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Got Questions?

TMS Questions:

Urgent (during TMS procedure)

Call or text TMS hotline at:

(833) 337-2227

Monday – Friday 0800 – 2100h EST

Non-urgent TMS questions Email:

verify.study.tms@gmail.com

Enrollment Questions:

verifystudy@ucmail.uc.edu

****Please include “VERIFY Enrollment Question” in the subject line!!!****

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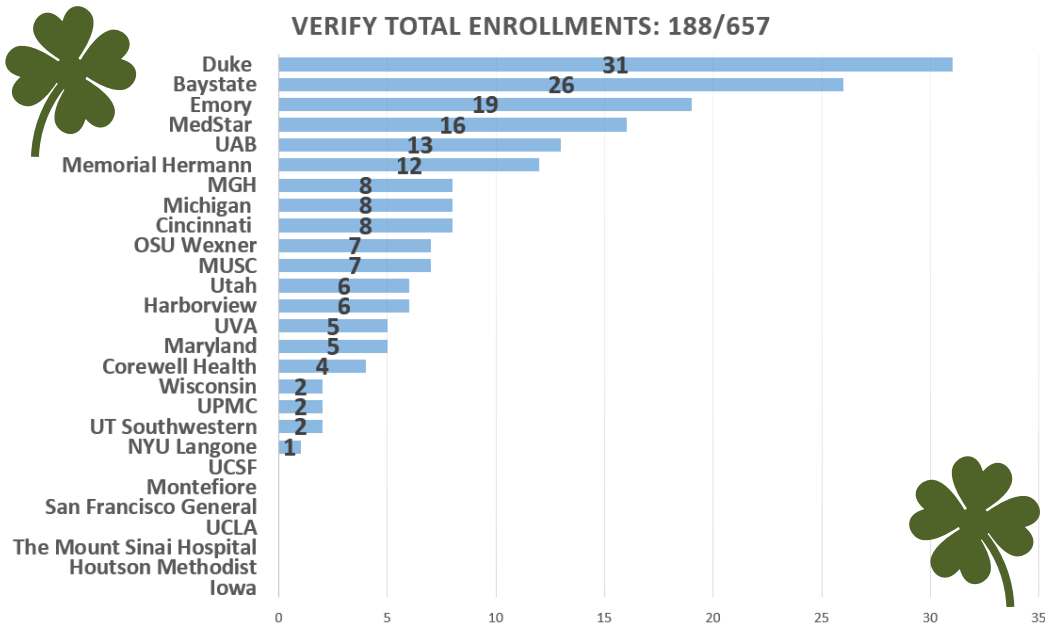
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Great to see some of you at ISC! While very disappointed to cancel our June in-person mtg due to funding cuts, we are very grateful for this team of researchers determined to help people who suffer stroke. Please keep the enrollments coming and let us know how we can troubleshoot barriers at your sites. Thank you all!

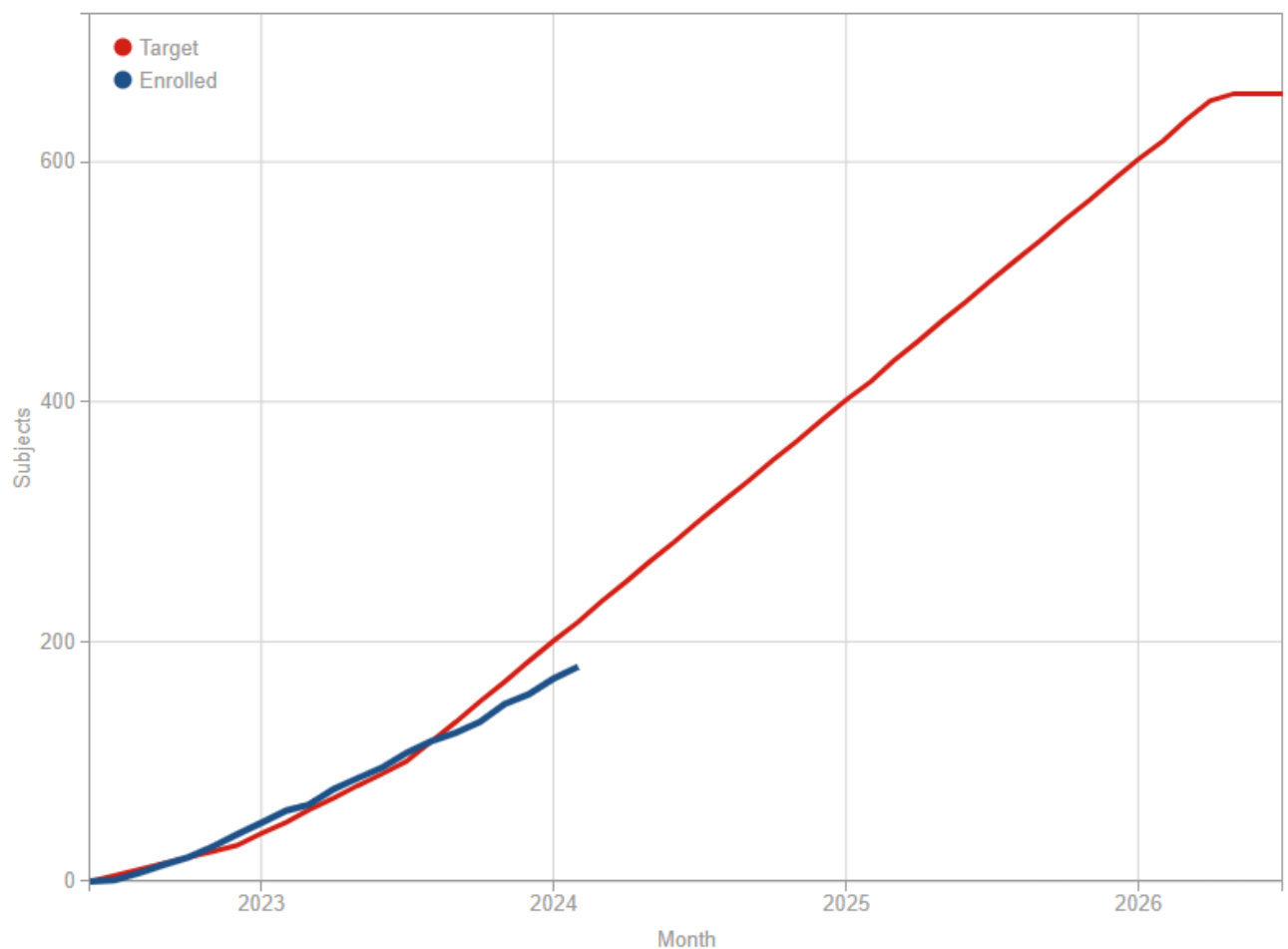
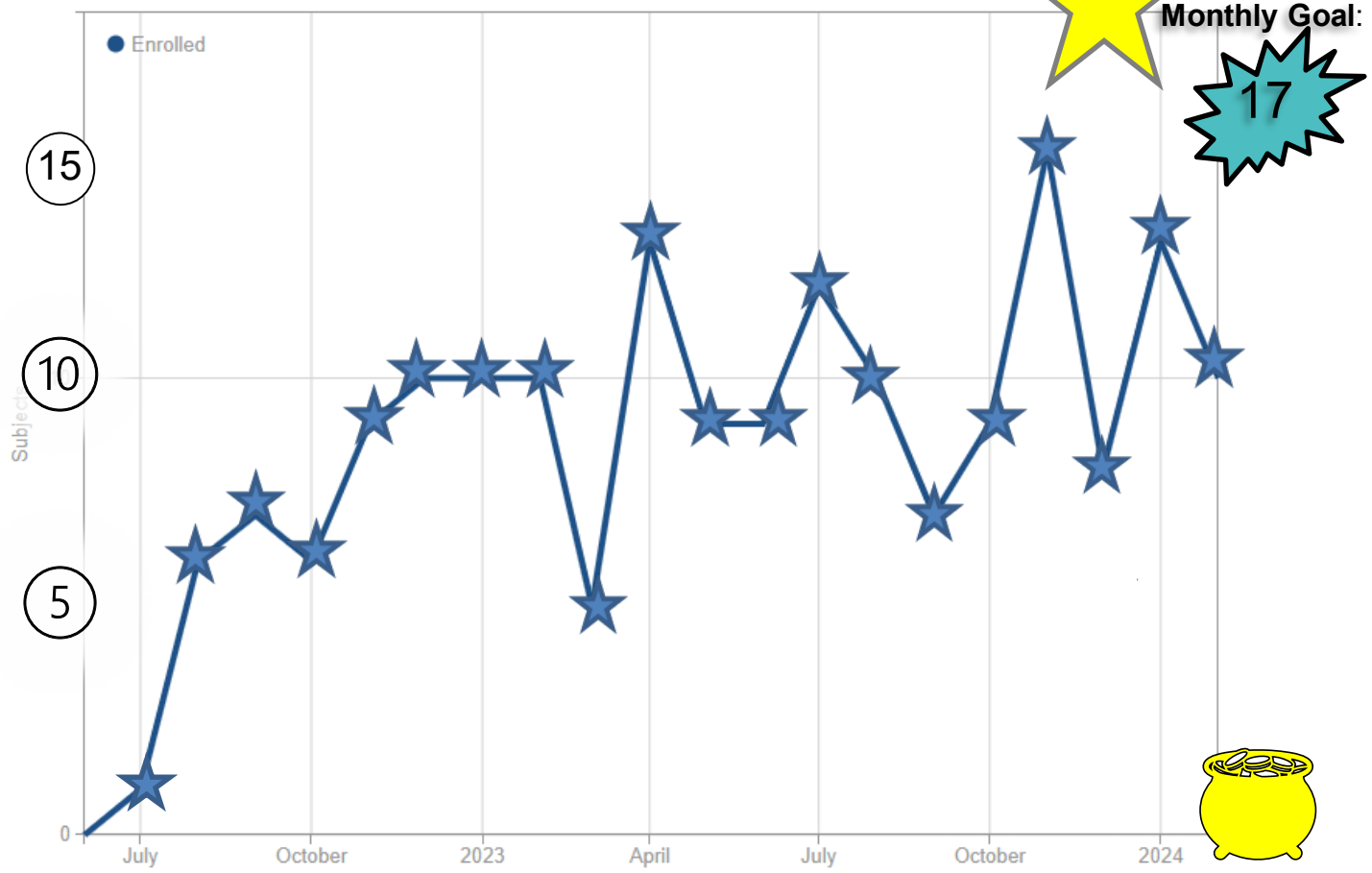
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Enrollment Update

VERIFY TOTAL ENROLLMENTS: 188/657



Enrollment Status



Study Announcements

- **Continuing Review 2024**
 - Sites will be allowed to submit their CR on the ADVARRA website starting on February 15th
 - All sites must have their CR submitted by March 14th
 - Study Team submitted the CR for your site on your behalf if it was not submitted on time.

- **NEW: SAFE score training demo-**
 - Available for viewing on the Feb PI/CRC webinar location on the VERIFY page on the StrokeNet Website.

- **ATTENTION: Virtual Investigator Meeting 2024**
 - Dates: June 4th 2PM EST to 5 PM EST
 - Who should attend? Site PI, PSC, TMS operators, ARAT/FM assessors, and any other team members who wish to attend.
 - A placeholder calendar invite has been sent out and the webinar calendar invite will be coming soon
 - Stay tuned for more details to come
 - **Please note the in-person meeting has been canceled**

- **Have a real-time quick enrollment question?**
 - Email: verifystudy@ucmail.uc.edu
 - ****Please include VERIFY Enrollment Question in the email subject line****



HAPPY ST.

PATRICKS DAY



To Our VERIFY Family!!

Pearls of WISDOM

Advice and Suggestions



Patients are eligible with a SAFE score of 8/10 or less

The SAFE score is calculated by adding the Shoulder Abduction score out of 5 to the Finger Extension score out of 5.

Example: SA = 4 and FE = 4 then SAFE = 8 and the patient is eligible.

Example: SA = 5 and FE = 3 then SAFE = 8 and the patient is eligible.

Remember that half of patients with an NIHSS Motor Arm Score of zero have a SAFE score ≤ 8 and are eligible! So please screen patients by obtaining their SAFE score even if they have an NIHSS Motor Arm Score of zero.



A video demonstration for how to obtain the SAFE score has been uploaded to the SAFE score training page and it should be viewed by anyone obtaining SAFE scores for VERIFY

<https://verifytraining.blogs.auckland.ac.nz/safe-score/>



Confused about VERIFY assessment trainings?

New resources available in WebDCU toolbox labeled '*Study Assessments and Training Information*.' This document goes into details regarding each training assessment. Study supplies and re-certification.



Noisy EMG from electrical noise during TMS?

Use skin prep tape or cream to lightly abrade the skin during skin preparation before applying the EMG electrodes. This improves electrode contact and can reduce electrical noise and prolonged stimulus artefacts.



Site Monthly Spotlight



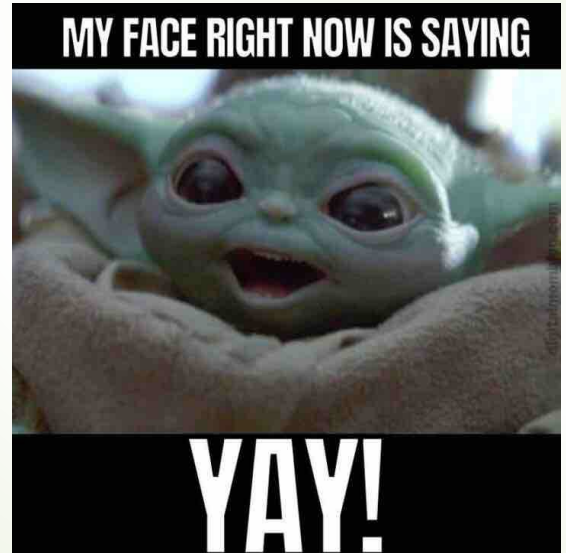
February Achievements:

Top Enroller(s) :

Baystate Medical Center, MedStar Washington Hospital Center, University of Alabama Hospital & Corewell Health Butterworth Hospital (2 enrollments)

Top Pre-Screener(s):

University of Wisconsin



VERIFY(ed) Extraordinary Staff:

- Congratulations to Cassidy Anderson and Megan Grainger with the Medstar VERIFY Team for submitting excellent TMS datasets for their two VERIFY participants recruited in February



Race to Activation

Race to Activation Tracker															
Site Name	CTA Executed	CIRB Approved	DOA Approved	Investigator agreement form's uploaded	TMS Shipping Address entered	TMS Machine obtained	At least 1 TMSO online training Completed	Greenlight ed to start TMS HV Training	Uploaded TMS HV data to RedCAP	TMS HV Training Completed for at least 1 TMSO	TMS Technique Check	MRI Phantom Approved	All WebDCU Documents uploaded	Site Activation Meeting Completed	Site Activated
Lahey Hospital & Medical Center	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green
Penn State Hershey Medical Center	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green
Prisma Health Richland Hospital	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green
Pennsylvania Hospital	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green
Strong Memorial Hospital	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green
Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green
Birmingham VA Medical Center	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Keck Hospital of USC	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Wake Forest Baptist Health	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

Is your site stuck?

Need Help Advancing in the Race to Activation?

- Virtual TMS Healthy Volunteer 1:1 sessions are being scheduled now! Contact Harry Jordan to schedule your session: verify.study.tms@gmail.com
- Having issues getting an MRI Phantom? We can help with that! Contact Tyler Behymer to schedule a call or meeting: behymetp@ucmail.uc.edu
- Have any other study related questions or issues? Contact the Project Managers Kalli Beasley and Max Mays!! beasleki@ucmail.uc.edu ; maysmw@ucmail.uc.edu



You got this!

Webinar Information

- PI/CRC webinars occur on the 3rd Monday of each month, 4pm-5pm EDT. **Next PI/CRC webinar is on 3.18.2024.**
 - <https://ucincinnati.zoom.us/j/92919997979?pwd=UEMrY2ZTTXgzZWJVTnBoQXR2ZIB2UT09>
 - Meeting ID: 929 1999 7979 Passcode: 708995
- CRC webinars occur on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 12pm-1pm EDT. **Next CRC webinar is on 3.26.2024**
 - <https://ucincinnati.zoom.us/j/95231335017?pwd=T01mZUZaek01Vnh1anFPV3hiSVMzZz09>
 - Meeting ID: 952 3133 5017 Passcode: 398747

Past Webinars available:

- <https://www.nihstrokenet.org/trials/verify/webinars> Password: Verifying

