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# „How Not to...“ – Essential Errors

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# „How Not to...”

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- General Aspects
- Patient Inclusion
- Advertising
- Documentation and Follow-Up
- Finances
- Summary

# General Aspects I

## Essential Errors

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- Never talk to the coordinator
- Don't respond to Emails from A. Napp
- Only recruit 20 pilot patients
- Use varying CTs in the pilot patients
- Obtain IRB approval in 2015

# General Aspects II

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- Don't tell patients about follow-up
- Perform CT without Level II and III
- Randomize patients without ICA indication
- Never send image data for quality control
- Reporting CT should take several days

# How Not to Do...

## Coronary CT angiography

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- Use a 4-slice CT scanner
- Don't pay attention to patient preparation (especially heart rate control is overrated)
- Don't use a contrast agent - It's bad for the kidneys!
- For reading of CTA, it's okay to rely on 3D renderings and thick slice MiPs
- Focus! Don't waste time looking at noncardiac structures

# How Not to Include Patients...

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- From the emergency room with unstable angina
- Who would not accept ICA or CT equally
- Not having sinus rhythm
- Without the provided pretest-likelihood calculator
- With a pretest-likelihood  $>70\%$  for CAD

# How Not to Advertise ...

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- Use self created logos for advertisement
- You perform the favoured advertisement without contacting Adriane Napp
- Every participating center uses the Charité hotline as contact
- Your referring physicians or the hospital staff has never heard about DISCHARGE
- Leave the English subtitles for the DISCHARGE video

# How Not to Document MACE...

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- Never use uniform definitions
- Every death is a cardiovascular death
- Only keep records if you want to
- Don't stick to the eCRFs for sending PDF
- Never send anything to the Coordination Center



# How Not to Perform Follow-Up...

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- Collect only one phone number as contact address
- Call the included patients as often as possible
- Let them come to the hospital every month
- Start advertisement at the end of study
- If the patient is not available, leave the follow-up document blank

# Safety

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- Reporting: What?, When?, Whom?
- Information flow: how does the investigator receive information on safety events?
- Verifying and monitoring the investigator's compliance?

# Finances in a Nutshell

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- 🖥️ Enter all your friends in the participant portal
- 🕒 „Deliverables“ were served on the pizza
- ➔ Flying to Hawaii first class
- 👉 Claim your new Porsche on DISCHARGE
- 🚀 The timesheets went on a space odyssey
- 📧 Use bottle messages for reports and sing along with Sting “message in a bottle”
- 😊 Employ staff that is 3 person-months old

# Summary

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- „Think before acting!“
- Be systematic and effective!
- Maintain quality!
- Suggest standards and defaults!
- We look forward to hearing from you! 😊