

PALLIATIVE CARE RESEARCH COOPERATIVE GROUP

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Protocol #	Title	Study Phase	Site Status
PCRC 10-01	Statin Discontinuation	Manuscript Preparation	381; enrollment complete
PCRC 13-01	Pharmacovigilance	Phase I Rollout	14 (N=30)
PCRC 14-01	Best Supportive Care	Protocol Review	4 Sites TBA

UPDATE: NINR R01 for PCRC-based studies

The PCRC has been working with a number of exciting investigators in preparation for their grant submission March 20, 2014, to demonstrate our collaboration and support. Throughout this process, we have been taken aback with investigators' commitment to enhancing sustainability and building the science of palliative care. And come September, NINR will award up to six cutting-edge studies designed to use the PCRC infrastructure and resources. Exciting times! Link to RFA http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-NR-14-003.html

UPDATE: Statin Trial Manuscript

The manuscript describing the main results of the Statin Trial is being finalized. Have an idea for a secondary analysis? Contact Molly Gavigan (molly.gavigan@duke.edu).

PCRC is **GROWING** -- Membership Metrics

Drum roll please...71 members from 33 locations! Welcome all -- we are very happy to have you be part of the community!!

PCRC Membership Committee

Another round of PCRC membership applications will be reviewed at the next quarterly Membership Committee Meeting. Stay tuned!

Want to become a PCRC 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 jordan.lodato@duke.edu.

NEW Educational Recruitment Videos ONLINE

The PCRC created several training videos that are designed to help with important discussions that occur when conducting PCRC-based studies. The videos are available on our new PCRC Vimeo channel https://vimeo.com/pcrcgroup that you can access through our website under the "Resources" tab. Enjoy! Have an idea for future training resources? Contact Rachael Bennett (rachael.bennett@ucdenver.edu).

PCRC Scientific Review Committee

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: **April 22**, **2014**. Questions about study ideas? Contact Dr. Christine Ritchie, SRC Chair. Questions about protocol development? Contact Carey Candrian (carey.candrian@ucdenver.edu).

NEW Study Development

PCRC 14-01: 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.

Spring Investigators Meeting in Chicago

Current PCRC members are invited to attend the Face-to-Face Investigators Meeting in Chicago on April 21-22, 2014 at the Marriot ORD. Please contact Jordan Lodato (jordan.lodato@duke.edu) if you have any questions. Hope to see any and all current members in Chicago!

PCRC Investigator Announcements

***Care Management Summit, 2014**

http://www2.binghamton.edu/ccpa/care-management-summit/ This is a start-up idea for community collaborations to gain momentum in palliative care education/conversations. For more information, contact Kim Evanoski: evanoski@binghamton.edu.

If you have an announcement that may be of interest to PCRC investigators and would like it posted on our website and/or included in this section of bi-monthly PCRC newsletters, please send the announcement to Jordan.

PCRC website: palliativecareresearch.org