

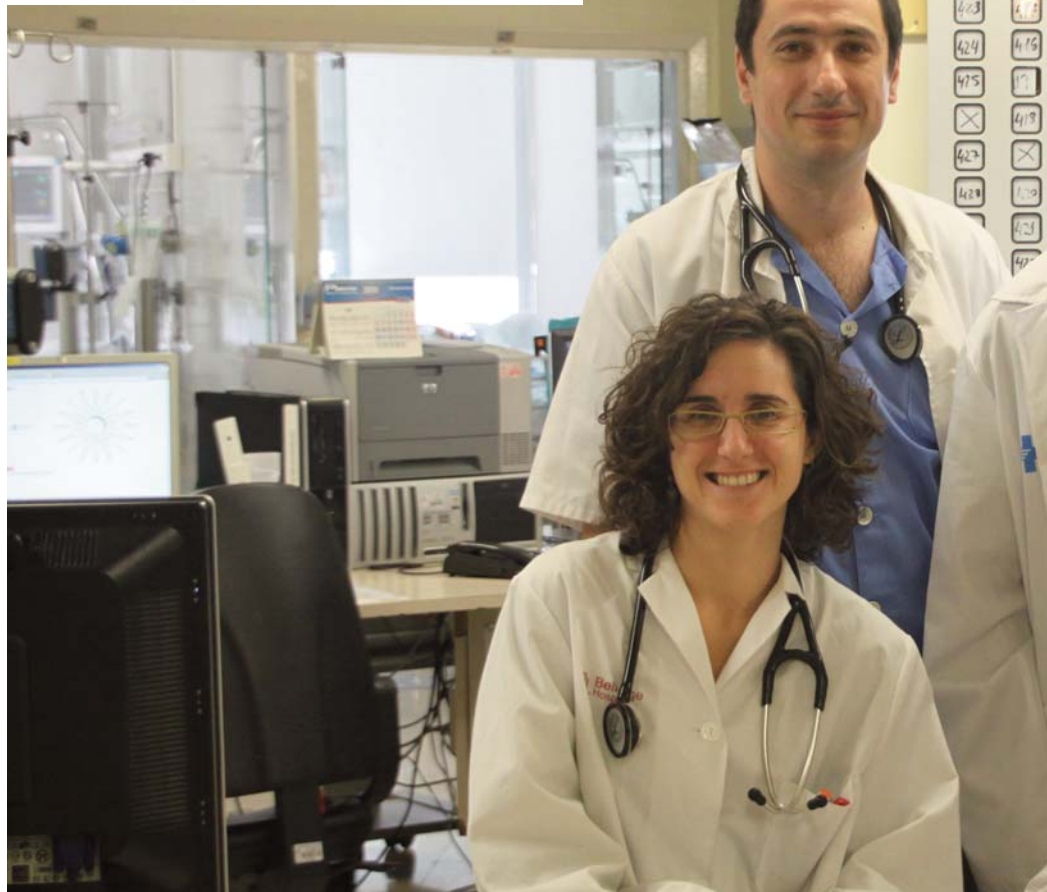
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In collaboration with over 22 hospitals across Spain, ‘Infarto en la Mujer Joven’ (IM-JOVEN), led by Spanish investigators is close to hitting a notable enrollment milestone of 400 participants – 89% of their total enrollment target. “IM-JOVEN provides an unprecedented opportunity to allow comparisons between cultures and health care systems in this young population that suffer from heart disease,” said Dr. Héctor Bueno. Enrollment numbers have increased slightly since the summer months with a total of 394 participants enrolled (277 women and 117 men). “It’s a pleasure to be working alongside our family of IM-JOVEN sites, who have worked tremendously hard to help us meet the aims of this study”, said IM-JOVEN Coordinator, Marta Almiñana, ANAGRAM.

Local Spanish partners include ANAGRAM, a clinical research organization (CRO) based in Barcelona, liaises directly with Spanish investigators and the VIRGO Coordinating Center at Yale. “I’m honored to be working with investigators at IM-JOVEN and the supportive team from ANAGRAM” said VIRGO Coordinator, Gabrielle Douglas.

ANAGRAM coordinates with local partners, Projecta’m and the Echevarne

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Laboratories. As of mid January, Projecta’m – the center that conducts follow-up participant interviews via phone has successfully completed 350 (90%) of the 1-month interviews for participants that have achieved their 1-month window. In addition, Echevarne Laboratories have received and processed 338 blood samples for storage (86%) and the success rate in obtaining consent for genetic analysis remains high at 94%.

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— Dr. Bueno

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SPOTLIGHT ON IM-JOVEN FAMILY: Hospital Universitari de Bellvitge, Barcelona

We'd like to highlight one of our family of IM-JOVEN sites, a top performer since January 2009, PIs, Victoria Lorente MD, Albert Ariza MD and José Carlos Sánchez MD and Coordinator, Elena Calvo Barriuso RN at the *Hospital Universitari de Bellvitge* (HUB). Opening in 1972, the HUB with 850 beds is located in the city of Hospitalet de Llobregat near Barcelona. As of late December, the HUB had enrolled 65 participants in IM-JOVEN (44 women and 21 men). One of five hospitals in Catalonia that is certified as a third level center, which allows the HUB to treat high level complexity cases and perform surgeries requiring the use of the latest high-technology, such as cardiac surgery, thoracic surgery, neurosurgery and transplants.

The HUB is a state of the art research center and member of the Biomedical Research Institute of Bellvitge (IDIBELL), one of the few government owned centers certified with the highest research level by the Instituto Sanitario Carlos III, the Health Research Agency of the Ministry of Science and Innovation). Their strategic goal is to promote technological and healthcare service innovation in addition to increasing medical and surgical activity in high complexity cases. The

Cardiology Service at the HUB has participated in 13 clinical trials and are currently involved in 9 multicenter clinical trials.

For more than 25 years, the HUB has been affiliated with the University of Barcelona, offering undergraduate courses in medicine, nursing and odontology, and more than 40 postgraduate courses in more than 40 specialties. Currently Dr. Victoria Lorente, Dr. Albert Ariza and Dr. José Carlos Sánchez (pictured here with Elena Calvo Barriuso) are specialists in the Cardiology Service at the HUB. "This study will allow doctors to learn more about the characteristics and treatment of heart attacks in women and determine the markers which may be related to the prognostic", said Dr. Victoria Lorente. Elena Calvo Barriuso, a graduate of the University of Barcelona and nurse in the Cardiology Service makes up the team at the HUB, and is now teaching nurses at the same university.

We'd like to thank the team at the HUB for their role in making IM-JOVEN a success! Congratulations are also due to IM-JOVEN's other top enrolling sites: Virgen de la Victoria, Málaga; Hospital Arnau de Vilanova, Lleida; Hospital Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona.

IM-JOVEN Enrollment
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