

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDY CHAIR

Dear investigators, thank you for your commitment to the study. The Steering Committee is excited to work in partnership with you to advance heart failure research in Africa. I would like to introduce the THESUS-HF II study team:

1. **Steering Committee:** Karen Sliwa, Albertino Damasceno, Charle Viljoen, Mahmoud Sani, Gad Cotter, Neusa Jessen & Simon Stewart
2. **PASCAR Office:** Karabo Mbele (karabo@medsoc.co.za) will assist with site collaboration agreement & study-related inquiries.
3. **Cape Heart Institute Medical Officer:** Dr Shaazia Allie (Shaazia.allie@uct.ac.za) is key for circulation of the study protocol, ethics approval & RedCap data platform monitoring.

Regards,

Karen Sliwa (THESUS-HF II Principal Investigator)

UPDATE ON PARTICIPATING SITES

The THESUS-HF II Study team has initiated communication with prospective investigators to provide a comprehensive list of participating sites. 65 sites across Africa have confirmed their interest to participate in the study.

List of Participating Countries

Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, Republic of Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia

**WHERE TO FROM HERE?****Site Collaboration Agreement**

The study office will circulate the Collaboration Agreement to each investigator to complete. Kindly complete the agreement and return the completed form to the office. Each site can have up to 3 investigators per site with a main point of contact. **Deadline: 1 May 2024**

**Ethics Approval**

The protocol and SOP will be provided to each investigator. The application for ethics approval must be submitted locally by the site coordinators. Should sites be required to pay a fee for ethics approval, please notify the office for assistance. **Deadline: 31 October 2024**

**RedCap Training**

A voluntary Introductory Redcap Training Webinar will be held for interested participating sites to attend. Training will include a live demonstration of the platform and an interactive Q-&-A session.

**Data Capturing**

Once all necessary documents are in places, sites can start with the data capturing process on Redcap. Sites will only have access to their own participant entries. **Deadline: 31 December 2024**

**PASCAR THESUS-HF II Study Steering Committee**

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