



FOOT ULCER TRIALS UNIT

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A MULTICENTRE TRIAL EVALUATING LIGHTWEIGHT FIBREGLASS CASTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF HEEL ULCERS IN DIABETES

We are looking for centres interested in participating in a multicentre RCT which is scheduled to start in Spring 2011.

There is some observational evidence to suggest that heel casts may both induce more rapid healing, and reduce discomfort. The aim of this HTA-funded trial is to formally document any benefit they may have. Patients will be randomised to being managed with a heel cast or without.

If you run a hospital-based foot clinic and would be interested in taking part, please contact **William Jeffcoate** (william.jeffcoate@nuh.nhs.uk) or **Fran Game** (frances.game@nuh.nhs.uk) in Nottingham.

We need to recruit 529 patients to this trial and we want to complete as soon as we can. We already have 18 centres identified but are aiming for 25.

Recruitment will be competitive. Reimbursement will be at £1500 per completed patient (or pro rata), although this will be less if DRN or CLRN research staff are involved.