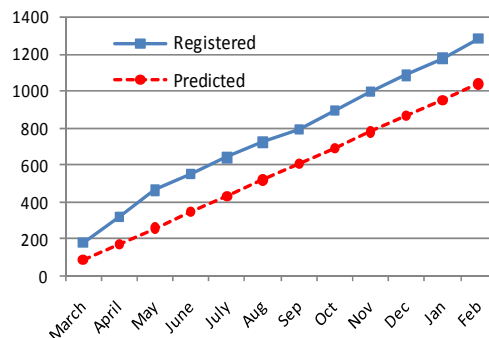
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BiONiC Study Update

Although the recruitment period has ended, we continue to identify people who experienced a TBI between March 1st 2010 and February 28 2011 via cross checking. We are interviewing these newly recruited participants as well as those who were already participating in BIONIC and experienced a TBI close to 12 months ago.

Before BiONiC began, it was estimated that 1040 cases of fatal/non-fatal mild to severe TBIs would be identified. As this graph shows, the preliminary number of TBIs identified is higher than predicted. This further emphasises the importance of the BiONiC study and the need for accurate data on the incidence of TBI.



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Cross check update

Cross checking is progressing well and we have now contacted all schools in the study region. We have also identified a number of TBIs through cross checks with ACC and we would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

New Clinical Researcher for the Genetics sub-study

We would like to welcome Thivasha Naido-Melis to the BIONIC team. She will be managing recruitment and collecting samples for analysis on the Genetics study.



Sub-studies Update



The COBIC study has been busy assessing children and interviewing their parents, as well as school teachers. They have also started recruiting children free from TBI for the purposes of developmental comparison.

This research is being led by Dr Nicola Starkey (University of Waikato)

Genetics Study

The Genetics sub-study is progressing very well with a high consent rate. To date, a total of 90 saliva samples have been collected from BIONIC participants. These have been sent to Auckland for analysis.

This research is being led by Professor Rob Kydd (Auckland University)

TBI Experience

The qualitative interviews are well underway for this sub-study. They are hoping to interview at least 50 participants and are also extending the study catchment area to the Auckland region, in order to recruit more participants.

This research is being led by Professor Kathryn McPherson (AUT)

Farewell to some of our Clinical Researchers

We have reached a quieter time in the study with fewer follow-up interviews. Unfortunately, this means that the size of our team is reducing.

We are sad to say goodbye to 5 Clinical Researchers: **Renee Railton, Setareh Zareie, Eva Spijker, Toyer Farrath and Rachel McNulty**. Fortunately, many of these researchers had planned overseas travel and are moving onto other work. We would like to thank all of them for their valuable contribution to the BIONIC study. Their hard work and determination has been very appreciated by the research team and we wish them all the best of luck for their future endeavours.

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