

SC Minutes from 10.9.14

Present: Maine, Tufts, MedStar, South Carolina, Florida, Atlanta, Beth Israel, Northwestern, Tennessee, Pennington, HealthPartners, Kansas, Baylor, Nebraska, UT Southwestern, Stanford, NIDDK

Committee Updates

Committees that have met since last SC meeting –

RRS – built a number of resources for sites on the portal including in depth information sheets on recruiting women with GDM, retention and recruiting Hispanics. At the annual meeting, there will be a 1 hour recruitment session where sites will collaborate to improve/expand their current recruitment strategies.

ASES – lots of activity recently. Currently, there are 5 RO1s; 3 were sent to NIH in June and 2 which will be submitted next month. There has not been a new LOI submission in a few months. PIs should start thinking about potential ancillary studies and submit them.

Recruitment Update

579 – randomized to date

61 – randomized in August & September

We need to be above 100/month in order to meet our recruitment deadline of November 2015. The next DSMB meeting is at the end of November. Seeing August and September were so slow we need to October and November to be great. We cannot lose momentum due to the holidays like last year. This year the CC is working with the Central Lab to have the lab open one day during the week of Christmas and one day during the week of New Year's. This way there will be no interruption of visits. D2d staff members should be able to take vacation time during the holidays but there should be enough cross training that vacation time will not negatively impact D2d.

Retention

Now that we are almost a year into recruitment the DSMB will be looking into retention. Included in the meeting reports was a summary of missed visits (19), many of these participants have come back since the missed visit. Eventually this report will be split into "missed visits" and "out of contact with" to differentiate between participants who have returned for visits and those who have not. This report reiterates the importance of finding "good" participants who plan to follow through with all visits.

Participant Events – many sites have held their first participant event. So far, all have received positive feedback from participants. Examples of invitations and letters sites have sent to participants are available on the portal (Recruitment Resource Center).

The CC has ordered D2d t-shirts for sites to use at events. Sites can expect to receive t-shirts by the last week of October.