



80% of respondents to a recent survey think developing more effective ways to deal with *P. aeruginosa* should be top priority!

A recent survey conducted by Oli Rayner from the CF Trust has shown that 80% of respondents think developing a more effective way to deal with *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* should be a top priority (urgent).

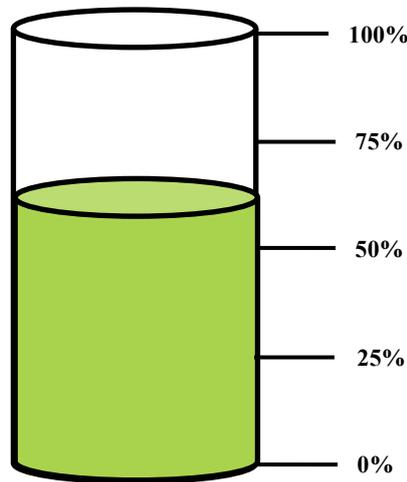


The survey was conducted in May 2014 and included a total of 390 respondents.

71% of responses came from parents of children with CF, 26% from CF patients themselves and the remaining 3% from grandparents, siblings or friends of CF patients.

Progress so far.....

As of 3rd June 2014 we have 171 patients in the study so have achieved 61% of our recruitment target of 280!



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New research shows eradication rate of *P. aeruginosa* in adults comparable to rates in children

More and more young people with cystic fibrosis, who make the transition to adult care, are now free of chronic lung infection with *Pseudomonas*. *Pseudomonas* infection leads to a more rapid deterioration in lung function and a reduced life expectancy.

Clinical trials have shown that, if the *Pseudomonas* infection is caught early, it can be eradicated. However most of these trials were done in children. Until now it was not known whether the same rates of eradication could be achieved in adults. The paper by Kenny and colleagues in *BMJ Open* (<http://bmjopenrespres.bmj.com/content/1/1/e000021.abstract>) describes eradication treatment in 20 adults with CF and shows success rates comparable to trials in children with CF.

This emphasises the importance of adults and adult centres taking part in the TORPEDO study which aims to see which regimen (intravenous or oral) is the most effective in eradicating *Pseudomonas*. The opportunity to answer this question won't come round again!

The TORPEDO team are very grateful to the adult centres and adult patients who have participated in TORPEDO already. Adult centres who are not already taking part are welcome to join and we encourage all adult patients to discuss the TORPEDO study with their CF doctor!

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

Kenny SL, Shaw TD, Downey DG, Moore JE, Rendall JC, Elborn JS. Eradication of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in adults with cystic fibrosis. *BMJ Open Respiratory Research* 2014; 1(1). 10.1136/bmjresp-2014-000021