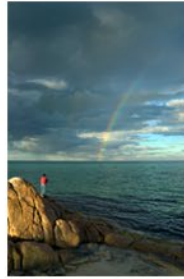




PALLIATIVE CARE RESEARCH COOPERATIVE GROUP



PCRC STUDY LISTINGS

Study Title	Type	Status	Funding
Statin Discontinuation	Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT)	Closed; Manuscript published (Mar 2015)	National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) UC4
Pharmacovigilance	Quality	Active; initial sites	CLHC, UC GIM & UCSF*
Best Supportive Care	Implementation	Enrollment Complete	American Cancer Society (ACS)
QDACT-PCRC	Quality	Active	Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ)
Statin Guidelines & Practice Patterns	Survey	Active	PCRC 2014 Pilot Award
Pancreatic Care Planning	Intervention	Active	PCRC 2014 Pilot Award
Anticoagulation Therapy	Retrospective Chart Review	Active	PCRC 2014 Pilot Award
Family Experiences of ICU Transfers	Qualitative (Prospective interview)	Active	PCRC 2014 Pilot Award
Caregiver Assisted Pain-Management	Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT)	Active	NINR R01
Pediatric Social Support	Intervention	Active	NINR R01
Caregiver Support for Pts w. Lung Cancer	Intervention	Active	NINR R01

* Duke University's Center for Learning Health Care, University of Colorado's Division of General Internal Medicine and University of California San Francisco's Division of Geriatrics

2015 PCRC Pilot Award Update

Thank you to the many investigators who submitted applications for the 2015 PCRC Pilot Award cycle, and to the 26 reviewers who played an essential role in ensuring the success of Year 2 of the Pilot Award Program! Reviewers included both junior and more senior PCRC members from different institutions, representing a broad range of scientific expertise. Awarded applications will be announced in July. If you are interested in applying for a future pilot grant through the PCRC, a timeline of funding opportunities can be found on the [PCRC website under the "Resources" tab](#).

Updates on Current PCRC Studies

Best Supportive Care

Principal Investigator: Yousuf Zafar MD MHS

We are happy to report that the Best Supportive Care study has enrolled 100% of its participants (40 enrolled out of N=40), and all 4 study sites are in the data collection phase! Many thanks to the research staff who have asked insightful questions, been enthusiastic and dedicated in recruiting clinicians and patients, and have shown the utmost professionalism in conducting the research. We appreciate you!

QDACT.PCRC Feasibility

Principal Investigator: Arif Kamal MD

All 5 study sites conducting the QDACT feasibility testing protocol are actively collecting and entering QDACT.PCRC data and completing the feasibility questionnaire in the electronic data capture system. To date, over 267 of the targeted 600 encounters have been entered. In the next month, a subset of 10 clinicians will be randomly selected to participate in a mid-study phone interview. Thanks to all of the study site team members for their efforts in building and maintaining relationships with the palliative care clinicians at your site — we couldn't do this without you!

Pharmacovigilance Project

Principal Investigators: Amy Abernethy MD PhD and Jean Kutner MD MSPH

We are excited to announce that the PCRC Pharmacovigilance Project titled, *Understanding the clinical benefit and burden of palliative medications and their impact on symptoms in the palliative care setting: An observational pharmacovigilance project*, is expanding to additional PCRC sites! Stay tuned.

Obtaining a Letter of Support (LOS) from the PCRC

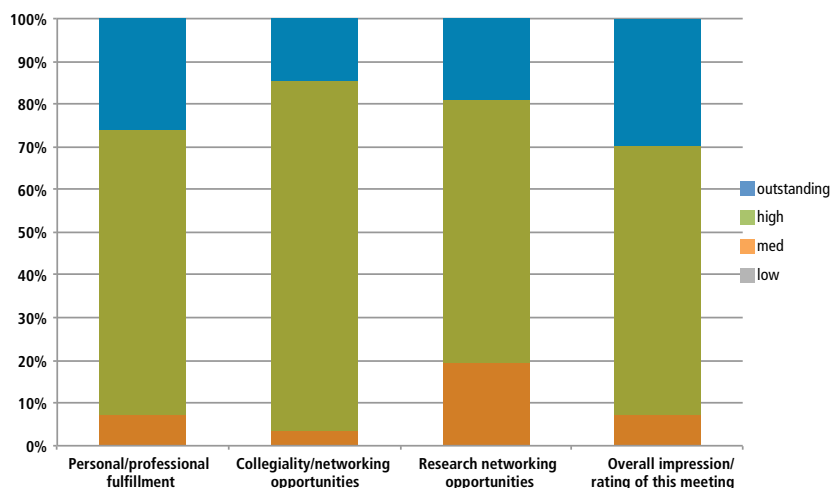
Any PCRC investigators interested in requesting a LOS from the PCRC in support of his/her grant submission should submit the following materials in word format:

A copy or link to the RFA/FOA, abstract, exact title of proposal/grant application title, names of all PIs, your role in the project, name of who the letter should be addressed to, and your bio (half page summary of you, your research and experience). More information is available on the [PCRC website, under the "Resources" tab](#). All requests should be directed to the PCRC Executive Committee: pcrc@duke.edu.

Spring 2015 Face-to-Face PCRC Investigator Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the Face-to-Face PCRC Investigator Meeting in Chicago in March! The meeting was a great success, and we always appreciate having the opportunity to connect with our growing membership in person.

Here is what attendees had to say about the meeting:



THANK YOU to Laura Hanson, Meg Campbell, Cari Levy, Arif Kamal and VJ Periyakoil of the PCRC Investigator Meeting Planning Task Force! Their hard work and commitment ensures that these meetings are enjoyable and informative for all! We look forward to seeing many of you at the next Face-to-Face PCRC Investigator Meeting October 7-8 in Bethesda, Maryland.

NINR Updates

There is a new Administrative Supplement available from the National Library of Medicine, in conjunction with NIH Institutes and Centers: PA-15-249. Investigators who hold an active RO1 from the institutes listed on the funding opportunity application are eligible to apply.

“These administrative supplements provide funds to active awards of participating Institutes and Centers in order to enhance the storage, organization, management and use of electronic research data through the involvement of informationists, also known as in-context information specialists.”

Applications are due on July 17, 2015. For more information, please visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-249.html>

New NINR policies that will be in place for future proposals:

NIH/AHRW Policy for Application Submission

The purpose of this Notice is to remind applicants that the basic requirements for allowable applications have not changed with the updated NIH/AHRQ policy on application submission (see NOT-OD-14-074 and NOT-OD-14-082). Investigators now may submit a new application, following an unsuccessful application, without concern for scientific overlap with previously reviewed applications.

See more at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-059.html#sthash.HuKcOvYS.dpuf>

New Biosketch Policy

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ) require the new biosketch format (NOT-OD-15-032) for all competing and non-competing applications submitted for due dates on or after May 25, 2015. Biosketch format pages, instructions, samples and FAQs are available on the SF 424 (R&R) Forms and Applications page: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/index.htm#format>

For more information, visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-085.html#sthash.JglcA8MA.dpuf>

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Upcoming important dates

Face-to-Face PCRC Investigator Meetings

- Fall: October 7-8, 2015 (Bethesda, MD)
- Spring: March 23-24, 2016 (Chicago, IL)