Maintaining Participant Contact: June-December 2015 and Results dissemination

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INTRODUCTION

- Maintaining contact with participants after termination from the study is critical:
  - Optimize ASPIRE result dissemination
  - Optimize screening and enrolment into MTN 025 (HOPE)
- Participants enrolled: 213
- Participants in follow up: 198
- Why the discrepancy?

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- Aim is to maintain regular contact with all 198 participants
• Cohort allocation system
• Community Health Workers (CHWS) –
  – Maintain regular contact – phone calls, SMS, IM (WhatsApp)
    • Participant/staff rapport
    • Reminders for study visits, special events and general check in
    • Update locator information
  – System has been successful
    • 96% retention excluding early terminations
    • 91% retention overall
• Monitored by Community Liaison Officer (CLO), Study Coordinator (SC) & IoR
• IoR, SC, Clinians & CLO also contact participants as needed
During study follow up:
• In daily waiting room discussions,
  – Timelines to result dissemination
  – Possibility of HOPE study
  – Importance of maintaining site/participant contact is stressed
• At Product Use End Visit (PUEV) and Study Exit Visit (SEV)
  – Locator information updated
  – Reminder to contact site as needed
  – Future contact log completed (SEV)
  – Contact card (SEV)
PLANS FOR MAINTAINING CONTACT

After SEV:

• CHW will continue with regular contact with participants per allocation system for general check-in & locator update as needed.

• Holiday and Birthday listing to wish participants
  – Use of bulk SMS system, IM (WhatsApp), telephone call

• Site events (e.g. Movie Day, End of Study Party)
After SEV:

- Protocol currently being drafted to offer
  - Monthly HIV testing and counseling, pregnancy testing as well as contraception counseling and provision as needed.
- HIV tests & contraception → Gauteng Department of Health (DOH) - free
- Pregnancy test → Currently checking with DOH
- Will only be implemented following IRB approval
Participants will be provided with feedback with regards to availability of results – Bulk SMS or at site events

Result Dissemination: Study exit worksheet responses will be used

- Review Study Exit Worksheets
- Create listing
  - Plan for providing participant with final study results
  - Method by which participant wishes to be contacted when study results are available
- Analyze listing
  Planned and schedule result dissemination
  Use communication material supplied by MTN
PLANS FOR RESULT DISSEMINATION

• Options for result dissemination to participants
  – Group discussions
  – Individual discussions
  – Email/SMS/Instant Messaging/Telephone call

• Options for result dissemination to CAB & Stakeholders (as per the ASPIRE communications plan)
  – Meetings
  – Email
  – Letters
SUMMARY

• Regular contact with participants must be maintained
• Site will continue with cohort allocation approach
  – Regular telephonic check-in and update of locator information
  – Face to face activities at site (e.g Movie Day)
  – Possibly provision of monthly VCT, Pregnancy testing and contraception
• Concerted effort will be made to maintain contact with all 198 participants
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