

## **Cardiac Biomarkers in ICU Patients: What Do They Mean?**

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I highlighted in my last report the problems we were having in obtaining the necessary echocardiography tests for the patients due to non-availability of technical staff. Although there are plenty of eligible patients, enrollment continues to be an issue despite continued dialogue with NHS Grampian R&D, the Cardiology Department and the echocardiography technical team. Recruitment currently stands at 17 completed patients; around 70 patients were identified as suitable but could not be recruited as an echo could not be performed. We are in the process of training two ICU trainees to enable them to undertake the echocardiography assessments. We hope that recruitment to the study will be completed by the end of 2013.