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❁ CTN News ❁  
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Trial Progress: Over 19,000 CTN participants!



*Trial enrollment numbers reflect study
March 31, 2015 Trial Progress Report*

Open Studies

- **CTN 0049 – Project HOPE** (Hospital Visit as Opportunity for Prevention and Engagement for HIV-Infected Drug Users). Enrolled 801 (N=800). Enrollment closed – in follow up period.
- **CTN 0050 – Long Term Follow-up to the CTN 0027 (START) Study.** Enrolled 875 (Original N=1,267 START Study participants).
- **CTN 0051 – X-BOT** (Extended Release Naltrexone vs. Buprenorphine for Opioid Treatment). Enrolled 286 (N=400).
- **CTN 0053 – ACCENT** (Achieving Cannabis Cessation: Evaluating N-Acetylcysteine). Enrolled 297 (N=300).
- **CTN 0054 – ADAPT** (Accelerated Development of Additive Pharmacotherapy Treatment). Enrolled 49 (N=49). Database locked.
- **CTN 0055 – CHOICES** (Comparing Treatments for HIV-Positive Opioid Users in an Integrated Care Effectiveness Study). Enrolled 51 (N=50).
- **CTN 0056-Ot** – Testing and Linkage to HIV Care in China. Enrolled 478 (N= 360).
- **CTN 0057-Ot** – SBIRT-PC (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment in Primary Care). Enrolled 104 (N=120).
- **CTN 0059 – TAPS Tool** (Tobacco, Alcohol, Prescription Medications, and Substance Use/Misuse Brief Screen/Assessment). Enrolled 1,868 (N=2,000).

Total Enrolled All Studies: 19,282

CTN Rocks!

Congratulations! Dennis Donovan, PhD, the PI of the Pacific Northwest Node, provided the latest rankings of U.S. medical schools in *U.S. News & World Report*. The CTN’s roster includes ten of the top ranked schools for drug and alcohol abuse programs. See this link for more information – [Best Medical Schools](#). In the familiar words of Theresa Winhusen, PhD, the PI of the Ohio Valley Node, “CTN Rocks!”



Don’t forget to Register!

The 2015 NIDA CTN Steering Committee Meeting

April 14-16, 2015

Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center

Registration is open!

We hope you can join us!

[Click here to go to registration site!](#)

Please add the domain “@leedmci.com” to your Safe Senders list.

Don’t miss out!

**The CTN Design & Analysis SIG Presents:
Topics in Subgroup Analysis**

Speakers include:

Paul Wakim

Thomas Carmody

Abigail Matthews

Neal Oden

Paul Van Veldhuisen

Tuesday April 14, 2015 3:30 PM-5:30 PM

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### **News from the Nodes & Coordinating Centers**

  
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Greater New York Node



START Treatment & Recovery Centers, a Greater New York Node CTP, is pleased to announce the appointment of Clewert Sylvester, MD as the new Director of Research and Evaluation. He comes to the organization after working in CNS drug development for the past 6 years at the Montefiore Medical Center. He is a former Minority Access to Research Careers Scholar (NIH) and a former recipient of an Empire Clinical Research Fellowship (NYSDOH). Dr. Sylvester received his medical degree from the Ichan School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He has advanced training in Addiction Psychiatry and chemical dependency from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He also trained in Bioethics at the Einstein-Cardozo graduate program in bioethics.

Pacific Northwest Node

PNW Node's Sandra Radin in the news!

The University of Washington Health Sciences *NewsBeat* electronic "paper" recently conducted an interview with Sandra Radin, PhD, a Research Scientist at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute (ADAI) and a member of the PNW's CTN group. Dr. Radin also co-leads the CTN American Indian/Alaska Native SIG. The interview addresses the work PNW did as part of CTN 0033-Ot-3.

Methamphetamine: Where Does It Fit in the Bigger Picture of Drug Use of American Indian and Alaska Native Communities and Treatment Seekers? This interview can be found at: [Newsbeat article](#). To review the journal article discussed in the interview, click on the link below. Radin SM, Kutz SH, La Marr J, et. al. [Community perspectives on drug/alcohol use, concerns, needs, and resources in four Washington State tribal communities](#). *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*. 2015;14(1):29-58.

Education on Medical Marijuana

ADAI just launched a new online CME course for healthcare providers on the topic of medicinal cannabis for treating chronic pain. The 2-hour online course "[Medicinal Cannabis and Chronic Pain](#)" was developed with a grant to ADAI from the Washington Office of the Attorney General to offer science-based information to healthcare providers and the general public. Though a legally available option in Washington State, recommendations for medicinal cannabis may be avoided by healthcare providers if they do not have knowledge about the potential benefits and risks of this approach in managing chronic pain, and confidence in discussing this option with their patients. Included on the training website are patient education materials and screening and clinical tools for providers. The training can be viewed for free, or taken as a CME course for a small fee. Other ADAI staff involved in the project included Sharon Garrett, MPH, MA, a CTN Project Director; Meg Brunner, MLIS, and Nancy Sutherland, MLS, CTN Dissemination Librarians; and Jennifer Velotta, MNPL, CDP, CPP, ADAI Outreach Specialist and Prevention Information Clearinghouse Coordinator.

ADAI also offers a useful website: Learn About Marijuana: Science-based Information for the Public. The website provides science-based fact sheets about marijuana and its effects across a number of physical and psychological domains, as well as information for parents and teens, policy and legal issues, and related research. It provides harm-reduction information for adults, age 21 and over, who are legally able to purchase and use marijuana in the State of Washington. See <http://learnaboutmarijuana.org/>

Together with the office of the U.S. Attorney General of Western Washington, ADAI co-sponsored a *Heroin and Opioid Overdose Summit* last month. The keynote speaker was Michael Botticelli, the Director of ONDCP. Below are a series of links with relevant information to this meeting, including the agenda, a summary, and links to the presentations. <http://adai.uw.edu/odmit/> and http://adai.uw.edu/odsummit/ODSummit_Agenda.pdf.

Announced at the Summit: the new Center of Opioid Safety and Education, funded by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services. The Director of this new center is Caleb Banta-Green, PhD, a Senior Research Scientist at ADAI and an Affiliate Associate Professor in the Department of Health Services in the UW School of Public Health. Dr. Banta-Green is also the PI on a NIDA-funded randomized clinical trial evaluating the efficacy of an opioid overdose prevention and education intervention, including naloxone distribution, in a number of settings, including a major emergency department and Evergreen Treatment Services, a methadone maintenance program affiliated with the Pacific Northwest Node. Information about the Center can be found at: <http://stopoverdose.org/cose/>

On March 3, 2015, Dennis Donovan, PhD, attended an invitee-only "listening session" and discussion with U.S. Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy, MD, MBA. The meeting focused on the efforts of health care providers, health systems, state and community chemical dependency, mental health agencies, and advocacy groups in the Pacific Northwest to develop systems for health and healthcare organizations that integrate behavioral and mental health, substance abuse screening and treatment, disease prevention and health promotion.

Florida Node Alliance

CTN 0049, Project HOPE: Close to the Finish Line!

CTN 0049 sites are approaching the finish line with only six 12-month follow-up visits left to complete! With 12-month retention rate at 94%, the Florida Node Alliance wants to say THANK YOU to all of the wonderful sites and research staff for such amazing work on this project. This could not have been done without their dedication.

CTN 0064 Gearing for Take-Off!

The Florida Node Alliance, in collaboration with the Western States Node, is pleased to announce that CTN 0064 was approved to move forward in January. CTN 0064 is a long term follow-up of CTN 0049 participants who consented to be contacted for future studies. CTN 0064 will also randomize participants who screen as HCV antibody-positive to either 1) intervention to facilitate

linkage to care for Hepatitis C or 2) control, to assess the effectiveness of a linkage to care intervention in helping HIV/HCV co-infected substance users progress along the HCV continuum of care. A CTN 0049/0064 meeting will be held at the Steering Committee on April 14, 2015.

Delaware Valley Node

Dr. George Woody, the PI of the Delaware Valley Node gave a lecture on March 15, 2015 entitled “Progress in addiction treatment: from one-size fits all to medications and treatment matching” at the annual meeting of *Behavior, Biology, and Chemistry* in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting was organized by Charles France, PhD, Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Texas, San Antonio and sponsored by the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, and NIDA. An introduction was provided by Jennifer Sharpe-Potter, PhD, of the Texas Node and on Faculty at UTSA. Dr. Sharpe-Potter formerly served as Node Coordinator of the Northern New England Node and the Project Director of CTN 0030, the Prescription Opioid Addiction Treatment Study (POATS).

Southwest Node

The SWN is currently preparing for a change in PI that will take place this summer. Below are messages from Drs. Michael Bogenschutz and Barbara McCrady:

“Beginning June 15, 2015, I will be joining the faculty of the department of psychiatry at NYU, serving as Professor and Associate Director of the Addiction Research Program. The position will allow me to focus more effort on my own research as well as development of addictions research at NYU. Although my family and I are excited about our new life in New York, it is a bittersweet transition leaving all of my colleagues and friends in New Mexico after 20 wonderful years at UNM. I will continue to be actively involved in the CTN as a member of the Greater New York Node.”—Michael Bogenschutz, MD

“We at CASAA and the University of New Mexico wish Michael well, but will miss him as a colleague, scientist, senior clinician, and friend. I will be assuming the role of PI for the Southwest Node for the remainder of the current grant, and look forward to working actively as part of the CTN.”—Barbara S. McCrady, PhD

Southern Consortium Node

Kathleen Brady, MD, PhD, Southern Consortium Node PI, has recently received three honors/appointments: She is the recipient of the *2015 Marian W. Fischman Lectureship Award* from the College on Problems of Drug

Dependence (CPDD). Given in memory of Dr. Fischman, a respected leader in drug abuse research and an outstanding scientist, this award was established in 2001 to recognize the contributions of an outstanding woman scientist in drug abuse research. The award will be presented to Dr. Brady during the 77th Annual CPDD meeting in Phoenix in June, 2015.

Dr. Brady has been named President-Elect of the *International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM)*, the largest international organization of physicians focused on the advancement of knowledge about addiction as a treatable disease and recognition that physicians worldwide have a major role to play in educational activities, and understanding, treating and prevention of addictions. Lastly, she has been named Chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Board for the intramural programs at the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Mid-Atlantic Node

Changing Landscapes of Addiction Conference

The 2015 Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction in conjunction with the Society of Addiction Psychology Division 50 held a conference titled *Changing Landscapes of Addiction* on March 6-7, 2015 in Baltimore, Maryland. This conference reached an audience of students from the Society of Addiction Psychology, increasing their familiarity with the work of NIDA, SAMSHA and the CTN.

Christine Higgins, MA, presented on the origin and purpose of the NIDA/SAMSHA Blending Initiative and the importance of the dissemination of research results. Copies of Blending Products—the Buprenorphine Suite, the MI-Presto package, and HIV Rapid Testing—were distributed and Ms. Higgins informed participants about the latest products from the Blending Initiative, including the guided simulation to help physicians and other health care professionals learn more about Motivational Interviewing. (See <http://www.drugabuse.gov/blending-initiative/cme-ce-simulation>)

George Bigelow, PhD participated in a panel discussion that addressed the conference’s “Changing Landscapes” theme by having a number of senior investigators reflect on changes over past decades and on prospects for the future. Panel members highlighted research approaches and findings from basic science and clinical research that focused on new developments in alcohol/substance use patterns, new technologies for assessment, new research paradigms, and innovative treatment approaches.

Tamara Parris from the Central East ATTC and Jason Burrow-Sánchez, PhD from the Central Rockies ATTC

distributed ATTC related materials and handouts, including the latest information flyer on Smoking Cessation.

Dr. Fishman Appointed to Maryland Emergency Task Force

Marc Fishman, MD, the Mid-Atlantic Node's CTP Representative, the Medical Director of Maryland Treatment Centers, and a member of the Johns Hopkins University faculty, has been appointed to Maryland Governor Larry Hogan's *Emergency Task Force on the Heroin and Opioid Crisis*. According to the Governor's office, there were 464 heroin-related overdose deaths in 2013, which outnumbered Maryland's 387 homicides, and represents a 95 percent increase in heroin-related overdose deaths since 2010. Dr. Fishman will bring his experience and expertise to assist the Task Force to resolve this growing crisis in Maryland. Other taskforce members include representatives from Maryland State Police, Department of Juvenile Services, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Texas Node

Madhukar Trivedi, MD, Texas Node PI and Professor of Psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center, was named one of the most highly cited researchers in the U.S., earning him a place on Thompson Reuters' 2014 list of the World's Most Influential Scientific Minds. The listings of highly cited researchers feature authors whose published work in their specialty areas has consistently been judged by peers to be of particular significance and utility.

Western States Node

Training and Education

A Western States Node – ATTC Webinar Presentation:

The development and testing of culturally adapted treatments has increased over the past two decades in an effort to provide more culturally relevant treatments to individuals from racial and ethnic minority groups. For ethnic minority adolescents, such treatment also needs to be considered within a developmental context.

On February 11th, 2015, the Western States Node hosted a webinar entitled “Culturally Adapted Substance Abuse Treatment for Racial and Ethnic Minority Adolescents: Status of the Research, Practical Applications and Future Directions” in collaboration with the Central Rockies, Northwest, and Pacific Southwest Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTCs). Presenter Jason Burrow-Sánchez, PhD, Principal Investigator of the Central Rockies Addiction Technology Transfer Center and Associate Professor at the University of Utah, provided an

overview of theory and empirical research on the cultural adaptation of psychological treatments for racial and ethnic minority adolescents with emphasis on substance abuse treatments. Dr. Burrow-Sánchez discussed theoretical models of cultural adaptation, outcomes and benefits of adapted versus non-adapted treatments, and practical applications of adapted treatments. The webinar training offered free continuing education credits, and was attended by 229 participants in 35 states across the CTN. The Western States Node would like to thank Dr. Burrow-Sánchez for a presentation that effectively combined research findings with clinical applications and express their appreciation to the ATTCs for their ongoing support.

The Western States Node – ATTC partnership plans to continue their webinar series in 2015, featuring training on neurobiological impacts of substance use in collaboration with the Methamphetamine Abuse Research Center at Oregon Health & Science University.

Also on February 11, Traci Rieckmann, PhD, Western States Node investigator, and Lisa Rey Thomas, PhD, Pacific Northwest Node investigator, delivered a CTN Web Seminar titled “Medication-Assisted Treatment for American Indians and Alaska Natives.”

Dennis McCarty, PhD and Marie Payment participated in the 2015 Brain Fair held March 14 at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. The exhibit (sponsored by the Methamphetamine Abuse Research Center, the Northwest ATTC, and the Western States Node) provided demonstrations of drug tolerance, the risk of overdose, information on drug use and abuse, the neuroscience of addiction, and literature on Blending Products and drug abuse prevention. More than 1,500 adults and children visited the Brain Fair.

CTN 0055: Comparing Treatments for HIV-Infected Opioid and Alcohol Users in an Integrated Care Effectiveness Study (CHOICES) reached its randomization goal of 50 participants on March 11, 2015, 15 weeks ahead of schedule! A big thanks goes to the CORE Center (Ohio Valley Node) and University of British Columbia (Western States Node) from the Western States Node for outstanding recruitment. Efforts continue to maintain good retention rates. Data collection is scheduled to be completed by mid-July 2015.

New England Consortium Node



The McLean Hospital/Harvard Medical School annual conference, *Addictions 2015: Treatment, Comorbidities, and Complex Cases*, will be held on May 29-30 at the Boston Marriott Cambridge Hotel in Cambridge, Massachusetts. *Addictions 2015* will provide the latest research findings, screening

guidelines and treatment options to help patients and clients with addictions and co-occurring disorders such as depression, anxiety and ADHD. A number of researchers affiliated with the CTN's New England Consortium Node are presenting at the conference, including Roger D. Weiss, MD, Shelly F. Greenfield, MD, MPH, Hilary S. Connery, MD, PhD, and R. Kathryn McHugh, PhD. You can find additional information about the course and registration details at <http://addictions.hmscme.com/>.

Pacific Region Node

A reminder of upcoming trainings and seminars:



REGISTER NOW!

July 29-31, 2015 • Marina del Rey, California
UCLA Summer Institute on Longitudinal Research

Theme: Promoting identification, intervention, and management of risks and problems of substance use

The conference will present current findings and future directions of longitudinal drug abuse research and implications for policy and practice. Workshops will be provided on longitudinal statistical and methodological topics. Opportunities for career development will also be available.

EXTENDED!

Early-bird Registration Deadline: **April 17, 2015**

[Register here!](#)



REGISTER NOW!

2015 International Conference on Global Health:
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders and HIV
April 22 - 24, 2015 • Hangzhou, China

Conference Website <http://huiyi.e-inshow.com/>

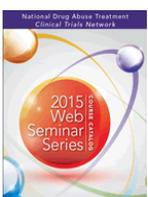
The UCLA Center for Advancing Longitudinal Drug Abuse Research (CALDAR) is pleased to announce the second meeting of Conference Series to Promote Global Health, sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The conference theme is prevention and treatment of substance abuse and HIV, focusing on Asian countries and Pacific Islands.

For questions on travel and event logistics, contact Miss Wenji Yuan via ywj8604@163.com

What's New in the CTN Dissemination Library?

<http://ctndisseminationlibrary.org>

Webinars from the CCC



Did you know all those great webinars from the CTN Clinical Coordinating Center are archived in the CTN Dissemination Library? Well, they are – all the way back to 2008! Find webinars about [publications planning and preparation](#) (2015),

[the impact of inclusion and exclusion criteria on study enrollment](#) (2014), [social media in clinical trials](#) (2013), and more. The complete archive is found at: <http://ctndisseminationlibrary.org/ctntraining.htm>

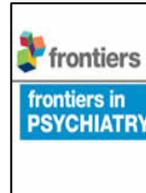
New Additions to the Library



[Long-Term Outcomes from the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network Prescription Opioid Study](#). Weiss RD, et al. *Drug Alcohol Depend* 2015 (in press). Reports on CTN 0030 A-3, the first study to examine long-term treatment outcomes of participants with prescription opioid dependence. This is the primary outcome paper for this long term follow-up to the POATS trial.



[Implementation of Integrated Therapies for Comorbid Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Substance Use Disorders in Community Substance Abuse Treatment Programs](#). Killeen TK, et al. *Drug Alcohol Rev* 2015 (in press). Reviewed the literature on common barriers preventing adoption and implementation of integrated treatments for PTSD and substance use disorder (SUD) among community treatment programs. (CTN 0015)



[NIDA Clinical Trials Network Common Data Elements Initiative: Advancing Big-Data Addictive-Disorders Research](#) [opinion]. Ghitza UE, et al. *Frontiers in Psychiatry* 2015;6:33. Describes the objectives and importance of the CTN CDEs initiative and portal to translational psychiatric research.



[Pathways to Change: Use Trajectories Following Trauma-Informed Treatment of Women with Co-Occurring Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Substance Use Disorders](#). Lopez-Castro T, et al. *Drug Alcohol Rev* 2015 (in press). Used latent growth mixture models with multiple groups to estimate women's substance use patterns during the 12-month follow-up to the CTN 0015 study.

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The CTN Dissemination Library is maintained by the Pacific Northwest Node. Contact us with questions and submissions at info@ctndisseminationlibrary.org.

Clinical Coordinating Center and Data & Statistics Center

DSC & CCC Office Closing



The offices of the Clinical Coordinating Center (CCC) and Data and Statistics Center (DSC) at EMMES will be closed Friday, April 3, 2015. The DSC Help Desk staff will not be available that day but will respond to your inquiries when the offices reopen on Monday, April 6, 2015.

April Webinar

The CCC invites all to join the CTN Web Seminar on *Preparing for Closeout of Studies and Sites* on Wednesday, April 29th at 12:00 pm ET. This webinar will highlight the essential activities involved in closing out a study, site closeout tasks, and other supportive actions. The presenters, Christie Thomas of the Pacific Region Node and Matthew Wright and Dikla Blumberg of the CTN Clinical Coordinating Center, will discuss roles and responsibilities, regulatory obligations, documentation requirements, and processes to consider at the end of a study.

To register for this event, copy and paste the following link into your web browser and once connected follow the registration instructions:

<https://cc.readytalk.com/r/6istg12eyxio&eom>. You will receive an email confirmation that will include the dial-in number, passcode, PIN and links needed to join the event.

If you are interested in other CTN Web Seminars, please visit the CTN Dissemination Library's website here: <http://ctndisseminationlibrary.org/ctntraining.htm>. You may also email CTNtraining@emmes.com for additional information.

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### More News

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The Latest from our Colleagues

Featured webinars for April 2015

The New ASAM Criteria Software, presented by Dr. David Gastfriend, TRI Institute
This webinar will be presented as the April 2015 iTraining:
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Time: 3-4:30 EST, 2-3:30 CST, 1-2:30 MST, 12-1:30 PST
[Registration link](#)

The YMSM+LGBT ATTC Center of Excellence
"Transgender: One word, many people"

Date: April 24, 2015

Time: 11:00am-12:00pm PST

For more information or to register, contact [Brandy Oeser](#), Program Director, YMSM+LGBT CoE

New ATTC Publication

Integrating Substance Use Disorder and Health Care Services in an Era of Health Care Reform

This is the first in a series of white papers discussing the unique issues involved in integrating substance use disorder services in health care. This white paper emphasizes the need for better integration of SUD and health care services, and highlights the ATTC Network's important role in promoting the integration of SUD services.

- Check out the ATTC's [Advancing Integration](#) web page to download a complete copy of this document.
- Head to the Network of Practice! The Network of Practice is an online tool that provides an opportunity for you to ask questions and express your opinions on many topics. Click on the "Advancing Integration" forum tab to join the discussion about integrating substance use disorder services and health care.

Subsequent papers are scheduled for release in April and June 2015:

- Paper II: Preparing Students to Work in Integrated Healthcare Systems
- Paper III: A Roadmap for Building Organizational and Staff Capacity for Integrating Behavioral Health Services within Primary Care and Medical Settings

New and Ongoing ATTC Resources

[HCV Current: Resources for Medical and Behavioral Health Professionals](#)

Marijuana Lit releases new video: [Effects of Marijuana Use on Developing Adolescents](#)

ATTC Messenger [March 2015](#)

[ATTC/NIATx Service Improvement Blog](#)

[The Bridge Vol 5:1](#): The Recovery Movement

[ATTC/NIATx Network of Practice](#)

ATTC Regional Educational Opportunity



The New England ATTC Proudly Presents...

Improving Care of Substance Use, HIV, and/or HCV in Adolescents:

Effective Approaches to Assessing, Treating, and Engaging Teens

Thursday, April 16, 2015

[Register Now!](#)

News from NIDA and NIH



Dr. Susan Weiss Appointed Division Director at NIDA – NIDA scientist to lead new Division of Extramural Research



Susan R.B. Weiss, PhD, has been selected to lead the [Division of Extramural Research \(DER\)](#), a newly formed Division at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), part of the National Institutes of Health. In addition to overseeing NIDA's extramural research grant program, the new division will carry out NIDA's research training and early career development program, and lead NIDA's involvement in vital trans-NIH initiatives that include Collaborative Research on Addiction at NIH, the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development study, and Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies. As DER Director, Dr. Weiss will establish scientific priorities and strategic goals for the Institute's extramural research programs; manage the concept and peer review of all NIDA grant applications in coordination with NIH's Center for Scientific Review; and coordinate and lead activities of the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse.

"Dr. Weiss has shown exceptional talent in every position she has held here at NIDA and is the perfect choice for this immensely complex leadership position," said NIDA Director Nora D. Volkow, MD. "She has a strong knowledge of addiction science and understands the

challenges related to the grants process. She is also enormously skilled in the intricacies of science policy related to drug abuse issues."

Dr. Weiss first came to NIDA in 2002 as a health scientist administrator working in the Science Policy Branch, where she became branch chief the following year. In 2011, she was asked to serve as acting director of the Office of Science Policy and Communications, overseeing all of NIDA's interactions with its many stakeholders — students, researchers, community groups, the media, Congress, other NIH Institutes and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agencies, and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. In 2012, she was asked to join NIDA's executive leadership team as Associate Director for Scientific Affairs providing guidance and oversight on scientific matters relating to program development, management, research training, and science planning.

Dr. Weiss received her PhD in psychology from the University of Maryland, College Park, and earlier in her career was chief of the Unit on Behavioral Biology at the National Institute of Mental Health, later serving as Senior Director for Research for the National Mental Health Association. She is one of NIDA's foremost experts on the complex science of addiction; marijuana science and policy; and the many factors contributing to the nation's prescription drug abuse problem.

"Throughout my professional career, I have worked across the spectrum of basic, clinical, and translational research where science, communications, and science policy meet," said Dr. Weiss. "I am excited about my new role that will focus on the science we support through extramural grants and on strengthening the already robust collaborations between NIDA's scientific interests and those of other NIH Institutes and Centers."

NIDA administers more than \$775 million in grant funding for about 2,000 grants through funding opportunity announcements and research training programs.

From NIDA's Science Spotlight

"New research suggests that clonidine, a medication for high blood pressure and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), can enhance buprenorphine's ability to treat opioid dependence. This combination of medications reduces stress-induced craving and prolongs opioid abstinence during outpatient treatment for heroin or prescription pain reliever dependence, compared to buprenorphine alone. These results show that clonidine, when combined with buprenorphine, could be another tool

for clinicians who are treating patients in recovery from opioid misuse.”

This article was published in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*, and authored by scientists at [NIDA](#), [NIMH](#), and Spectrum Health System. To read the full article, please go to: <http://ajp.psychiatryonline.org/doi/full/10.1176/appi.ajp.2014.14081014>. To learn more about research conducted at NIDA in this area, go to: <http://irp.drugabuse.gov/cptrb.php>.

Dr. Kristen Huntley Joins CCTN ❄️



Kristen Huntley, PhD, recently joined the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Center for Clinical Trials Network (CCTN) group as a Health Scientist Administrator. She came to CCTN from the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) where she administered a portfolio of grants focused on the mechanisms of action, efficacy, and effectiveness of complementary health practices used for pain and symptom management in medical and mental health conditions. She led NCCIH efforts to build collaborations with other federal agencies, including the military and veteran populations. She has been most instrumental in facilitating the convening of an NCCIH Council Working Group to make recommendations to NCCIH regarding strengthening research collaborations, and conducting embedded research in clinical care in VA and DoD health care systems leveraging resources and use of medical record data. When asked about her new role, Dr. Huntley replied, “I am excited about the CTN priority topics and opportunities to conduct research that can inform expansion of care for substance use disorders.”

Previously, Dr. Huntley served as a scientific review officer at NIDA. Before that, she was on the faculty of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics and worked as a project manager at Hauser and Associates, Inc., a market research firm in Paramus, New Jersey. Dr. Huntley received a BS in psychology from The University of Texas at Austin, and an MS and PhD in clinical psychology from Texas A&M University.

Please welcome Kristen to the CTN at the Steering Committee Meeting April 14-16th!

Exploring NIH Resources...

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### **Funding Opportunities & Notices**

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-  Notice Regarding Requirement of Grantees and Contractors to Submit Invention Disclosures, Related Reports and Documents Via iEdison ([NOT-OD-15-080](#)) NIH
- New Form To Capture Additional Indirect Costs in Multi-project Grant Applications ([NOT-OD-15-081](#)) NIH
- Notice of Technical Assistance Webinar for RFA-OD-15-129 “Mobilizing Research: A Research Resource to Enhance mHealth Research (U2C)” ([NOT-OD-15-082](#)) OBSSR
- *Request for Information (RFI): Stakeholder Needs and Requirements To Be Addressed by the Small Business Programs of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) ([NOT-DA-15-043](#)) NIDA

*Notice of Correction to the Individual Eligibility for PAR-13-350 “Early Career Award in Chemistry of Drug Abuse and Addiction (ECHEM) (R21/R33)”

[\(NOT-DA-15-044\)](#) NIDA

*Notice of Correction to NOT-DA-15-052 “Request for Information (RFI): Availability of Data and Biological Specimens from NIH-funded Studies of HIV and Non-HIV-Infected Injection Drug Users for Genetic and Epigenetic Analyses” ([NOT-DA-15-055](#), [NOT-DA-15-052](#)) NIDA

*NIDA Announces Availability of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for RFA-DA-15-014 ABCD Study - Coordinating Center (U24), RFA-DA-15-015 ABCD Study - Research Project Sites (U01), RFA-DA-15-016 ABCD Study - Data Analysis and Informatics Center (U24) ([NOT-DA-15-057](#)) NIDA, multiple institutes

Data Sharing Expectations for Clinical Research Funded by NIMH ([NOT-MH-15-012](#)) NIMH

The Role of Exosomes in HIV Neuropathogenesis (R01, R21) ([RFA-MH-16-100](#), [RFA-MH-16-110](#)) NIMH, multiple institutes
Application Receipt Date(s): September 02, 2015

*International Research Collaboration on Drug Abuse and Addiction Research (R03, R01, R21) ([PA-15-141](#), [PA-15-142](#), [PA-15-143](#)) NIDA
Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Multiple dates, see announcement.

*Administrative Supplements for Research on HIV/AIDS and Aging (Admin Supp) ([PA-15-137](#)) NIDA, multiple institutes
Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Multiple dates, see announcement.

AHRQ Small Research Grant Program (R03) ([PA-15-147](#))
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Multiple dates, see announcement.

NIMH Research Education Mentoring Programs for HIV/AIDS Researchers (R25) ([PAR-15-145](#)) NIMH
Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): September 7, 2015; September 7, 2016; September 7, 2017

Validation of Pediatric Patient Reported Outcomes in Chronic Diseases (PEPR) Consortium (U19) ([RFA-AR-15-014](#)) NIAMS
Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Letters of intent are due May 2, 2015. Applications are due June 2, 2015.



Program Supplement for Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC): Center of Excellence (CoE) on Behavioral Health for Pregnant and Postpartum Women (PPW) and their Families (ATTC-CoE PPW) ([TI-15-008](#)) CSAT
Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Applications are due May 11, 2015

Targeted Capacity Expansion: Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Racial/Ethnic Minority Populations at High-Risk for HIV/AIDS (TCE-HIV: High Risk Populations) ([TI-15-006](#)) CSAT
Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Applications are due May 14, 2015

Targeted Capacity Expansion: Medication Assisted Treatment - Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction (MAT-PDOA) ([TI-15-007](#)) CSAT
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