

Partner Programs

The Life Link (Santa Fe)

The Life Link provides a broad array of services focused on inter-related problems of substance abuse, mental health, and homelessness. The Life Link offers an Intensive Outpatient Program for clients with substance abuse/dependence or co-occurring issues.

Addiction & Substance Abuse Programs (ASAP), University of New Mexico Hospitals (Albuquerque)

ASAP provides a wide range of pharmacologic and psychosocial treatments for addictions and co-occurring disorders, including comprehensive methadone and buprenorphine opioid replacement therapy programs. Dispensing services are reinforced by comprehensive community support services and individual and group therapy.

Turquoise Lodge Hospital (TLH) (Albuquerque)

TLH utilizes the ASAM Patient Placement Criteria and serves individuals who are in need of medically assisted detoxification and inpatient rehabilitation services. Patients may leave after completion of detoxification, but many individuals remain for rehabilitation services.

New Mexico VA Health Care System Use Disorders Program (Albuquerque)

Two intensive outpatient treatment tracks are available: The Mini Intensive Treatment Program (MITP; a 4-week, T-Th, 10-3 didactic program) or a 12-week didactic evening program. Following the IOP, veterans are enrolled in a 4-week Recovery Planning weekly group and a 12 week continuing care group.

Na'nizhoozhi Center, Incorporated (NCI) (Gallup)

Na'nizhoozhi Center, Incorporated (NCI) is a 150-bed facility that provides prevention, intervention, and treatment services for a population that is primarily Native American and in a rural region that is the size of West Virginia. NCI's services are developed to reduce the incidence of public intoxication and substance abuse.

Presbyterian Health Services (Albuquerque)

Presbyterian Health Services is the only private, not-for-profit healthcare system in NM. Presbyterian Medical Group offers care at more than 30 different locations throughout the state.

Affiliated Programs

UNMH Emergency Department (Albuquerque)

State's only level 1 trauma center. ED for pediatric, general, and trauma/resuscitation.

UNMH Family Practice Clinic (Albuquerque)

Outpatient adult and pediatric primary care.

UNMHSC Truman Street Health Services Clinic

(Albuquerque)

Behavioral health, dual diagnosis evaluation and intervention. On-site Buprenorphine.

UNM Division of Dental Services (Albuquerque)

Direct dental services and educational programs.

Totah Behavioral Health Authority (Farmington)

Traditional Native American residential substance abuse treatment.

UNM Programs for Children and Adolescents

(Albuquerque)

Mental health diagnostic evaluations, individual, family, and group therapy.

CTN Southwest Node



The National Institute on Drug Abuse's (NIDA) Clinical Trials Network (CTN) is a network of 16 research centers and approximately 200 treatment programs throughout the United States.

The Southwest Node is an equal partnership between The University of New Mexico Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and Addictions (CASAA) and diverse community treatment programs throughout New Mexico.

National Drug Abuse Treatment

Clinical Trials Network



New Mexico is the first "minority majority" state, and its clinical populations include large proportions of Native American and Hispanic clients.

CTN History

- A 1998 IOM Report reported that a 17-year gap exists between the publication of research results and its impact on treatment delivery.
- The efficacy of new treatments for drug addiction had been demonstrated primarily in specialized research settings, with somewhat restricted patient populations.
- Advances achieved in drug abuse research centers needed to reach community-based settings where most treatment is provided.
- In 2002, to bridge the research to practice gap, NIDA established the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network.

CTN Mission

The mission of the Clinical Trials Network (CTN) is to improve the quality of drug abuse treatment throughout the United States using the methods of science.

To encourage the bi-directional ethos of the CTN, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, researchers, and community-based service providers cooperatively develop, validate, refine, and deliver new treatment options to patients in community-level clinical practice. The objectives are to:

- Conduct studies of behavioral, pharmacological, and integrated behavioral and pharmacological treatment interventions in rigorous, multi-site clinical trials to determine effectiveness across a broad range of community-based treatment settings and diversified patient populations
- Ensure the transfer of research results to providers and patients through the dissemination of evidence-based practices through the trials themselves, dissemination activities, and partnerships with the Addiction Technology Transfer Centers.

Research Activities

The goal is to conduct rigorous multi-site trials of substance abuse treatment interventions—pharmacologic, behavioral, and combined treatments—in real-world settings.

SW Node Current Research Studies:

- 0033B** Native American Methamphetamine and Other Drug Use and Treatment in the Southwest (MOD)
- 0032** HIV Rapid Testing and Counseling in Drug Abuse Treatment Programs in the US

Pending Research Studies:

- 0044** Web based CBT + Contingency Management
- 0047** Screening Motivational Assessment and Referral to Treatment in Emergency Departments (SMART-ED)

Completed Studies:

- 0010** Buprenorphine/Naloxone-Facilitated Rehabilitation for Heroin Addicted Adolescents/Young Adults
- 0013** Motivational Enhancement Therapy (MET) to Improve Treatment Utilization and Outcome in Pregnant Substance Users
- 0018** Reducing HIV/STD Risk Behaviors: A Research Study for Men in Drug Abuse Treatment
- 0020** Job-Seekers Training for Patients with Drug Dependence
- 0021** Motivational Enhancement Treatment (MET) to Improve Treatment Engagement and Outcome for Spanish-Speaking Individuals Seeking Treatment for Substance Abuse

Structure of the SW Node

Regional Research and Training Centers (RRTC's)

- Initiates and Develops Protocols
- Conducts Studies
- Arranges Clinical Treatment Program Participation
- Designs and Conducts Training
- Implements Local Data Management Plan

Community Treatment Programs (CTPs)

- Provides Setting for CTN Studies
- Incorporates CTN Training Protocols
- Collects Protocol-Specific Data
- Generates Clinically Relevant Concepts
- Has equal representation on CTN Steering Committee
- Participates fully in CTN committees

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