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Trial Progress –Nearing 12, 000!



Trial enrollment numbers reflect study information as of August 30th.

Open Studies

- CTN 0037 – Randomized **16**
- CTN 0044 – Randomized **78**
- CTN 0046 – Randomized **91**

Total Randomized All Studies: 11,634

Project Aware: HIV Rapid Testing & Counseling in Project AWARE STD Clinics Over 3,000 Enrolled



Project AWARE: HIV Rapid Testing & Counseling in STD Clinics

in the U.S. is a NIDA funded GO study being conducted at nine STD clinics across the country. Collaborating with Drs. Metsch and Colfax are teams from four of the CTN 0032 sites and Nodes, and additional new locations, each based in STD clinics in the U.S. The team is proud to report that their participating sites have randomized 3,016 participants as of Tuesday, August 24, 2010. This milestone brings the study to 60% of the ultimate goal of 5,000 randomized participants. The site teams have worked tirelessly to achieve these goals. Thanks to all the sites and their corresponding University affiliates:

- Allegheny County Health Dept (University of Pittsburgh Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic)
- Duval County Health Dept (University of Miami)
- L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center (University of California, San Francisco)
- Miami-Dade County Health Dept (University of Miami)
- Multnomah County Health Dept (Oregon Health & Science University)
- Public Health—Seattle & King County (University of California, San Francisco)
- Richland County Health Dept (Medical University of South Carolina)
- San Francisco Department of Public Health (University of California, San Francisco)
- Whitman-Walker Clinic (Columbia University) Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc.)

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.

CTN 0046 S-CAST Wave 2 Sites Come on Board



The first two Wave 2 sites have been endorsed to begin the CTN 0046 study *Smoking-Cessation and Stimulant Treatment (S-CAST)*:

Evaluation of the Impact of Concurrent Outpatient Smoking-Cessation and Stimulant Treatment on Stimulant-Dependence. The sites, Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County and LRADAC, are both in the Southern Consortium Node. Recruitment is already in full swing at both sites.

The remaining four sites have completed their initiation visits and are working to resolve all outstanding issues. Gibson Recovery Center (Ohio Valley Node), Tarzana and Matrix (Pacific Node), and Nexus Recovery (Texas Node) are looking forward to endorsing within the next few weeks. Dr. Theresa Winhusen and her team at the Lead Node wish to thank everyone involved in the Wave 2 pre-initiation process for their hard work and flexibility!

Clinicians Needed for Web-Based Study!



Dr. Cynthia Geppert, along with Drs. Michael Bogenschutz, Scott Tonigan and Barbara McCrady, all of the Southwest Node, need participants for their NIDA

funded R21 study entitled “A Survey Study of Informed Consent Processes in Addiction Treatment.”

- Anonymous Online Survey
- Completion takes an average of 30-45 minutes
- **Participants are paid \$50 for their time**
- Results may help improve future CTN program operations and generate a better understanding of informed consent processes used in addiction treatment

This survey is funded by NIDA and is open to licensed and unlicensed CTN clinicians, including medical providers and non-medical providers such as psychologists, social workers, addiction therapists, and counselors. If interested, please contact the study coordinator, Ricky VanNess, at

Informedconsentsurvey@gmail.com.

Reminder – Register for Steering Committee Meeting



The fall CTN Steering Committee Meeting will take place at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, in Bethesda, Maryland, on September 21-23, 2010. To register and to obtain logistical and program information, please visit (<http://www.seiservices.com/NIDA/CTN/Meetings/1025039/index.asp>).

Pacific Region Node News



The Pacific Region Node was pleased to host a CTN Dissemination Conference August 9 - 11, 2010, in Marina Del Rey, California. The Dissemination Conference was held concurrently with the UCLA CALDAR Summer Institute on longitudinal research.

The conference was attended by approximately 150 investigators and community treatment program staff as well as representatives from the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Day One speakers included Dr. Tom McLellan from the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Dr. Wesley Clark from the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, and Dr. Wilson Compton of NIDA. Days Two and Three offered specific presentations which included Dr. Walter Ling addressing chronic pain in opioid dependent individuals, Dr. Deni Carise who spoke about the future of addiction treatment using evidence-based practices, Dr. Richard Rawson on current models of recovery support services, Dr. Andy Saxon who spoke about co-occurring disorders with an emphasis on post traumatic stress, and Dr. Steve Shoptaw who discussed behavioral methamphetamine abuse treatment and HIV transmission risk reduction. A link to the complete agenda can be found at CALDAR.org.

The presentations and conference in general were well received with attendees actively promoting discussions. The Pacific Region Node thanks everyone who attended and made this a great success!

News from the Greater New York Node



The Infections and Substance Abuse Study (CTN 0012) abstract, *HIV/AIDS-Related Health Services in Substance Abuse Treatment Programs*, has been accepted for

oral presentation at the Addiction Health Services Research (AHSR) Conference. Lead Investigator for the study is Lawrence S. Brown, Jr., MD, MPH, FASAM, Executive Senior Vice President at Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation. Other authors are Steven Kritz, MD, Edmund J. Bini, MD, MPH, Jim Robinson, MEd, and John Rotrosen, MD.

CTN INVEST Fellows Present in September



CTN INVEST Research Fellows will present at the upcoming CTN Steering Committee, September 22, in Bethesda, Maryland. A copy of the flyer for presenters from Australia and India is attached to this Bulletin. For additional information, please contact Carmen Rosa at crosa@nida.nih.gov.

Pre-Steering Committee Dissemination Workshop



The Research Utilization Committee will have five presentations for their third CTN Pre-Steering Committee Dissemination Workshop, that is scheduled for September 21, 2010, from 12-2 pm. The workshops will highlight the work of three agencies that have implemented smoking cessation interventions and two agencies that have disseminated and promoted the implementation of the Matrix Model of outpatient care. The specific titles of the presentations and presenters are listed below. Please come to this event to hear about their innovative work and to exchange ideas with them.

- **Nicotine Replacement Prescribing Trends in a Large Psychiatric Hospital before and after Implementation of a Hospital-wide Smoking Ban (12:10-12:30)** Antoine Douaihy, MD, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Medical Director of the Addiction Services at Western Psychiatric Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- **Recovery Support Smoking Initiative (12:30-12:50)** Kevin Kasbarin, CAC, CCS, SCCD, Director of Adolescent Treatment and Preventive Services at Regional Network of Programs, Inc., Connecticut.
- **We Still Haven't Come A Long Way Baby! Smoking Cessation Efforts in an Oregon CTP (12:50-1:10)** Lucy Zammarelli, M.A., Program Director at Willamette Family, Inc., Oregon; Barbara Tajima, Project Director at the Institute for Health Policy Studies, UCSF, California.
- **Matrix Intensive Outpatient Treatment with Adolescents (1:10-1:30)** Martin Moskowitz, LCSW, Program Director of Mineola Community Treatment Center, NSLIJ, New York.
- **The Creation of a Dissemination Plan – The Matrix Model (1:30-1:50)** Jeanne Obert, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Matrix Institute on Addictions, Los Angeles, California.

Discussion and Wrap-up is scheduled for 1:50-2:00. Detailed information on the upcoming CTN Steering Committee Meeting is on the website: <http://www.seiservices.com/NIDA/CTN/Meetings/1025039/index.asp>.

Update from Appalachian Tri-State Node (ATS)



The Appalachian Tri-State Node has been involved in CTN dissemination and teaching this summer. Teaching on Evidenced-Based Practices (EBPs) by

Node faculty and staff included:

- a. Stu Baker (trainer on CTN 0031- Twelve Step Facilitation) provided a 2-day workshop on Twelve Step Facilitation; 55 CTP clinicians attended.
- b. Drs. Thomas Kelly & Antoine Douaihy from their Node and CTP provided two 2-day training programs on MI (Motivational Interviewing): (1) one for pain physicians & fellows on MI; a follow-up survey of 10 physicians showed a good degree of acceptance and moderate degree of using MI strategies in work with pain patients; (2) one for behavioral health care clinicians in Pittsburgh.
- c. Dr. Rolly Sullivan from their WVA CTP and PI Dr. Dennis Daley provided a morning research educational program on the CTN and clinical research in behavioral health care at the annual Faculty and Residents retreat for WVU School of Medicine.
- d. Dr. Dennis Daley provided lectures on EBPs at a conference in Hilo, Hawaii, a conference for social workers in Pittsburgh, and at the VA Homeless program in Pittsburgh.
- e. ATS Node faculty provided a series of 4 lectures on the etiology of addiction and EBPs to faculty, residents and clinical staff as part of a new educational series.

In the area of dissemination, the following are new or updated recovery materials published for patients or families by Drs. Dennis Daley & Antoine Douaihy:

- f. A Family Guide to Addiction & Recovery
- g. Recovery and Relapse Prevention for Co-Occurring Disorders
- h. Sober Relationships & Support Systems in Recovery
- i. Gratitude Workbook

Their West Virginia CTP, Chestnut Ridge Center in Morgantown, West Virginia, conducted the “West Virginia Addiction Training Institute,” a 5-day program covering a variety of evidence-based practices for addiction. This was developed and directed by Mimmie Byrne, LCSW and Rolly Sullivan, MD, both members of the ATS Node. Several others from this CTP presented as well. Nearly 100 clinicians attended this training.

OppNet Funding Opportunities



Three additional OppNet FY2011 RFAs are available to the public. At present, there are seven active OppNet funding opportunities. For brief descriptions and links to these RFAs released on August 17, please

see below.

OppNet, NIH’s Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network, makes each of its funding opportunities available through one of its 24 member Institutes and Centers (ICs). For more information about OppNet, visit <http://oppnet.nih.gov>. To register for OppNet’s free conference on October 28-29, 2010, visit, <http://oppnet.nih.gov/news-102810.asp>

[RFA-HL-11-035](#)

Basic mechanisms influencing behavioral maintenance (R01) This OppNet FOA solicits (R01) research applications examining basic mechanisms of behavioral maintenance. The intent of this FOA is to advance research on basic processes and mechanisms involved in sustaining learned behavior over time and in the context of dynamic environmental influences and changing psychological and biological states.

[RFA-HL-11-034](#)

Development of comprehensive and conceptually-based measures of psychosocial stress (R21) This OppNet FOA solicits Research Project Grant (R21) applications from institutions and organizations that propose to develop and validate conceptually-focused and comprehensive measures of psychosocial stress that can be applied across species and across the lifespan.

[RFA-HL-11-033](#)

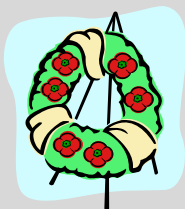
Psychosocial stress and behavior: Integration of behavioral and physiological processes (R01) This OppNet FOA solicits (R01) applications that propose to investigate the mechanistic pathways linking psychosocial stressors and behavior. This research will provide a deeper understanding of the psychological, environmental, and social processes that ultimately connect psychosocial stress to behaviors, physiological processes, health, and disease.

Federal Offices Closed



The CCTN office and NIDA will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2010, for the Labor Day holiday observance.

Farewell to Karst Besteman



Karst Besteman passed away recently while visiting NIDA. Karst had a long and distinguished career in substance abuse treatment research. He retired as NIDA Deputy Director in the 1980's as a Rear Admiral in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. He has been

with the CTN every step of the way since its inception in 1999. Initially, Karst was the CTP representative (Oasis Clinic in Washington, DC) for the Mid-Atlantic Node. He retired to Memphis, Tennessee, several years ago but continued to serve as an advisor to the CCTN. We are all deeply saddened by this loss, but will always remember him as a great friend and a guiding light of the CTN and the CCTN. There will be a special remembrance at the upcoming Steering Committee Meeting in Bethesda, Maryland, on September 22, at 6 PM. Please join us in a celebration of his life.

Research Opportunities



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

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Contract Solicitation (PHS 2011-1) Now Available (NOT-OD-10-124) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-10-124.html>

Neuroscience Research on Drug Abuse (R01) (PA-10-268) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-268.html>

Neuroscience Research on Drug Abuse (R21) (PA-10-269) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-269.html>

Neuroscience Research on Drug Abuse (R03) (PA-10-270) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-270.html>

Pharmacological Development of Treatment Agents and Formulations for Tobacco Dependence (STTR [R41] (RFA-DA-11-004) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-11-004.html>

Early Career Award in Chemistry of Drug Abuse and Addiction (ECHEM) NIDA (R21/R33) (PAS-10-274) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-10-274.html>

New Node Designations



With the award of the new grants, the number of CTN Nodes has been reduced from 16 to 13. Some Nodes have formed alliances and combined their university associations. For future reference and tracking in our data systems, the following Node names and abbreviations will be used:

<i>Node Name</i>	<i>Abbreviation</i>
Appalachian Tri-State	ATS
Delaware Valley	DV
Florida Node Alliance	FL
Greater New York	GNY
Mid-Atlantic	MA
New England Consortium	NEC
Ohio Valley	OV
Pacific Northwest	PNW
Pacific Region	PA
Southern Consortium	SC
Southwest	SW
Texas	TX
Western States	WS

New Addition to NIDA CCTN



Barbara E. Moquin, PhD, APRN, BC-P, has joined the CCTN office as a Health Science Administrator through a one year detail. Dr. Moquin has worked extensively with the military, and will lead an effort to explore potential collaboration with the Veterans Administration on research areas such as PTSD-SUD. Dr. Moquin will assist with NIDA representation at the National Center for Research Resources and Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) research network committees regarding Community Engagement and Education. Dr. Moquin will also be engaged in a range of other project and activities during her time with CCTN.

Dr. Moquin completed a BSN at Georgetown University, an MSN in Psychiatric/Mental Health at the Catholic University of America and a PhD in Transpersonal Psychology (Clinical Psychology, Healing Arts and Spirituality) at Howard University. Her trainings include the Harvard Mind-Body Institute in Behavioral Medicine amongst others. She is nationally Board-Certified as an Advanced Practice Nurse /Psychotherapist and as a Health Promotion Director, with expertise in Stress Neuroscience and Management, Sleep, Suicide Prevention and Substance Abuse.

Please say hello at the upcoming Steering Committee and help us welcome her to the CTN!

Reminder - CCTN Building Renovations!



The CCTN office spaces at NIDA are undergoing construction. During the next month, you may experience some difficulty in calling staff directly. The main line for CCTN (301-443-6697) is operational, as well as the fax line (301-443-2317). Many staff will be teleworking from alternate locations during part of each week. Please send an e-mail along with your phone messages. Thanks in advance for your understanding!

Who's Looking at the CTN Data Sets?



A preliminary review of the requestors for CTN trial data on the data share web site (<http://www.ctndatashare.org/>) shows an interesting mix of countries and people. Here are the facts:

- Number of files downloaded – **640**
- Number of countries – **13** (USA, Pakistan, France, India, Canada, Spain, Canary Islands, Malaysia, Egypt, China, United Kingdom, Turkey, and Poland)
- Most popular files downloaded – CTN 0001 Bup/Nx Inpatient 123, CTN 0004 MET 52, CTN 0002 Bup/Nx Outpatient 49, CTN 0005 Motivational Interviewing 48, and CTN 0006 Motivational Incentives 4.

For more information, visit the website at <http://www.ctndatashare.org/>

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. Contact Carol Cushing if you need clarification on this issue. Thanks!

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





September 22, 2010



NIDA CTN INVEST FELLOWS PRESENTATION

Date:

September 22, 2010

Time:

1:00 pm

Location:

Bethesda North Marriott
Hotel and Conf. Center

Room:

Glen Echo Room



Invest Fellows:

Suzanne Nielsen, Ph.D. (Australia)
Mentor: Dr. Walter Ling, UCLA

Meera Vaswani, Ph.D. (India)
Mentor: Wade Berrettini, U Penn

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