



# AUGUST 2023

Does early treatment with highly effective DMT improve prognosis for people with MS?

Thanks so much to the teams in **Stoke (again!!), Las Vegas, Leicester and Ohio Health** who have contributed to recruitment this month. Along with Cardiff and Cleveland, you have moved the total target down to only 27! We are excited to be seeing sites now onboarding with the Long-term Extension study (more on that below). We have submitting a funding request to the UKMS Society to see if we can pilot some Remote Assessments in the future.

**27 more  
needed!**

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## LONG-TERM EXTENSION

A reminder that when participants reach Month-36 they can now be enrolled into the Long-term extension study, following them up to Year-6. The study schedule is planned is even more pragmatic in years 4 to 6 so we hope that sites and participants will take part. Key differences are that research MRIs are not included in Year4- Year 6 visits. But we will consent participants and pay for sites to upload any standard of care MRI brain scans for image analysis.

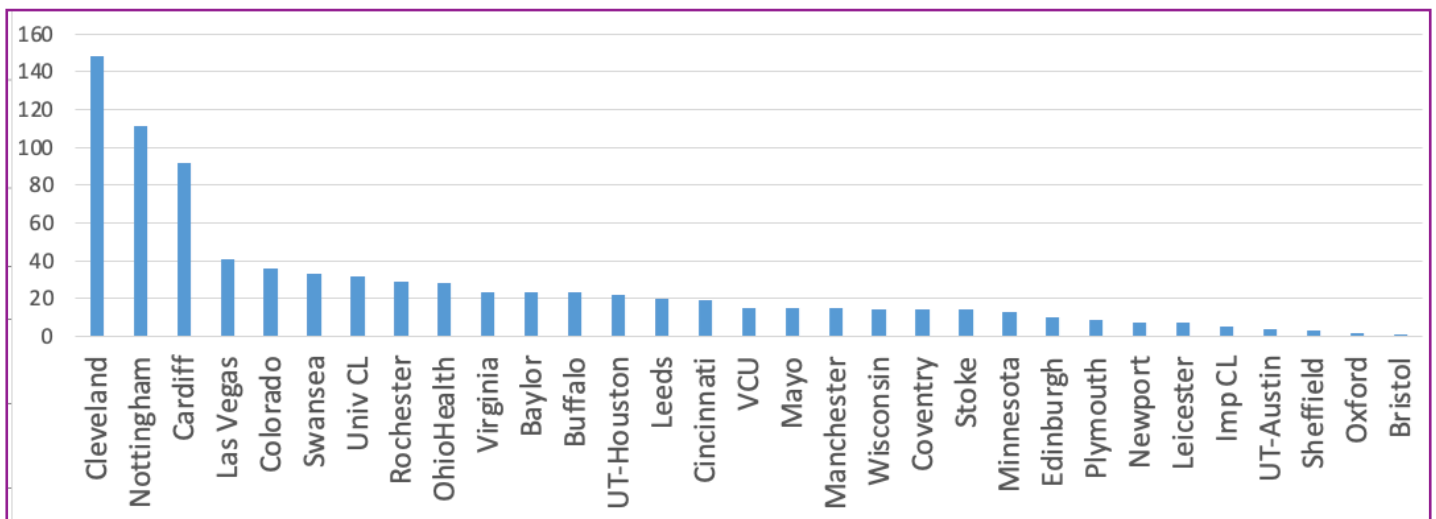
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## NEWS AND REMINDERS

- ◆ Please do remember that 3-monthly phone calls are a key way that we record DMT changes, relapses and adverse events in this study. Our QA work tells us that many get missed, which means we miss changes in DMT and AEs. These are all very important outcomes in the study.
- ◆ A reminder that 36M MRI **must be performed on the same MRI scanner** as baseline MRI.

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## OVERALL RECRUITMENT



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## FINAL THOUGHTS:

We are so close to completing recruitment - we could close if we just had one more participant per site!! If only it was this easy....but it would be great if each site could consider one more.