Call for CTN Posters

As part of the CTN’s 10th Anniversary, NIDA will showcase posters the CTN Network has produced over the past ten years during both days of the Blending Conference, to be held April 22-23, 2010, in Albuquerque, NM. A grand prize will be given to the best CTN poster submitted and recognition will be given to the top poster in each of the content categories: addiction treatment, addiction prevention, diverse populations, and diverse settings. All submissions are due by February 20, 2010. For more information or to submit an abstract, visit the conference website at http://www.seiservices.com/BLENDINGALBUQUERQUE/index.aspx.

This is a unique opportunity to present your prior and/or current CTN research to a large gathering of addiction practitioners, clinicians, health care providers, criminal justice professionals, researchers, and policy makers. If you have questions, contact Jessica Mitchell at jmitchell@seiservices.com or 240-485-1700.

CTN Repository Data

The following information is taken from all CTN studies that have reported data through November 30, 2009.

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CTN 0032 Finishes Data Collection/Follow-up Assessments

The HIV Rapid Testing & Counseling (CTN 0032) team members are delighted to announce that they have completed the 6-month follow-up phase of their project, and are now out of the field! Their follow-up rate is **93.7%** at the 6-month assessment and **98.2%** at the 1-month follow-up assessment. All twelve sites completed data collection with a retention rate of 85% or above at the 6-month follow-up assessment and over 90% at the 1-month follow-up assessment. A total of **1,281** participants were recruited in **less than 5 months**. The study began randomizing on January 5, 2009, and the last follow-up assessments were conducted before the holidays in December, 2009.

Currently, they are working towards data lock, which is scheduled for the end of February, 2010.

The Lead Team at the Florida Node and Co-Lead Team at the California/Arizona Node offer thanks to all the sites and their corresponding Nodes for their hard work and dedication to this study, which led to an outstanding retention rate throughout the project. In particular, the Lead Team acknowledges the tenacity and ingenuity of all of the RAs, Counselors, and Site Coordinators at the participating clinics:

- CPCDS (Appalachian Tri-State Node, PA)
- La Frontera (California/Arizona Node, AZ)
- Daymark (Florida Node, NC)
- Chesterfield (Mid-Atlantic Node, VA)
- Glenwood Life (Mid-Atlantic Node, MD)
- MCCA (New England Node, CT)
- Wheeler (New England Node, CT)
- Gibson Recovery (Ohio Valley Node, MO)
- CODA (Oregon/Hawaii Node, OR)
- LRADAC (Southern Consortium Node, SC)
- Morris Village (Southern Consortium Node, SC)
- Life Link (Southwest Node, NM)

Federal Offices Closed

The CCTN office and NIDA will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2010, for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday observance.

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.
Oregon/Hawaii (OR/HI) Node
In their annual review of the top doctors in Portland, Portland Monthly Magazine listed Bradley M. Anderson, MD, Chief of Addiction Medicine at Kaiser Permanente Northwest as the top addiction physician in the metropolitan area. Kaiser Permanente Northwest is a program in the OR/HI Node. Congratulations!

Behavioral and Social Sciences Interactive Textbook
Under a contract from the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) (http://obssr.od.nih.gov), the New England Research Institutes (NERI) (http://www.neriscience.com/web/default.asp) has developed an interactive, online course on research methods and tools for researchers engaging in behavioral and social sciences (BSS) research on health-related topics.

The mission of OBSSR is to enhance behavioral and social science research in the NIH, integrate a bio-behavioral perspective across the research areas of the NIH, and encourage the study of behavioral and social sciences across NIH’s institutes, centers, and offices.

The e-Source online resource advances the methodological skill set of new and established researchers on the latest research methods, approaches and translation of BSS research. It also provides an easy means by which investigators can efficiently obtain answers to emerging methodological concerns.

Recognized international experts in their fields are developing the 16 modules for this web-based learning site. To view this course, go to: http://www.esourceresearch.org

The NIDA Networking Project (NNP) provides opportunities for information sharing and research collaboration among NIDA’s networks across the country. The NNP gives researchers and clinicians access to networks’ locations, people, expertise, and resources to help synergize efforts, improve efficiency, and accelerate scientific discovery.


Request for Information
NIDA needs to keep track of the number of grants that use CTN as a platform. Our current information is limited. Please let us know of any funded R01, K23, R03, R21, or other grants using CTN as a platform. This also includes ancillary studies which may not be directly funded by the CTN.

Please send the information to Quandra Scudder at: ScudderQ@nida.nih.gov. Thanks!

News from the Delaware Valley Node
Dr. George Woody, PI of the Delaware Valley Node, was asked to comment on integrated care for alcoholism and tuberculosis (TB) in Tomsk, Russia. Dr. Woody thought our CTNers would find the following to be of interest:

Treating alcohol-use disorders and tuberculosis together in Russia
- Treatment for alcohol use disorders and tuberculosis is rarely integrated, even though the two diseases have a high co-occurrence.
- American and Russian researchers have jointly designed and are monitoring an innovative program that will deliver alcohol treatment as part of routine TB care.

The integration of alcohol screening, treatment and referral into primary care and other medical settings is not routinely done. Nor are there any studies evaluating the effectiveness of integrating care for alcohol use disorders (AUDs) into routine treatment for TB, despite the high co-occurrence and mortality associated with these two diseases. Accordingly, researchers have designed a study to determine the effectiveness of integrating pharmacotherapy and behavioral treatments for AUDs into routine care for TB. The study will be published in the February 2010 issue of Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research and is currently available at Early View.

Dr. Woody commented that this study is particularly important for Russia where multi-drug resistant TB is common and medical specialties are divided into silos that require patients to visit multiple providers for problems that are closely linked and could be better managed by integrated approaches like the one tested in the study.
New Grants

The following grant opportunities may be of interest to researchers:

- **2010 NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research (DP1) (RFA-DA-10-012)**
  
  Application Receipt Date(s): June 02, 2010
  

- **Cognitive Remediation Approaches to Improve Drug Abuse Treatment Outcomes (R01) (RFA-DA-10-006)**
  
  Application Receipt Date(s): April 07, 2010
  

- **Cognitive Remediation Approaches to Improve Drug Abuse Treatment Outcomes (R21) (RFA-DA-10-007)**
  
  Application Receipt Date(s): April 07, 2010
  

  
  Application Receipt Date(s): April 07, 2010
  

  
  Application Receipt Date(s): March 19, 2010
  

- **Recovery Act Limited Competition: NIH Director’s Opportunity for Research in Five Thematic Areas (RC4) (RFA-OD-10-005)**
  
  Application Receipt Date(s): March 15, 2010
  

  

**OppNet FOA**

The members of OppNet, NIH’s Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network, announce the release of their first FOA:

**RFA-OD-10-003 -- Recovery Act Limited Competition: NIH Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network (OppNet) Short-term Mentored Career Development Awards in the Basic Behavioral and Social Sciences for Mid-career and Senior Investigators (K18)**

This RFA solicits applications for short-term mentored career development (K18) awards in the basic behavioral and social sciences (b-BSSR) from three months to one year in duration. The program targets established, mid-career and senior investigators, to support their development of research capability in b-BSSR.

Follow this link to this FOA: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-10-003.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-10-003.html). The RFA expressly notes that OppNet strongly encourages investigators to consult NIH-OBSSR’s definitions related to b-BSSR for OppNet-related FOAs. It also lists contact information for program directors from the 28 NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices that are OppNet members.


**Avant-Garde Award**

Pre-Application for the 2010 NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research (X02)(PAR-10-068)

Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): March 01, 2010


The NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research is meant to complement NIDA’s traditional investigator-initiated grant programs by supporting individual scientists of exceptional creativity who propose high-impact research that will open new avenues for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among drug abusers. The term “avant-garde” is used to describe highly innovative approaches that have the potential to be transformative—open new areas of research or lead to new avenues of treatment and prevention for HIV/AIDS among drug abusers. The research proposed must be in an area described in the Trans-NIH Plan for HIV-Related Research


Clinical Coordinating Center (CCC) at EMMES

Training Options:
Many training resources are available from the CCC and are located on LiveLink. (If you are part of the CTN and need access to LiveLink, please contact the DSC 1 Help Desk listed in the next article.)

These trainings include the 2008 and 2009 web seminar series which is listed below. Nodes are encouraged to review these trainings and assign them to staff as needed. They may be especially useful for novice research staff or staff new to the CTN. Please note that protocol-specific procedures will take priority over information provided in the web seminars.

- The Fundamentals of Clinical Research
- Site Management Tools and Practice Workshop Series
- Resolutions for Unexpected Site Challenges
- Quality Assurance and Site Monitoring Visits
- Recruitment and Retention
- Writing Site Specific SOPs
- Ethical Principles in Clinical Research

- Timeline Follow Back
- Informed Consent
- Site Management Overview
- IRB and Regulatory Documentation
- Recruitment and Retention
- HIPAA
- Adverse and Serious Adverse Events
- Good Clinical Practice Overview

Training Coordinator:
Liz Buttrey at 301-251-1161, ebuttre@emmes.com

NIDA Project Officer, Steve Sparenborg, at: sparenborgs@nida.nih.gov, telephone (301) 496-4844.

Data and Statistics Center (DSC 1) at DCRI

Data Retention at CTPs:
Federal regulations and Good Clinical Practice guidelines dictate that clinical patient data should be retained at the treatment site for a specified period of time. With paper CRFs (Case Report Forms), this involved making photocopies of all CRF pages, or using 3-part NCR paper for CRFs and retaining one copy of each page at the site. Site storage for these files took a great deal of space.

With electronic InForm data capture, retaining paper copies is no longer a viable option. For CTN trials using InForm, participating sites will receive a thumbnail drive (data stick) that contains screen shots of all the forms that were completed at their site, organized by patient number. These thumbnail drives have been completed for CTN 0029 (ADHD in Adult Smokers) and CTN 0028 (ADHD in Adolescent Substance Abusers) and will be shipped in the near future. The data on each drive is encrypted. The pass codes to un-encrypt will be sent under separate cover. There will be two copies of the data from each CTP, one for the Lead Node and one for the individual CTP. All drives will be shipped first to the Lead Node, as staff members at CTPs have changed. The Lead Node should work with the CTPs to determine the best method or place for storage for each CTP that participated in the study and identify who the drives should be sent to. Individual IRBs and individual institutional guidelines should be consulted to determine the minimum required storage time for each dataset. Please contact your DSC Project Lead if you have questions or concerns.

Who to Contact for Help Desk:
You may contact the Site Support Help Desk at 1-888-DSC-SSHD (1-888-372-7743) from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or send an e-mail to: nidadse-help@mc.duke.edu.

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