



PIC Bone

Imaging in Paediatric Osteomyelitis

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NEWSLETTER



NEWS BITES:

NEW SITES

The PIC Bone study is **open to expressions of interest** from new sites, and is **aiming to open to 30 hospitals**.

STUDY MANAGER

Anjali Shah is your new Study Manager. Sinayat Mahzabeen is now on maternity leave.

RECRUITMENT

Retrospective Study opened to recruitment on **16 June 2023**.

Prospective Study opened to recruitment on **31 July 2023**.

FAQs of the month:

Q1: When we say that we suspect the presence of a bone and/or joint infection (BJI), how certain of an infection do we want to be to include the patient into the study?

A: We want to capture all patients with any suspicion of BJI, not just the ones where BJI is very likely. Even if children do not undergo any investigations and are discharged without follow-up, they do go through a diagnostic process that includes history and clinical examination. What elements of the history and clinical examination are sufficient to discharge the child without any investigations? This is exactly the information we wish to capture, as it is essential in developing the clinical decision algorithm.

Q2: How long do we have from the initial email being sent and consent being signed, is it only 7 days?

A: The protocol does not give any time limits on obtaining consent. The 7 days rule is for approaching patients, not for obtaining consent. Sites can decide locally what works best for them (e.g. 3 attempts to obtain consent or 1 month from date of discharge or approach). Our absolute maximum is 3 months, because of the 3-month follow-up. Please send us an email with patient ID of those whom obtaining consent was not possible.

Recruitment Updates

Table of Recruitment Progress

Name of Site	Months open	Recruitment*	
		Prospective	Retrospective
Alder Hey Children's	4	22	510
Ipswich	3.5	6	110
Birmingham Children's	2	N/A	174
Bristol	2	14	0
Cambridge	2	27	0
Cardiff	2	9	0
Chelsea & Westminster	1.5	0	3
Lewisham & Greenwich	1.5	0	34
Oxford	1.5	13	29
Dorset & Poole	1	0	28
Leicester	1	6	13
Maidstone	1	2	0
Sheffield	<1	0	39
Guy's & St Thomas'/Evelina	<1	0	0
St George's	<1	4	0
Cornwall	<1	0	0
Total		103	940

*Data accurate as of 30 September 2023 for consented patients.

A word from
Tim Theologis
& Dan Perry:

“
The recruitment race against time (and between sites) has started, great to see the numbers rising. Keep the good work going!
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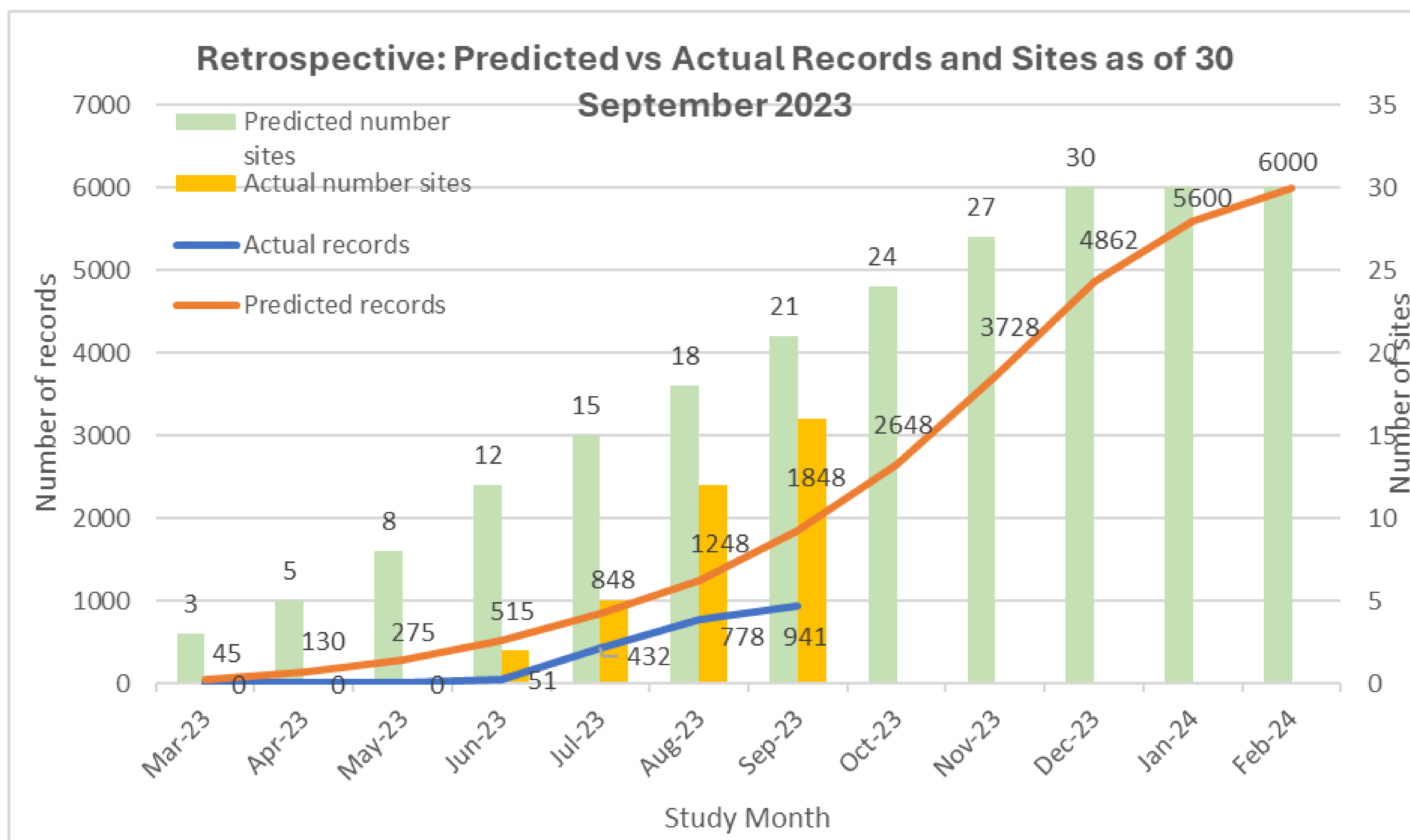


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Recruitment Updates

Retro: Predicted vs Actual Recruitment



Pro: Predicted vs Actual Recruitment

