

Criteria for an Adult ITP Clinical Centre

Essential

A consultant haematologist who;

- has a specialist interest in ITP
- is available to give advice/accept referrals regarding difficult cases of ITP, from consultant colleagues both within their own hospital and outside the hospital's catchment area
- is a member of the UK ITP forum
- regularly takes part in CPD to remain up to date in the management of ITP

The hospital must;

- have 24 hour consultant haematology cover
- be able to offer expert advice on the management of ITP in the following clinical areas;
Obstetrics
Gynaecology
Dentistry
Surgery
Others as appropriate
- have protocols for the management of ITP, both general and for specific situations e.g. pregnancy
- be actively involved in recruitment to the UK ITP Registries*
- take part in local/national audit related to ITP
- be active in post marketing surveillance of new/off licence drug treatments for ITP

Desirable

- Review all ITP patients in one specified clinic, which is led by a consultant haematologist with a special interest in ITP
- Provide regional support through MDT
- Be consistent in its management of ITP
- Nurse practitioner who provides support for ITP patients
- Dedicated phlebotomy service in inpatient and outpatient areas
- An obstetrician with a specialist interest in haematology
- Take part in clinical trials investigating treatments for ITP
- Printed information available for patients with ITP e.g. The Platelet
- Raise awareness amongst ITP patients of available ITP support groups

*The ITP Registries have been adopted by NIHR (National Institute for Health Research) and therefore should receive support through the UK CRN (Clinical Research Network) Portfolio. Please contact your Local Research Network (LRN) to organise support as required. Similar facilities are available in the devolved administrations. Further information can be obtained at;

http://www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/about_us/processes/portfolio/benefits.htm