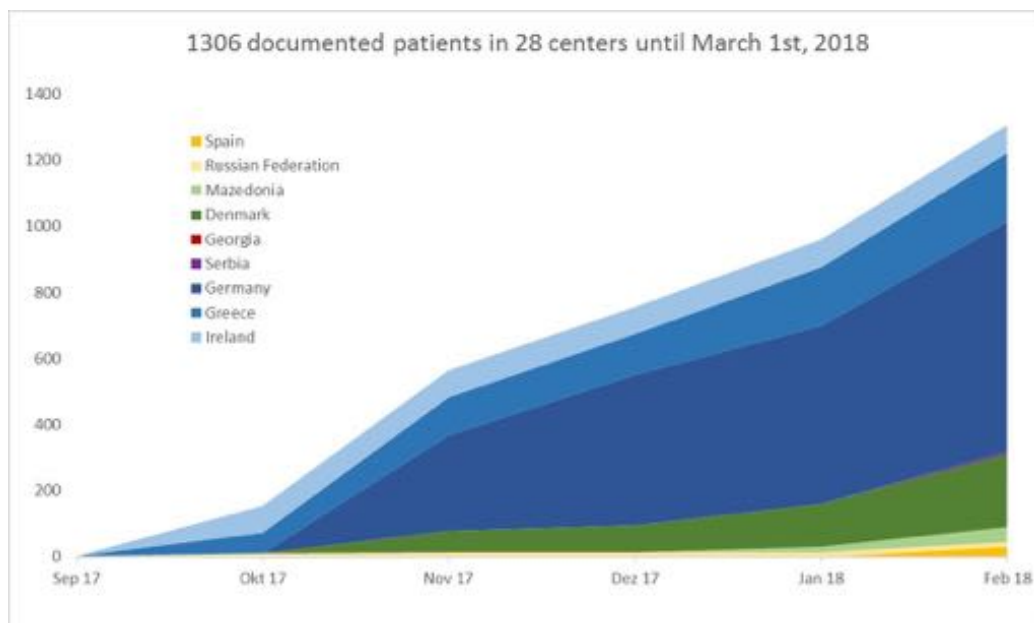
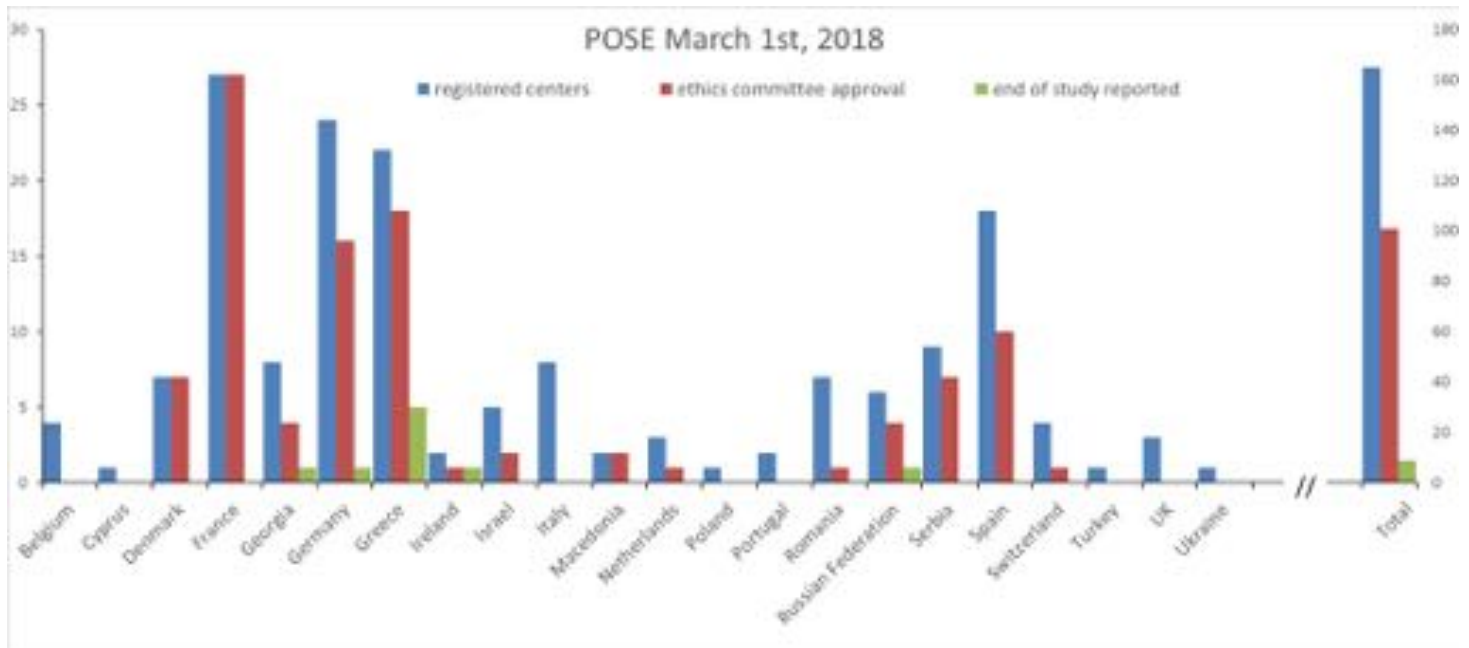


Dear Investigators, we thank you all for your support and collaboration.
We are pleased to give you the latest news about the POSE Study!

Highlights

- 167 registered centres from 22 countries
- Until 1st March 1306/7500 (17%) patients were already enrolled and documented in 28 centres!
- 106 positive Ethical Approvals until now
- TOP-Recruiters:
 1. LMU Munich (Germany) n=215
 2. Hannover Medical School (Germany) n=167
 3. Johannes Wesling Klinikum Minden (Germany) n=101



Important notices:

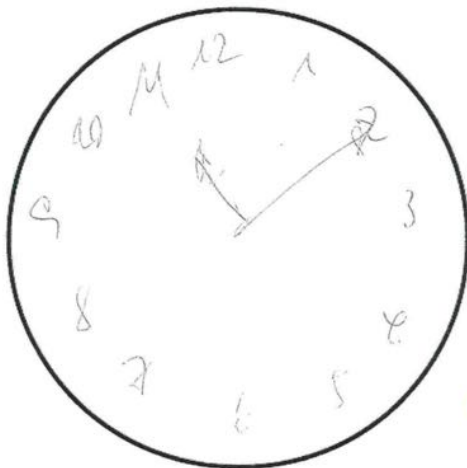
- To avoid mistakes in data entry please make sure to check the information given in **eCRF User Guide** and **POSE Glossary** (available on: <https://pose-trial.org/e-crf/>) before entering data to the eCRF.

Examples of common data entry mistakes in POSE eCRF:

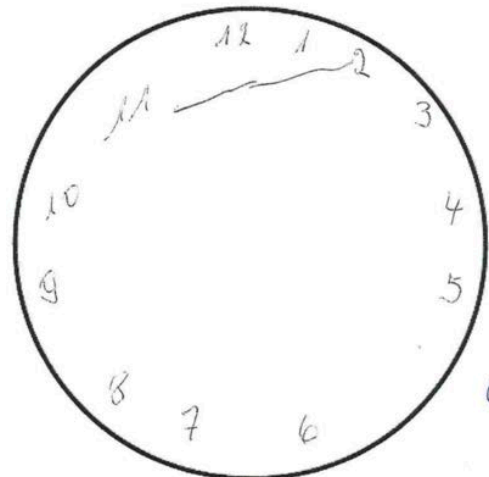
- Please make sure to define the Study Subject ID in the following format: XXX-XXX-XXX (compare eCRF User Guide)
- If questions about “congestive heart failure” and “dyspnoea” in patient’s **“Medical History”** are replied with “yes” please check if there is a “chronic heart failure” in his or her **“Risk Assessment”**.
- When calculating hospital length of stay please include day of intervention and exclude discharge day.
- If the urgency of surgery is “Emergency” or “Urgent” please remember that surgical wound classification cannot be “clean” (compare description in POSE Glossary).

2. Mini-Cog:

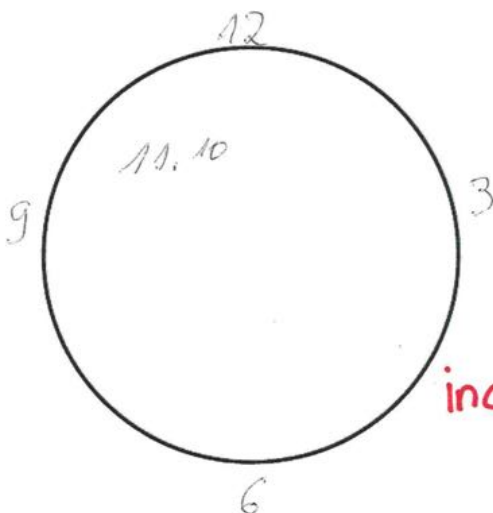
- Please see below some examples of the Mini-Cog from our centre and our decision about correctness.



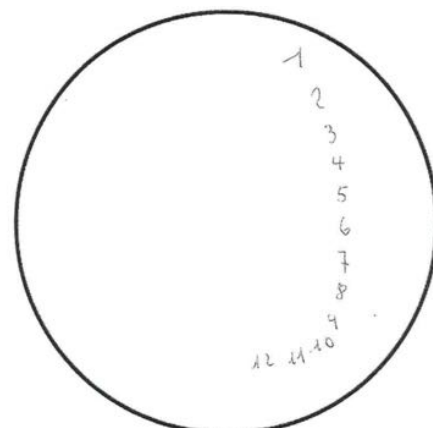
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Frequently asked questions

- 1. May I include a patient, who comes already intubated e.g. from ICU/ emergency room and who should get an intervention with anaesthesia now?*
 - Yes, of course! But, in this case you will not be able to perform the Mini-Cog and Timed up and go test for the frailty assessment. Please, tick "Patient cannot perform this test at the moment" for the Timed up and go test. Regarding the Mini-Cog, please leave the fields for the Mini-Cog empty, but click on the blue flag next to these fields and provide a brief description for us, like e.g. "patient is already intubated at enrolment".
- 2. Does the recruitment period of 30 days start with the day of first patient information and consent or the intervention-day of the first patient?*
 - Please start counting the 30 days on the intervention-day of the first patient.
- 3. Do I have to exclude patients, who are already informed and have consented to participate in this study, but their intervention is postponed on a day outside my recruitment period?*
 - Yes
- 4. How to perform the clock drawing task for the Mini-Cog, if the patient has broken his dominant arm?*
 - Ask the patient to describe how he would draw a clock, tell all the numbers on the clock face, and where he would place the hands to depict 10 past 11. Please draw it for the patient, even he has described the clock incorrectly.
- 5. When will we receive our POSE participation certificates?*
 - You will receive them for each person, who is entered in the POSE Task delegation form, at the end of each recruitment period, after we have checked your entered data and all our queries were resolved by your centre.

Best wishes
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