Trial Progress – Over 15,000!

Trial enrollment numbers reflect study information as of November 14, 2012.

Open Studies

- **CTN 0037** – STRIDE (Stimulant Reduction Intervention using Dosed Exercise) Enrolled 302 (N=300). Enrollment completed – in follow up phase.
- **CTN 0047** – SMART-ED (Screening, Motivational Assessment, Referral, and Treatment in Emergency Departments) Enrolled 1,285 (N=1,285). Enrollment completed – in follow up phase.
- **CTN 0048** – CURB (Cocaine Use Reduction with Buprenorphine). Enrolled 302 (N=300). Enrollment completed – in follow up phase.
- **CTN 0049** – Project HOPE (Hospital Visit as Opportunity for Prevention and Engagement for HIV-Infected Drug Users). Enrolled 133 (N=800).
- **CTN 0050** – Long Term Follow-up to the CTN 0027 (START) Study. Enrolled 720 (N=1,267).
- **CTN 0052** – BRAC (Buspirone for Relapse-Prevention in Adults with Cocaine Dependence). Enrolled 28 (N=60).

Total Enrolled All Studies: 15,436

Update on CTN-0030 A3 POATS Ancillary Follow-up

The New England Consortium Node is pleased to announce that they reached and surpassed the 300th assessment milestone for the month-42 time point of the longitudinal follow-up extension to the Prescription Opioid Addiction Treatment Study (POATS). The rate for the month-42 time point is 80.8%. The objectives of this longitudinal extension are to examine long-term outcomes for individuals with opioid analgesic (OA) dependence who participated in the main component of the POATS trial. Specifically, this study will describe the substance use trajectories of randomized participants and identify factors associated with long-term recovery from OA dependence for future research. This exploratory, naturalistic study is intended to help generate hypotheses and guidance for further treatment research on opioid analgesic dependence. The team completed the 300th assessment for the month-42 time point on October 3rd. They now have completed 303 month-42 assessments, 312 month-30 assessments (83.2%), and 252 month-18 assessments (77.5%) as of November 5, 2012.

Maryhaven Reaches CTN 0052 Randomization Goal!

The CTN0052 Lead Team wishes to congratulate the study staff at Maryhaven (OVN) on reaching their target randomization goal. The site randomized their 10th participant on October 25th, meeting the site goal for this study. Maryhaven will continue to recruit throughout the remainder of the study's enrollment period. Congratulations on a job well done!

Paula D. Riggs Receives AACAP Elaine Schlosser Lewis Award for Research on ADD – CTN 0028

The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) has awarded Paula D. Riggs, M.D., Director, Division of Substance Dependence, University of Colorado–Denver, the AACAP Elaine Schlosser Lewis Award for Research on Attention-Deficit Disorder for her paper, "Randomized Controlled Trial of Osmotic-Release Methylphenidate With Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy in Adolescents With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and Substance Use Disorders," published in the September 2011 issue of the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and online at www.jaacap.org. Dr. Riggs was the Lead Investigator for CTN Study 0028, ADHD in Adolescents with Substance Use Disorders.

The AACAP Elaine Schlosser Lewis Award for Research on Attention-Deficit Disorder is given annually for the best paper published in the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry on attention-deficit disorder, written by a child and adolescent psychiatrist. This award is named in memory of Dr. Owen Lewis's late mother, Elaine Schlosser Lewis, who was a teacher and advocate on behalf of children.

The researchers compared osmotic-release methylphenidate (OROS-MPH) and placebo in 303 participants, aged 13-18, who met DSM-IV criteria for ADHD and substance abuse disorder (SUD), and who were concurrently receiving cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) for SUD. The study found that OROS-MPH was not more effective than placebo for ADHD or on reduction in substance use among the adolescents, but was associated with modest clinical improvement on secondary ADHD and substance treatment outcomes, such as problem-solving and managing drug/alcohol temptations.

Congratulations to Paula and her team!
News from the Ohio Valley Node (OVN)

Dr. Erin Winstanley from the OVN was in Bismarck, North Dakota, October 30th to November 1st to attend a meeting regarding medication assisted treatment for opioid dependence. North Dakota is one of two states that does not allow methadone maintenance, and in January 2013 a bill will be introduced that would provide the regulatory framework for opioid treatment programs. Additionally, Dr. Winstanley provided an in-service for the OVN CTP Heartview on medications to treat opioid dependence, which included the results of the CTN-0030 (POATS) trial.

On November 12th, the OVN co-hosted a regional conference entitled “Cross-System Response to the Opioid Epidemic” which had over 220 participants from Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. The conference was co-sponsored by The Greater Cincinnati Health Foundation, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati. Dean Babcock, from the OVN CTP Midtown Mental Health Clinic, presented on buprenorphine, and Tiffany Kilpatrick from the Great Lakes ATTC helped facilitate a break-out session on treatment for opioid dependence.

In order to ensure that the Native American tribal communities who participated in CTN 0033-Ot-4 receive benefit back from their participation, Frankie Kropp collaborated with tribal treatment and prevention providers to present the findings from the tribal focus groups from that study. Six community meetings were held between November 8 - 13 to present study findings, provide education about methamphetamine, and facilitate discussion about potential strategies for increasing the effectiveness of prevention and intervention efforts within the reservation communities.

Pacific Region News

The Pacific Region Node is pleased to announce two tiny new Node members: Julian and Henry. Julian Maxwell Dancyger (8lbs. 15 oz) was born to Larissa Mooney and her husband on September 12th. Henry Green (7 lbs. 8 oz.) was born to Suzi Nielsen and her husband on September 18th. All are doing well!

Women & Sex/Gender Differences Program Awards

The Women and Sex/Gender Differences Program at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is soliciting applications for a limited number of travel awards to attend the 75th Annual Scientific Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) to be held in San Diego, California, June 15-20, 2013 (http://www.cpdd.vcu.edu/).

The deadline for applications is December 3, 2012. If you have any questions about, please contact Dr. Samia Noursi at: snoursi@nida.nih.gov, or 301-594-5622.

2013 CPDD Primm-Singleton Minority Travel Awards Program

The Under-Represented Populations Committee (URPOP) of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) is soliciting applications for travel awards to attend the 75th Annual CPDD Meeting to be held in San Diego, California, June 15-20, 2013. Applicants are required to be enrolled in a graduate program. The preferred candidate will have a demonstrated commitment to research and/or teaching in substance abuse; at minimum, a candidate must have an avowed interest in a career in substance abuse research/teaching. In addition, applicants must be members of an ethnic minority group under-represented in substance abuse research, including but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Pacific Islanders. Previous awardees and individuals currently supported by NIDA/NIH training grants or individual Predoctoral National Research Service Awards (F31) are not eligible. Citizenship of the United States or a permanent visa is required.

To apply, applicants should review the requirements at the CPDD website at: http://www.cpdd.vcu.edu/Pages/Index/Awards/TravelDescription.html

Applications must be postmarked on or before December 15, 2012.

Application materials should be sent via e-mail to:

Dr. Danielle C. Ompad
Chair, CPDD Under-Represented Populations Committee (URPOP)
E-mail: dco2@nyu.edu
Telephone: (212) 998-5796
Publications Committee (PC)

The CTN Publications Committee reviewed and approved several CTN presentations for the NIH Health Disparities Conference scheduled for the end of October, but the conference was postponed until December due to Hurricane Sandy on the East coast.

The following papers have been accepted for publication:

- Winhusen et al: Sex differences in disinhibition and its relationship to physical abuse in a sample of stimulant-dependent patients; Drug and Alcohol Dependence
- Westover et al: Risk of Methylphenidate-Induced Prehypertension in Normotensive Adult Smokers with ADHD; Journal of Clinical Hypertension
- Nielsen et al: A comparison of buprenorphine taper outcomes between prescription opioid and heroin users; Journal of Addiction Medicine
- B. Campbell et al: Assessing fidelity of treatment delivery in group and individual 12-step facilitation; Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, e-pub
- Buti: Clinician attitudes, social norms and intentions to use a computer-assisted intervention; Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, e-pub

NIH Chronic Pain Consortium

Chronic pain affects approximately 100 million Americans, costing up to $635 billion in medical treatment and lost productivity, and producing immeasurable suffering for people of every age. Yet, pain treatment is not taught extensively in many health professional schools, and clinical approaches can be inconsistent.

To address this critical problem/gap, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Pain Consortium created the Centers of Excellence in Pain Education (CoEPEs) to develop, evaluate, and promote pain management curriculum resources for students of many health disciplines. The Pain Consortium issued a request for proposals in late 2011, conducted an online two-tier review by pain experts nationwide, and convened representatives of the many sponsoring NIH Institutes and Centers to select the awardees. Twelve health professional schools across the country were selected to serve as CoEPEs. For more information on the NIH Pain Consortium and the list of the twelve CoEPEs, please go to: http://painconsortium.nih.gov.

NIDA-AACAP Research Award

The NIDA-AACAP Resident Research Award in Substance Abuse and Addiction, supported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, seeks to facilitate the dissemination of research-based treatment by general and child and adolescent psychiatry residents in treatment settings.

- This award offers up to $18,000 in research support for two general and child and adolescent psychiatry residents and up to $2,000 for a mentor stipend.
- Recipients will submit a poster presentation on their research for AACAP’s 60th Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL, October 22-27, 2013.
- The awardee will attend the NIDA Clinical Trials Network’s Steering Committee meeting on March 13-15, 2013 to experience data sharing, review grant application processes, and network with other addiction clinicians and researchers.
- The awardee will be required to have a mentor with relevant research expertise, who will be committed to assisting and monitoring the awardee in conducting the research project and its publications.

The award deadline is 11:00 p.m. (EST) December 12, 2012. To learn more, visit the AACAP website at: http://www.aacap.org/cs/awards.

Holiday Closings

NIDA’s Clinical Coordinating Center (CCC) and Data and Statistics Center (DSC) offices at EMMES will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The Help Desk staff will not be available those days but will respond to your requests when the offices reopen on Monday, November 26.

NIDA will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
New Funding Opportunities

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

- NOT-OD-13-006 - Delays in Grant Application Submission due to Hurricane Sandy.

- Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for Behavioral & Integrative Treatment Development Program (NOT-DA-13-004)

- Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for Accelerating the Pace of Drug Abuse Research Using Existing Data (R01) (NOT-DA-13-005)

- Notice of Availability of Nicotine Research Cigarettes through NIDA's Drug Supply Program (NOT-DA-13-002)

- Prescription Drug Abuse (R01) (PA-13-015)

- Prescription Drug Misuse (R21) (PA-13-016)

Western States Node News

Jan Klimas, PhD, joins the Western States Node on March 1, 2013, as a NIDA CTN INVEST Fellow. Oregon Health & Sciences University hosts Dr. Klimas’ sixth month fellowship during which he will assess the use of screening and brief intervention for alcohol use disorders among patients receiving agonist medication for opioid use disorders. Dennis McCarty, Co-PI for the Western States Node, will supervise Dr. Klimas during his fellowship. The research examines addiction treatment in primary and specialty care settings with respect to implementation of screening and treatment for unhealthy alcohol use among opioid-dependent patients in methadone or buprenorphine maintenance treatment in Ireland and Oregon. Dr. Klimas’ prior work in Ireland informs the U.S. investigation.

Dr. Klimas is a post-doctoral research fellow at the medical schools of University College Dublin and University of Limerick, in Ireland, where he is a member of research teams led by Professor Walter Cullen and Professor Gerard Bury. The Cochrane Collaborative released their review of psychosocial interventions to reduce alcohol consumption in concurrent problem alcohol and illicit drug users on November 14, 2012.

CCC Web Training Facts

The Clinical Coordinating Center (CCC) at EMMES announces a new webinar for December. The 90-minute webinar, “Helping Patients with Substance Use Disorders and Pain,” will be held December 19th at 1:00 pm ET. Drs. Jennifer Sharpe Potter and Roger E. Weiss will discuss patients with co-morbid pain and substance use disorders, pain assessment, and strategies for treatment teams.

An e-mail invitation will be circulated to all those included in the CTN mailing list. If you would like to participate in this or future training sessions, please send an e-mail request to CTNtraining@emmes.com.

The CCC thanks all presenters and participants for their support of the 2012 NIDA CTN Web Seminar Series. Below is a table of the webinars conducted this year and the level of participation from CTN members and others.

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If you missed any of the above-mentioned sessions, please visit the CTN Dissemination Library’s web site at http://ctndisseminationlibrary.org/ctntraining.htm to view the webinar and access materials.

National Hispanic Science Network Mentorship

Launched in 2011, this mentoring program aims to expand and enhance research training opportunities for early stage faculty investigators. For more information, please contact Dr. James Anthony at janthony@msu.edu or the website at http://nhsn.med.miami.edu/x876.xml.

Updates for this Bulletin should be sent to Carol Cushing at ccushing@nida.nih.gov