

## GIGA-kids, ASN: Two Years in the Making

We have officially met our two year mark this October. As you will observe from *Figure 1*, we remain very consistent in patient recruitment and even surpass last year's recruitment on a month to month basis.

Overall, our total number of study participants is presently at 233 – that breaks down into 228 cases and 5 controls recruited. We have finally passed our 200 mark and progressing closer and closer to reaching 300. This is all with the help of the 22 sites that are actively recruiting!

With each turning of the seasons, we welcome a new site that is IRB approved and with it, a new flow of incoming subjects.

This year we will also be represented at ASN's Kidney week 2016 in Chicago. We have been selected to show an informational poster for GIGA-kids which will be on display **November 17 – 19 in Exhibit Hall F2** in the McCormick Place Convention Center. Drew Bradbury will be present through out the poster portion of the conference to network and answer any questions.

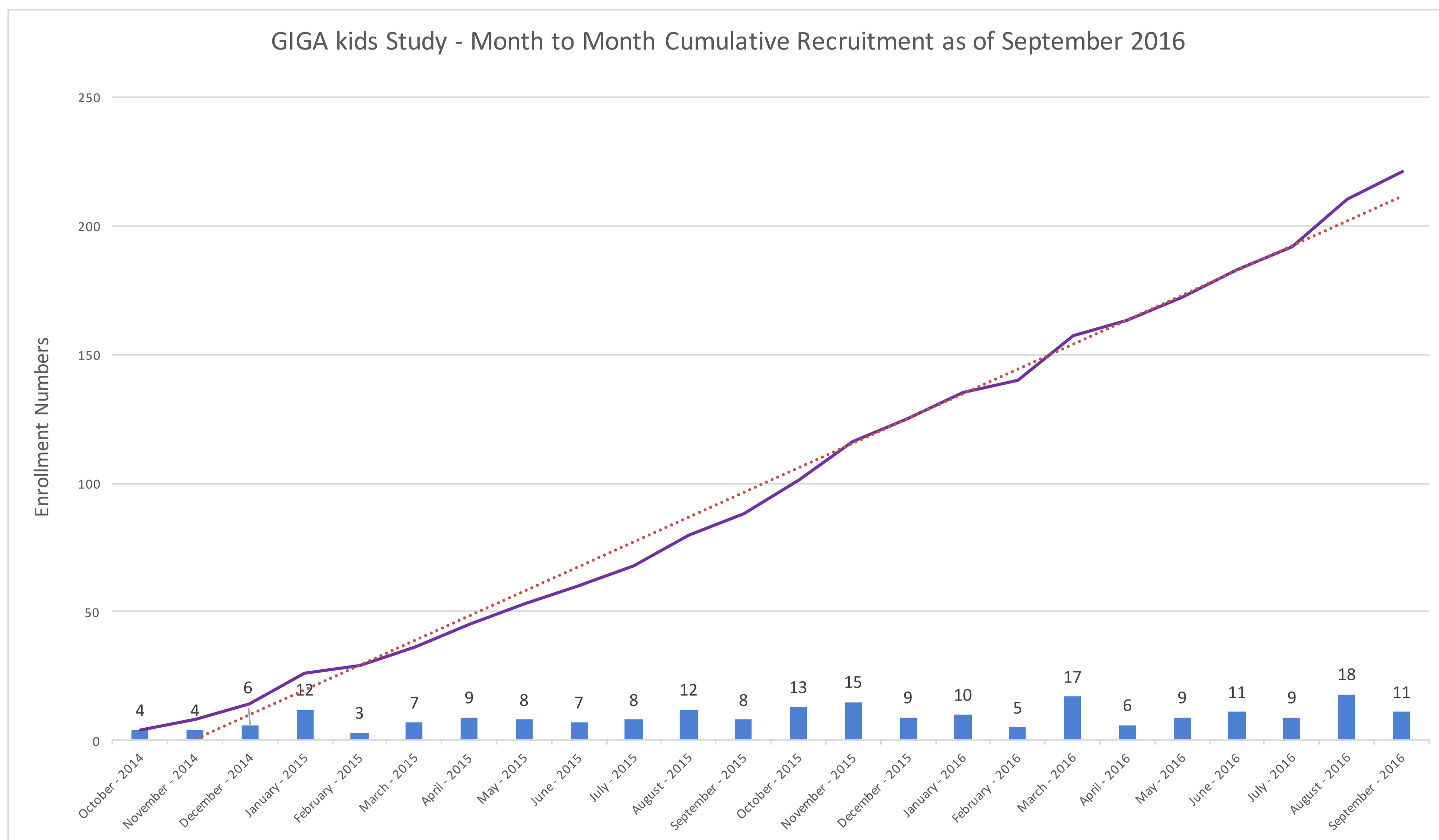


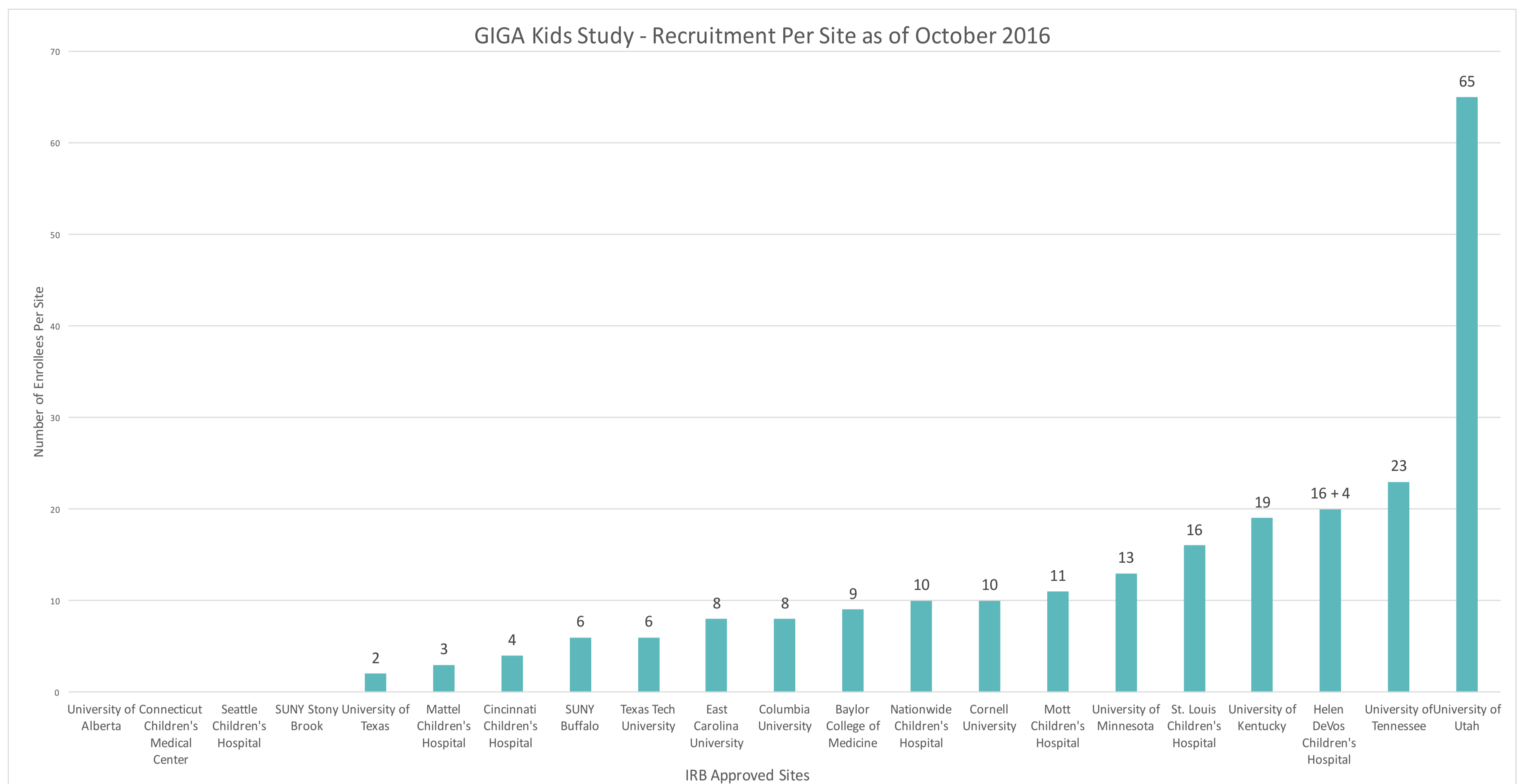
Figure 1: Cumulative Recruitment – as of September 2016

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### Interested in participating in the GIGA Kids Study?

Our Clinical Research Coordinator, Drew Bradbury, can help and support you along the IRB application process.

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## OpenClinica: New Personnel & New Portal Entry

We have a new personnel that has joined us at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Lisa Fleur will serve as the new 'go to' in respect to DUA submission and gaining OpenClinica access. Should you have any questions in regards to the DUA and/or OpenClinica, you can now direct your questions to Lisa, her contact information can be found on *pg. 1*.

Other changes are being made concerning OpenClinica itself. From October 19 though 23 the data in OpenClinica will be moved to a new server. Good news is that no data will have to be re-entered and the layout for entering patients stays the same. However, the log-in procedure will change -- here is the new log-in site:

<https://edc.nationwidechildrens.org/OpenClinica>.

Also, you will be contacted if you are required to make changes to your username and password. These changes were made to streamline the data entry into OpenClinica. Should you have any questions or concerns about this change, please reach out to Drew Bradbury or Lisa Fleur.

## Preliminary Data: Genotyping & Exome Sequencing

As of recently, we have successfully extracted DNA from ~200 whole blood samples that have been received at Columbia University. These samples have already been sent off for genotyping with high-density SNP arrays for the purpose of GWAS analyses.

We have also selected a sub-group of patients with a positive family history for exome sequencing. This means we will get the opportunity to look further into the genetic makeup of GIGA patients and this preliminary work will support our planned grant applications.

