



Protocol #	Title	Study Phase	Site Status
PCRC 10-01	Statin Discontinuation	Manuscript Preparation	381; enrollment complete
PCRC 11-01	Pharmacovigilance	Phase I Rollout	9 (N=30)
PCRC 13-01	Best Supportive Care	Protocol Development	4 Sites TBA

## New NINR R01 announced for PCRC-based studies

The PCRC is excited to share with you that NINR released a recent RFA to enhance the research and resource activities of PCRC by funding up to six high quality, cutting edge palliative care and end of life (PCEOL) research awards. **NOTICE:** Applications are now due **March 20, 2014** with the earliest start date September 1, 2014. We hope many of you will consider submitting a proposal! **Questions?** Contact [carey.candrian@ucdenver.edu](mailto:carey.candrian@ucdenver.edu). Link to RFA <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-NR-14-003.html>

## PCRC Membership Committee

The first membership meeting to review new individual membership applications was held in December 2013. Be ready to welcome new members and sites to the PCRC community! Want to become a member? Complete the on-line application under "join us" on the PCRC home page. Questions about membership? Contact Membership Chair, Dr. Janet Bull or Jordan Lodato at [pcrc@duke.edu](mailto:pcrc@duke.edu).

## REQUEST: PCRC Site Characteristics

**All existing PCRC Members:** if you have not already done so, please complete the on-line membership application. This will be an efficient way for the PCRC to provide a rich overview of what each site has to offer that we, in turn, can use as an ongoing resource for future studies and investigators. Thank you for your help!

## Next Scientific Review Committee Meeting

If you are an interested investigator and have a research idea that would potentially align well with the goals of the PCRC, PCRC infrastructure and member sites, submit a Study Concept Form to the Scientific Review Committee (SRC). Forms are available on the PCRC website under the "studies" tab, and are due 10 days prior to the next scheduled SRC meeting: March 17, 2014.

## How does my site become a study site?

All sites are eligible to be selected as a study site. In general, site selection is determined by the Study PI who identifies which site characteristics best align with their study design and objectives. For more information, check with the PCRC Operations team at [pcrc@duke.edu](mailto:pcrc@duke.edu).

## UPDATE: Statin Trial Manuscript

The Statin Trial general main results manuscript is in final development! Stay tuned!

## UPDATE: CRC Learning Community

The Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC) face-to-face meeting in Chicago last September was a huge success. We're culminating all of the feedback into our next action plans, site training and site support processes. Thanks for all that you do!

## Spring Investigator Meeting in Chicago

We hope current members can join us Monday April 21 & Tuesday April 22, 2014 in Chicago, IL at a location convenient to the O'Hare (ORD) airport. We anticipate starting the meeting around 2:00pm CST on Monday and finishing about 3:00pm CST on Tuesday.

## New Studies for You

**PCRC 11-02:** PCRC pharmacovigilance, a prospective observational study, is currently collecting data at 3 PCRC sites (n=30) to understand the clinical benefit and burden of adverse drug reactions and their impact on symptoms in the palliative care setting. The first medication being reviewed is gabapentin for neuropathic pain. The second medication to be reviewed is dexamethasone for anorexia. Sites for Phase II TBA.

**PCRC 13-01:** PCRC Best Supportive Care (BSC), a pilot study, seeks to test the feasibility of thorough documentation of BSC. Using a physician behavior intervention, this study will assess provider satisfaction with BSC at 4 PCRC sites this spring.