



# Clinical Trials Network

## CTN Bulletin

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### **Trial Progress –Nearing 15,000!**



Trial enrollment numbers reflect study information as of May 9, 2012.

#### **Open Studies**

- CTN 0037 – Enrolled 286 (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 152 (N=300)
- CTN 0050 – Enrolled 461 (N=1,269)

**Total Enrolled All Studies: 14,850**

### **CTN 0052 Completes Data Meeting**



The Lead Team for CTN 0052, Bupropion for Relapse Prevention in Adults with Cocaine Dependence (BRAC), convened on May 2-3, 2012, to review data collection procedures for

this upcoming study. Members of the Ohio Valley Lead Node joined with representatives from NIDA CCTN, the Data and Statistics Center (DSC2), and the Clinical Coordinating Center (CCC) to review each study CRF and other administrative forms in the database. Through this process, the team identified a number of ways in which the data system will be able to streamline some procedures, making the study easier for the research teams. Thanks to everyone who participated in this important meeting!

The CTN-0052 BRAC National Training is taking place at the Westin Cincinnati, in Cincinnati, Ohio, on June 25<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>. To register and obtain logistical and program information, please [click here](#). Please note that hotel reservations are due by **Friday, June 1, 2012**.

### **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](http://www.ctndatashare.org).

### **Southern Consortium – Nyswander-Dole Award**



Southeast ATTC South Carolina Program Manager and CTN collaborator, Ed Johnson, was one of eight individuals who received the Nyswander-Dole Award at

the Awards Banquet during the 2012 American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (AATOD) Conference “Recovery for Patients, Families and Communities,” which was held April 21-25, 2012 in Las Vegas, Nevada. This is the first time that an individual from South Carolina has been chosen to receive this award. The award is named after Drs. Marie Nyswander and Vincent Dole, who pioneered the use of medication in the treatment of opioid dependence, and is affectionately referred to as the “Marie Award”. The award was first presented in 1983 to recognize extraordinary work and service in the field of treatment for opioid dependence. The award acknowledges efforts in patient advocacy, stigma reduction, improving quality of care and increasing access to care. Individuals are nominated by their state opioid treatment providers group and selected by the Awards Committee of the AATOD Board of Directors.

Prior to joining the staff at Southeast ATTC, Ed was the Program Administrator for the Opioid Treatment Program at Charleston Center (Charleston County Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services) located in Charleston, South Carolina for the previous ten years. He has worked with opioid dependent individuals and with individuals with substance use disorders and HIV disease for over for over twenty-three years. He is the immediate Past President of the South Carolina Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (SCAADAC) and represents South Carolina on the AATOD Board of Directors. Congratulations Ed!

### **Tips on Referencing NIDA and CTN**

The CTN “snowflake” is not considered an official logo and may be used on any materials you develop. Some groups and Nodes have created their own logos to use on documents and web sites. Remember, the NIDA name and logo are only for official government documents and cannot be used by others. Please review all materials and websites to ensure that you keep within guidelines. Please contact Carol Cushing ([ccushing@nida.nih.gov](mailto:ccushing@nida.nih.gov)) if you need clarification on this issue. Thanks!



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### **Two New Blending Products**

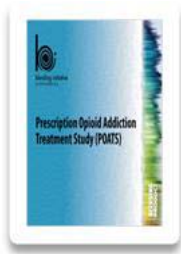
#### **HIV Rapid Testing in Substance Abuse Treatment Programs: Resources to Support On-Site Rapid Testing**



Recent advances in rapid HIV testing technology make HIV testing readily accessible, with fast results. Test results can be obtained onsite in as few as 1 - 20 minutes allowing individuals to receive information about their HIV status right away. This allows them to get the care they need to slow the progression of their disease and to take precautionary measures and medications that help prevent the spread of the HIV virus. This product details the findings of a recent NIDA study of rapid testing in drug treatment clinics and provides research results, informational videos, and resources for implementing on-site rapid HIV testing.

[Get more information on this product.](#)

#### **The Prescription Opioid Addiction Treatment Study (POATS): Treatment Strategies for Prescription Opioid Dependence and Information**



Opioids have been used for decades to treat chronic pain; however, concerns about prescription opioid abuse have increased in recent years. Findings from a study conducted by NIDA's National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (CTN) indicated that prescription opioid-dependent patients are most likely to reduce opioid use during buprenorphine/naloxone treatment with relatively brief weekly medical management visits. This supports the national trend toward treatment of opioid dependence by physicians in office-based practice. This product offers information to treatment providers aimed at improving outcomes among patients treated for prescription opioid dependence and includes a training program and manual, PowerPoint presentation, buprenorphine treatment research, and resources.

[Get more information on this product.](#)

### **Southwest Node on Facebook!**



The Southwest Node is now on Facebook!  
Their link is:  
<https://www.facebook.com/SouthwestNode>

Check out other CTN Nodes and their links to Facebook and social media at:

<http://ctndisseminationlibrary.org/nodes.htm> (also see *page 4 of this Bulletin*).

### **News from Appalachian Tri-State Node (ATS)**



West Virginia University's Department of Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry, and Chestnut Ridge Hospital CTP of the Appalachian Tri-State Node are hosting the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual West Virginia Addiction Training

Institute (WV ATI) from June 11-15<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to provide updated evidence-based addiction training to clinicians, nurses, therapists, social workers, criminal justice personnel and students in the Tri-State area. Their WV ATI was initially started with the help of a SAMHSA training grant, but over time, it has become a self-sustaining entity. Their program includes plenary presentations and clinical workshops on a diverse range of addiction related topics and clinical interventions. This conference is organized by Mimmie Byrne, LCSW and Rolly Sullivan, M.D., long term members of the CTN. Over the past several years, the WV ATI has benefitted from its close relationship with the Appalachian Tri-State Node in Pittsburgh by using many of their clinician experts to lecture at this event. This year they again have a terrific program. You can obtain further information about this year's program or register by contacting Kerr Crosby at [kcrosby@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:kcrosby@hsc.wvu.edu) or calling 304.293.2637.

### **News from the Greater NY Node**



The 8th publication from the Infections and Substance Abuse Study (CTN-0012) will be published in the June issue of the Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment (Volume 42:438-445), the article is titled "Hepatitis B virus and hepatitis C virus services offered by substance abuse treatment programs in the United States."

The Posthumous lead author was Edmund Bini, MD, MPH. Co-authors were Steven Kritz, MD, Lawrence S. Brown, Jr., MD, MPH, FASAM (originator and Lead Investigator for the study), Jim Robinson, MEd, Don Calsyn, PhD, Don Alderson, MS, Kathlene Tracey, PhD, Patrick McAuliffe, MBA, LADC (deceased), Cheryl Smith, MD, and John Rotrosen, MD (co-Principal Investigator of the Greater NY Node).

This study is still the only CTN study to originate from and be led by a CTP, the Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation, Brooklyn, NY.

### **Federal Offices Closed**



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

### **CALDAR Summer Institute Award and Poster Session Opportunities**



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>.

### **News from Western States Node**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
National Institutes of Health



NIH... Turning Discovery Into Health

NIDA Director, Nora Volkow, MD, enjoyed a day visiting with students and faculty at Oregon Health & Science

University on April 26. Bob Hitzemann, Chair of the Department of Behavioral Neuroscience and former colleague with Dr. Volkow at Brookhaven National Laboratory, hosted the visit. Dr. Volkow toured the Advanced Imaging Research Center, lunched with students and fellows from the Department of Behavioral Neuroscience, shared her thoughts with faculty and students on the potential merger of NIDA and NIAAA, spoke about the future of drug abuse research at the Oregon Brain Institute Forum, and closed the day with a presentation on "Addiction and the Brain" at a community forum and a sold out auditorium at the Portland Convention Center. Dennis McCarty was one of two faculty invited to comment on Dr. Volkow's remarks during the Oregon Brain Institute Forum. The Western States Node and the Northwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center hosted tables at the Convention Center, responded to questions about alcohol and drug use disorders, and distributed NIDA and SAMHSA public education material on science and addiction.

### ***CTP Caucus Chair Elected!***



The CTP Caucus elected John Gardin, PhD, as its new Chair replacing Joan Zweben, PhD. John is the Clinical Director and Director of Research at Adapt, Inc. Adapt serves Roseburg, Oregon, and Douglas County in Southern Oregon and has participated in three CTN trials. The Western States Node congratulates John on his election and Joan on her successful service as prior Chair of the CTP Caucus!

### **New Funding Opportunities**

The following announcements may be of interest to those in the CTN:



- NIDA Technical Assistance Webinar for RFA-DA-13-001, Phased Services Research Studies of Drug Use Prevention, Addiction Treatment, and HIV in an Era of Health Care Reform (R21/R33) ([NOT-DA-12-011](#))
- Notice of NIDA's Priorities for Human Genetics Research ([NOT-DA-12-012](#))
- FY13 NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research (DP1) ([RFA-DA-13-002](#))
- Pilot and Feasibility Studies in Preparation for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Trials (R34) ([PA-12-171](#))
- Pre-Application for the FY13 NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research (X02) ([PAR-12-164](#))
- Senior Scientist Research Award (K05) ([PA-12-048](#))

### **Texas Node Updates**

Welcome to our new Exercise Facilitator, Stacy Jackson, to the STRIDE study at Nexus! Stacy graduated from the University of North Texas with a Master's degree in Kinesiology with a focus on sports psychology. She moved to Dallas three years ago from southern Illinois and worked in performance enhancement counseling before joining UT Southwestern. She is a quick learner and has fit in very nicely at Nexus. Welcome, Stacy!

Recently Nexus has focused more on using social networking sites to retain and stay in touch with participants. After gathering information during the screening process, staff routinely check participants' websites for any major life changes and to communicate through private messaging. The use of private messaging has not always been successful, but tracking participants through their websites have helped staff stay more informed of what is going on in the participant's life.

Congratulations to Dr. Eliot deGravelles, medical clinician for CTN-0046 and CTN-0052 at Nexus, on his new role as a father. He and his wife welcomed their first son, Charles Benjamin, into the world on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Dad is taking time off to help take care of this little one.



## **DSC 2 – EMMES Data and Statistics Center 2**



The DSC 2 staff will be presenting, along with NIDA CCTN staff, at the Society for Clinical Trials (SCT) Meeting in Miami, Florida, May 20-23, 2012. Staff from the Clinical Coordinating Center side of EMMES will also present. The four presentations are based on efforts supporting CTN research:

1. Multi-site, Multi-protocol National Institute on Drug Abuse Network with Limited Resources and Increased Number of Clinical Trials and Sites Actively Enrolling. Oral presentation by Maria Campanella, Project Manager for the NIDA CTN CCC as part of an invited session entitled Clinical Site Monitoring – The Real World of Data Quality and Limited Resources.
2. The Use of Ancillary Data Capture Systems in Clinical Trials. Oral presentation by Colleen Allen, Project Director, NIDA CTN DSC 2.
3. Estimating Death Rates in Substance Use Disorder Clinical Trials. Poster presentation by Bob Lindblad, Principal Investigator, NIDA CTN CCC.
4. Implementation of a Drug Management Utility in a Multi-Site, Randomized, Double-Blinded Study. Poster presentation by Jennifer McCormack, Statistician, NIDA CTN DSC 2.

If you have any questions for the DSC 2, please feel free to contact them at [nidadsc2@emmes.com](mailto:nidadsc2@emmes.com) or telephone (301) 251-1161.

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### **Check Out Social Media in the CTN and NIDA**

The following CTN Nodes have Facebook pages:

- Western States Node  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Western-States-Node-of-the-NIDA-CTN/166631460020332>
- Delaware Valley Node  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Delaware-Valley-Node-of-the-NIDA-Clinical-Trials-Network/197751523590998?ref=pb>

- Ohio Valley Node  
<https://www.facebook.com/CTNOVN>
- Southwest Node  
<https://www.facebook.com/SouthwestNode?ref=pb>
- Florida Node Alliance  
<https://www.facebook.com/FNA.CTN?ref=pb>

Other CTN/NIDA Facebook pages:

- CTN Training  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/CTN-Training/274651742595042?ref=pb>
- CTN Dissemination Library  
<https://www.facebook.com/ctnlibrary>
- NIDA  
<https://www.facebook.com/NIDANIH>
- NIDA National Drug Facts Week  
<https://www.facebook.com/NIDA.Drug.Facts.Week?ref=pb>



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