Clinical Trials Network

Trial Progress – Nearing 15,000!

Trial enrollment numbers reflect study information as of April 26, 2012.

**Open Studies**
- CTN 0037 – Enrolled 282 (N=330)
- CTN 0044 – Enrolled 507 (N=500) (enrollment completed – in follow up phase)
- CTN 0046 – Enrolled 538 (N=528) (enrollment completed – in follow up phase)
- CTN 0047 – Enrolled 1,285 (N=1,285) (enrollment completed – in follow up phase)
- CTN 0048 – Enrolled 142 (N=300)
- CTN 0050 – Enrolled 446 (N=1,269)

Total Enrolled All Studies: 14,821

Southern Consortium News

The Southern Consortium Node presented two of its Community Treatment Programs (CTPs) with “Research to Practice Innovation” awards acknowledging their adoption and integration of CTN evidence-based protocols into clinical practice. Following their participation in CTN-0030 (POATS – Prescription Opiate Addiction Treatment Study), the Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County (BHSPC) successfully implemented a buprenorphine clinic for opioid dependence in the rural community served by this CTP. Few community programs in South Carolina have offered medication assisted treatment for opioid dependence, and the buprenorphine clinic in Pickens has begun to serve as a model for the State. Recently BHSPC hosted site visits from other treatment programs in South Carolina that are interested in learning from the experience of BHSPC. Additionally, BHSPC has launched a smoking cessation program modeled after the CTN-0046 (S-CAST – Smoking Cessation and Stimulant Treatment Evaluation of the Impact of Concurrent Outpatient Smoking-Cessation and Stimulant Treatment on Stimulant-Dependence) protocol. The smoking cessation program includes medication, the Mayo Clinic based behavioral intervention, and contingency management. Kudos to Bob Hiott and Elizabeth Chapman for their excellent leadership!

A second CTP receiving an award for their innovation was the Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC) that successfully adopted a HIV Rapid Testing and Counseling program based on their experience in CTN-0032 (HIV Rapid Testing and Counseling Study). The HIV rapid testing program has been active at LRADAC since 2009. Beverly Holmes accepted the award on behalf of the LRADAC. Without Beverly this could never have been accomplished.

These two outstanding CTPs took advantage of resources provided through the CTN to help bridge the gap between practices and procedures used to conduct the research and the adaptations necessary to move research into clinical practice. Thanks to the Southern Consortium Node for sharing their successes!

CTN is a program of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, part of the National Institutes of Health within the Department of Health and Human Services.

Congratulations to the Center for Drug Free Living!

The Greater NY 0044 Lead Study Team and the Florida Node Alliance wish to acknowledge the Center for Drug Free Living (CFDFL), Site PI, Tiffany Kyle, for achieving perfect follow up retention rates! Study CTN 0044 is Web-delivery of Evidence-Based Psychosocial Treatment for Substance Use Disorders. CFDFL completed assessments for all 50 of their randomized participants at end of treatment (Week 12), 3- and 6-Month post treatment assessment visits. Thanks especially to Evie Perez, research coordinator, and Sara Clingerman, research assistant, for their truly amazing achievement! Overall across nine study sites, follow up rates are 89% at 3-month and 91% for 6-month post treatment visits – so all sites should be very proud of their persistence and hard work in achieving these impressive numbers. Data collection is expected to be completed in June. We look forward to ongoing success through the end of the study!

The CALDAR Summer Institute will take place on August 13-15, 2012, in Los Angeles, California. This is the fourth Summer Institute on Longitudinal Research. The title of the conference is Promoting Substance Abuse Recovery within the Changing Health Services System. The UCLA Center for Advancing Longitudinal Drug Abuse Research (CALDAR) is now accepting poster abstracts and applications for Travel Awards and the Junior Investigator Award. For more information, please visit the CALDAR website: [http://www.caldar.org](http://www.caldar.org).
News from the Southwest (SW) Node

The Southwest Node recently visited one of its collaborators at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Larry Ashley, Clinical Associate Professor at UNLV brought together a diverse group of Community Treatment Programs (CTPs) for a meeting in hopes of forging future relationships with the SW Node. Among those were:

The PRACTICE clinic at UNLV:
The Partnership for Research, Assessment, Counseling, Therapy, and Innovative Clinical Education, or The PRACTICE, is a community mental health clinic housed on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, campus. The PRACTICE serves as a teaching, training, and research clinic for faculty members and graduate students in clinical and school psychology and counseling and provides low cost, quality behavioral, cognitive and mental health assessment and therapy services to UNLV and Las Vegas communities.

WestCare of Las Vegas:
WestCare, a tax-exempt nonprofit organization, provides services including substance abuse and addiction treatment, homeless and runaway shelters, domestic violence treatment and prevention, and mental health programs. These services are available to adults, children, adolescents, and families. With over three decades of experience, WestCare devotes their best collective and individual efforts toward "uplifting the human spirit" by consistently improving, expanding and strengthening the quality, efficacy and cost-effectiveness of everything they do in building for the future.

Central Recovery Treatment:
Central Recovery Treatment offers a full continuum of clinical services and is anchored by Las Vegas Recovery Center, the national leader in pain recovery and substance abuse services. CRT’s programs are led by doctor, author and medical director, Mel Pohl, MD, FASAM and Senior Clinical Advisor, Claudia Black, PhD.

The Southwest Node is very excited at the possibility of working with these organizations in the future and looks forward to continuing to strengthen their CTP relationships.

Federal Offices Closed

The CCTN office and NIDA will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2012, for the Memorial Day holiday observance.

News from the Greater NY Node:

The Board of Trustees of the Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation (ARTC), a Community Treatment Program in the Greater New York Node, is pleased to announce the appointment of Lawrence S. Brown, Jr., MD, MPH, FASAM, as the Executive Director of ARTC effective April 16, 2012. Dr. Brown is an accomplished physician and researcher, and a highly-respected healthcare executive. He succeeds Beny J. Primm, MD.

Throughout his more than 30-year career at ARTC, Dr. Brown has held positions with increasing leadership responsibilities. As the Interim Executive Director since early last year, he has provided outstanding leadership to the agency’s overall operations. Dr. Brown has held various positions within the NIDA CTN since its inception and was the Lead Investigator for the Infections and Substance Abuse Study (NIDA CTN-0012), which is still the only CTN study to originate from and be led by a Node CTP. Congratulations!

Delaware Valley Node News

We are very pleased to announce that Penn Presbyterian Medical Center (PPMC) has won the 2012 Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals Award! Penn Presbyterian is a Community Treatment Program in the Delaware Valley Node and is currently active in the STRIDE (Stimulant Reduction Intervention using Dosed Exercise) study (CTN 0037).

PPMC was one of 15 major teaching hospitals named in the top 100 nationally. Thomson Reuters recognizes performance over 5 years in quality, safety, patient experience, and fiscal operations. This recognition is a first for Penn Medicine, and represents the cumulative impact of the entire staff across all disciplines and departments. Congratulations!

Mid-Atlantic Node Update

Marc Fishman (Mid-Atlantic), George Woody (Delaware Valley), and Geetha Subramaniam (NIDA CCTN) presented a panel entitled Research Update on Treatment for Youth Opioid Addiction at the recent Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness in Washington DC. The panel included results of the CTN-0010 study and several subsequent secondary analyses, as well as preliminary findings from community treatment adoption at Mountain Manor in Baltimore.
What’s New in the CTN Dissemination Library?

Last week’s Steering Committee and Blending Meetings in Atlanta, Georgia, brought a bevy of new resources to the Dissemination Library. Among the new additions are:


2. **Two new Blending Products:** The **Buprenorphine Suite**, which pulled together all three previous buprenorphine Blending Products and added a new product based on the Prescription Opioid Addiction Treatment Study (POATS); and **HIV Rapid Testing**, based on outcomes from the CTN-0032 HIV Rapid Testing and Counseling Study (see primary outcomes paper for CTN-0032, currently in-press, below).


Also new this month:


Don’t forget! Lots of big conferences are coming up this spring and summer — if you’re presenting anywhere about the CTN, we’d love to add your posters and slides to the CTN Dissemination Library! Just send the files (PDF or PowerPoint) to the librarians via email at: info@ctndisseminationlibrary.org.

The website is maintained by the Pacific Northwest Node of the Clinical Trials Network. The address is: [http://ctndisseminationlibrary.org](http://ctndisseminationlibrary.org).

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Clinical Coordinating Center (CCC) at EMMES Webinar Reminder

The NIDA CCC will host a webinar for “Managing Emotions in Recovery” on Wednesday, May 9th from 1:00 – 2:30 pm (ET). If you have not registered, it’s not too late. To participate in this or future training sessions, please send an email request to CTNTraining@emmes.com. Presenters Dennis Daley, PhD, and Antoine Douaihy, MD, will discuss the relationship between relapse and emotions for individuals in recovery and highlight clinical strategies to decrease and manage negative emotions. View the CCC’s **2012 Web Seminar Series Catalog** (p. 7) posted on the CTN Dissemination Library ([http://ctndisseminationlibrary.org/ctntraining.htm](http://ctndisseminationlibrary.org/ctntraining.htm)) for more information.

Other CCC related questions and topics- Principal Investigator, Robert Lindblad, at 301-251-1161, rlinblad@emmes.com, or Eve Jelstrom, Project Director, at 301-251-1161, ejelstrom@emmes.com.

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Update on CTN INVEST Fellow

INVEST/CTN Drug Abuse Research Fellow Rushit Ismajli, M.D., M.Sci., spent his fellowship with Dennis M. Donovan, Ph.D., University of Washington, Seattle (Pacific Northwest Node), examining risk behavior among adolescents in Prishtina, the capital of Kosovo. Currently, little data exist on the risk behaviors and substance use of young people in the city; therefore, Dr. Ismajli proposed a pilot data collection study in two schools to assess research tools, training materials, and research methodologies for a larger study.

Dr. Ismajli’s pilot study was conducted in two parts. The first involved an examination of risk behavior in two upper secondary schools using the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey. The Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) tool was used for the second part of the study in one school to determine its effectiveness among youth in Kosovo. Dr. Ismajli plans to return to Kosovo to undertake a larger scale study to more fully assess risky behavior among Kosovo’s youth.

The INVEST/CTN Drug Abuse Research Fellowship combines postdoctoral research training in the United States with professional development activities and grant-writing guidance to form a unique program for drug abuse scientists. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) International Program and Clinical Trials Network (CTN) have joined forces to offer INVEST/CTN Fellowships to non-U.S. scientists who will work with a mentor affiliated with one of the Regional Research and Training Centers within the 13 CTN Nodes. The fellowship aims to create an international network of scientists dedicated to exchanging information and collaborating on drug abuse research at a national, regional, and global level. Please contact Ms. Carmen Rosa (crosa@nida.nih.gov) for more details.

Where to Get Information on the CTN and NIDA

The NIDA CTN website includes information on the CTN Nodes, CTPs, and studies. For more information go to: http://www.nida.nih.gov/CTN/

For information on NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse), please go to: http://www.drugabuse.gov/

CTN Data Share – download public data sets, study information at www.ctndatashare.org.

PhenX Is Added to TPR Site

The CTN Trial Progress Report (TPR) website has been updated to include the new PhenX Toolkit. It is included under CTN Documents/ Investigator Toolbox/ Pre-Implementation.

The PhenX (Phenotypes and eXposures) Toolkit is a catalogue of well-established, standard measures of phenotypes and exposures recommended for research studies with human subjects. The measures from the Core and Specialty collections are also available in the Substance Abuse and Addiction Collection of the PhenX Toolkit (www.phenxtoolkit.org).

The 19 measures in the “Core: Tier 1” Collection are highly recommended, and take approximately 10 minutes to administer. CTN and NIDA researchers are encouraged to incorporate the measures from the Core and Specialty collections in all human-subject studies.

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