

NEuroCOUGH Newsletter

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Chronic Cough Patient Conference 2024



This event was organised by members of the ELF Cough Patient Advisory Group and medical experts from NEuroCOUGH. It aimed to bring together patients and chronic cough experts to explain the condition and treatments available, give a platform to patients to share their experience and present an opportunity for people to ask questions about the condition. Please find the links below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8AytXCdZdo>

https://youtu.be/Qz344X_jsdc

ELF's Chronic Cough Community Connects Over 'Cough and Coffee'



In response to feedback from our chronic cough Patient Advisory Group (PAG), the European Lung Foundation (ELF) recently hosted its first 'Cough and Coffee' online meeting. The session brought together PAG members with healthcare professionals, fostering a supportive environment for discussion and knowledge-sharing.

Five PAG members participated in the first virtual gathering alongside special guests Professor Alyn Morice and Kayleigh Brindle, a cough specialist nurse from Prof. Morice's clinic. The meeting featured a dynamic conversation, with a focus on cough causes and cutting-edge treatments

The event was met with enthusiasm from patients, who valued the opportunity to connect with both peers and experts in the field. Building on this success, ELF is already planning future sessions for 2025, which will feature various members of the NEuroCOUGH consortium.



New Site Update

In the last edition of this newsletter, it was alluded to that new sites were about to come onboard.

Each of those sites are still in the process of joining NEuroCOUGH and we thought an introduction to those sites would be welcome.

We have:

- Dr Matthew Martin - Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, Nottingham, UK

- Dr Silvia Demoulin - University of Lille, Lille, France
- Prof. Daiana Stolz - Medical Centre, University of Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany
- Dr Arent Jan Michels – Anna Ziekenhuis, Eindhoven, Netherlands
- Dr Madara Tirzite, Riga Stradiņš University Riga, Latvia
- Professor Brigita Gradauskiene, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Kaunas, Lithuania
- Prof. João Carlos Winck, Faculty of Medicine, University of Porto, Porto, Portugal
- Dr Össur Ingi Emilsson, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden
- Dr Georgios Kaltsakas, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Athens, Greece.



Our map from the ERS Congress 2024 in Vienna is about to become bluer.

Recruitment Update

Currently 995 patients have been recruited to the registry and a further 580 have returned for the 12-month follow-up appointments.

Site	Baseline Patients Recruited	12-month Follow-up Patients
Belfast	151	149
Hull	114	77
KCL	138	74
Brompton	64	36
Manchester	29	20
Northumbria	78	47
Toulouse	211	60
Frankfurt	23	13
Vienna	5	0
Warsaw	129	70
Zwolle	21	2
Barcelona	32	32

Industry partners:



All change on the QA front



As many of you will know there is a lot of unseen work that takes place once a participant has been recruited, and the details uploaded to the NEuroCOUGH Registry.

One very important piece of that work are the Quality Assurance (QA) checks and reviews. From the outset this was ably carried out in Leuven, Belgium by Marianne Schulte and with some very helpful backup support from Abitha Nair in Belfast.

Recently Marianne decided to step down from the role and we extend our gratitude to her for all the hard work she has put into the registry and laid the foundations for the study to grow.

Jemma Nelson, based in Northumbria has stepped in to fill the gap and has hit the ground running with fresh eyes and new approaches.

The baton has been passed, and we look forward to working with Jemma in the future.

An Important note from the NEuroCOUGH Team



Dear CRC Chairs,

This is a kind reminder to, **when submitting an abstract** for the ERS Congress 2025 that is **linked to a CRC**, please highlight this link.

We advise you to indicate in the **Title** or the **core text of the abstract**, the relation to the CRC by using either the **CRC acronym** or the mention “**an ERS Clinical Research Collaboration**”.

This will allow the ERS Office to sort your abstract from the thousands of submissions and to give it more visibility through dedicated communications.

As a reminder, the deadline to [submit abstracts](#) for the ERS Congress 2025 is **20 February 2025** .

We remain at your disposal for any questions.

Kind Regards,

Prof. Lorcan McGarvey (NEuroCOUGH Chief Investigator)

Prof. Alyn Morice (Co-Chair NEuroCOUGH Study)

Dr Marta Dabrowska (Co-Chair NEuroCOUGH Study)

Dr Sean Parker (Co-Chair NEuroCOUGH Study)

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