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## BA RESEARCH NEWS

A multi-centre clinical trial, called START, found that steroid therapy following hepatoportoenterostomy did not result in statistically significant bile drainage differences at 6 months post-op in biliary atresia patients. However, steroid therapy was associated with earlier serious adverse events. START was a double-blind trial conducted in 140 infants between September 2005 and February 2011.

Bezerra, J.A., *et al.* Use of corticosteroids after hepatoportoenterostomy for bile drainage in infants with biliary atresia: the START randomized clinical trial. *JAMA*. May 2014, 311 (17):1750-9. doi: 10.1001/jama.2014.2623.

## BARD-BERLIN

Abstracts are now being accepted for BARD-Berlin. BARD-Berlin is the 1st international congress on Biliary Atresia and Related Diseases (BARD) and is taking place in October, 2014. The deadline for abstract submission is August 1. Visit <http://www.bard-berlin-2014.com/> for more information and to register.

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## RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD APPLICATIONS

The CBAR REB application at BC Children's Hospital was approved and we are happy to announce that we have started recruiting patients! Template consent and application forms were sent out to all participating sites in early May. Kudos to all of the site investigators that are currently working on putting the application through their IRB. For those sites requiring assistance with this process, please contact Alison.

## WEBSITE COMMITTEE FORMED

The CBAR website committee was formed and held their first meeting in April. The committee is co-chaired by steering committee members Dr. Najma Ahmed and Mr. George Anthopoulos. A warm welcome to new committee members Natalie Williams, founder of Biliary Atresia Awareness and Research (BAAR) and Dr. Jacob Langer, Division Head of General and Thoracic Surgery at SickKids Hospital. Thank you to these individuals for volunteering their time and expertise to the project. Check out [cbar.ca](http://cbar.ca) to see the latest updates!



## REDCAP DATABASE ACCESS GRANTED

REDCap usernames and passwords were sent out to all of the site investigators in March. Thanks to all those who sent their feedback regarding the data collection forms. If you are a site investigator and have not been able to access REDCap, please contact Alison. REDCap is almost ready to go and will be totally done by the time sites receive their REB approval. A manual and data collection forms will be sent out shortly.

## BAAR SOCIAL MEDIA AWARD



Congratulations to Biliary Atresia Awareness and Research (BAAR) for winning the largest social media award in North America! BAAR was founded by 16-year old Natalie Williams, a biliary atresia survivor. She has worked tirelessly over the past couple of years to increase awareness amongst health professionals and new parents about the symptoms of biliary atresia, as well as promoting organ donation. Check out BAAR's award-winning facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/BiliaryAtresia.ca>.

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