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# CARSK

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## WELCOME

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Milestones and best  
performances

#### **SITE OF THE MONTH**

UK - St George's  
University Hospitals  
NHS Foundation Trust

#### **GLOBAL ENROLLMENT**

To December 23, 2021

#### **LEADER BOARD**

To December 23, 2021

## KUDOS

#### **CAIRNS HOSPITAL (Australia)**

Randomized 10 patients in their first month!

#### **UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA**

Randomized their first two patients in November

#### **UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN**

Is consistently reaching their monthly target

#### **LONDON HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

Surpassed their monthly target in December

#### **KINGSTON HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE AND UNIVERSITY OF LAVAL**

Reached their monthly targets in November

## CONGRATULATIONS!

## SITE OF THE MONTH



**St George's CARSK team from left to right:** Sharirose Abbat, Prof. Debasish Banerjee, Dr. Daniel Murphy and Riny Paul



Professor Banerjee is a clinical nephrologist managing CKD, dialysis and kidney transplant patients with much expertise in CKD patients with cardiovascular disease, hypertension, heart failure and diabetes. As a member of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) Working Group on Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy, and following his establishment of a unique kidney failure-heart failure clinic at St George's, he has created international

strategies for managing CKD patients with cardiovascular disease. As part of the Association of British Clinical Diabetologists (ABCD) Renal Association Clinical Study Group, he has assisted in the formulation of national guidelines for the management of CKD patients with the added complication of diabetes. To further his clear and keen research interest, he has received grants from the British Heart Foundation, Kidney Research UK, the Wellcome Trust (ISSF), Guy's and St Thomas' Charity and St Georges' Hospital Charity. As a member of Kidney Research UK's cardio-renal study group and as a reviewer for the MRC, NIHR, and Kidney Research UK, he has been involved in reviewing research in the cardiovascular complications of CKD in the UK. He serves the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) action of clinical trials as the co-chair for patient engagement group, to improve patient involvement in international nephrology trials. He is also the Chairman of the Training and Education Committee of The Renal Association.

### ABOUT ST GEORGE'S

St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust serves a population of 1.3 million across southwest London. It is one of the country's principal teaching hospitals and it is shared with St George's University of London, which trains medical students and carries out advanced medical research.

St George's Hospital was originally founded in 1733 next to what would later be Hyde Park in central London. The hospital and medical school relocated to their current site in southwest London in the 1970s. St George's boasts several famous alumni including the surgeon John Hunter and his student and pioneer of vaccination Edward Jenner. The hide of the cow named Blossom, that was used by Jenner in his discovery of vaccination against smallpox, now hangs on the wall of the St George's Medical School library and it has remained in the University's possession since 1857.

### TRANSPLANT IN THE UK

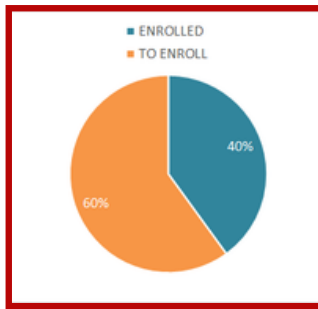
Transplant care in the UK is provided via the NHS and is free. This means that patients receive dialysis, pre-transplant workup, surgery, and post-transplant care at no cost, including medications for life. The NHS Blood & Transplant Service works nationally to oversee all transplants in the UK. There is a national kidney offering system which aims to match donors and recipients based on tissue typing, age, location, and other factors (<https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/organ-transplantation/kidney/>).

### ST GEORGE'S AND CARSK

St George's is the first site in the UK to be activated in CARSK, opening the way to other NHS sites that are currently working on their start up activities.

Professor Banerjee and his team have been recruiting participants with great success, enrolling 13 patients in two months!

**Thank you to this amazing team for their incredible work!**



ENROLLED: 1322 (40%)  
 TO ENROLL: 1984 (60%)  
 GLOBAL GOAL: 3306

CANADA: 504  
 US: 23  
 AUSTRALIA: 474  
 NEW ZEALAND: 258  
 EUROPE: 63

## LEADER BOARD

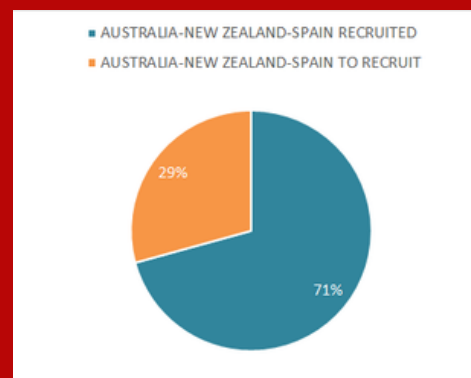
### CANADA, US, GERMANY, UK

- 1) St Paul's Hospital, Vancouver (164)
- 2) Vancouver General Hospital (98)
- 3) University Health Network (55)
- 4) London Health Science Centre (30)
- 5) St Joseph's Healthcare (28)
- 6) The Ottawa Hospital (23)
- 7) George Wash University Hospital (23)
- 8) Queen Elizabeth II (18)
- 9) University of Saskatchewan (17)
- 10) University of Montreal CIUSSS (17)
- 11) University of Montreal CHUM (13)
- 12) UK - St George's Hospital (13)
- 13) Kingston General Hospital (12)
- 14) St Michael's Hospital (11)
- 15) McGill University Health Centre (8)
- 16) University of Laval (8)
- 17) Berlin - Charité (4)
- 18) University of Alberta (2)



### AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, SPAIN

- 1) Auckland City Hospital (205)
- 2) Westmead Hospital (167)
- 3) Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (148)
- 4) Bellvitge Hospital (46)
- 5) Royal North Shore Hospital (38)
- 6) Wellington Hospital (26)
- 7) Box Hill Hospital (25)
- 8) St George Hospital (24)
- 9) Monash Medical Centre (19)
- 10) Dunedin Hospital (17)
- 11) Austin Hospital (16)
- 12) Royal Adelaide Hospital (13)
- 13) Prince of Wales Hospital (10)
- 14) Cains Hospital (10)
- 15) Christchurch Hospital (10)
- 16) Wollongong Hospital (4)





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Happy  
Holidays!

LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER  
GREAT YEAR AHEAD. HAPPY 2022!

THE CARSK TEAM