

Network for Excellence in Neuroscience Clinical Trials, NeuroNEXT: **Update on Success and Five-Year Renewal Application**



Julie Qidwai¹, Marianne Kearney Chase², Dixie Ecklund¹, Michael Bosch¹, Brenda Thornell², Christopher Coffey¹, Merit Cudkowicz², Robin Conwit³ ¹University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, USA ²Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, USA ³National Institute for Neurologic Disorders and Stroke

Background

- NeuroNEXT (NN), an NIH-funded network was designed to:
 - Increase efficiency of clinical trials \succ
 - Expand NINDS' capability to test promising new therapies
 - Respond quickly as new opportunities arise to test promising new treatments for people with neurological disorders
- The Network accepts proposals for phase 2 clinical studies academia, industry and foundations from www.neuronext.org
- NINDS established 3 funding mechanisms: for academic ••• investigators (U01), small businesses (U44) and industry collaborators (X01)
- Three Key Initiatives of the NeuroNEXT Network:
 - Establishment of a Central IRB All participating \succ institutions required to establish a Reliance Agreement with the Partners IRB.
 - Establishment of Master Clinical Trial Agreements (MCTA) \succ - All participating institutions required to establish a MCTA with the Clinical Coordinating Center. Separate site agreements are not required for studies conducted by NN
 - Availability of experienced clinical trial clinicians and \succ statisticians to help with study design activities

Clinical Study Sites





Network Success (as of 2/16/18)

Key Achievements

- Three trials closed out simultaneously in late 2017. *
- Average 3.6 months from funding to database release.
- ••• exceeding condition-specific standards.
- 96% data accuracy (no changes required to CRFs). •••
- **
- 80% of subjects with no major protocol deviations. **
- 85% retention rate. **
- Success of cIRB model •
 - Full protocol approval: average 64 ± 25 days
 - Child site approval: average 17 ± 9 days ••••
 - Continuing review approval: average 16 days **
- Electronic trial master file containing 21,000 documents for 1300 • site personnel.
- Streamlined SAE review process, incorporating central DSMB **
- Expanding the number of trained clinical investigators through in-person and web-based training.

CONCLUSIONS

- NeuroNEXT has met all of its initial goals within 7 years of funding – conducting 8 studies, in partnership with industry (stroke), academia (SMA, MS, MG, GBM, FXS, CSPN) and small businesses (HD)
- Network sites have demonstrated their capacity to effectively enroll subjects in trials for a variety of neurologic diseases
- The NeuroNEXT Network is primed for future collaborations with industry, academia and small business partners. For more information about how to apply to NeuroNEXT, please visit our website, www.neuronext.org

ACKNOWLEGEMENT

The NeuroNEXT Network is supported by the National Institute for Neurologic Disorders and Stroke **Clinical Coordinating Center U01NS077179** Data Coordinating Center U01NS077352

All trials completed enrollment on time, with enrollment rates far 80% of data entered within 7 days of collection; 94% in 30 days.