

Validation of Early Prognostic Data for Recovery Outcome after Stroke for Future, Higher Yield Trials

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Got Questions?

TMS Questions:

<u>Urgent</u> (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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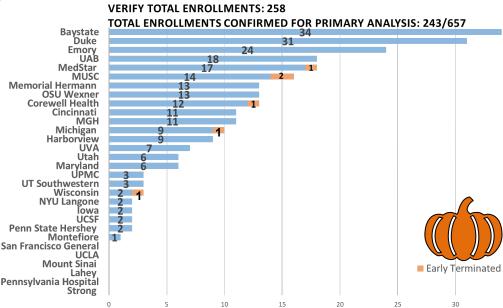
Stroke Fact of the Month:

Did you know that according to the CDC about 1 in 5 women between the ages of 55 and 75 will have a stroke?

Reference-Click HERE

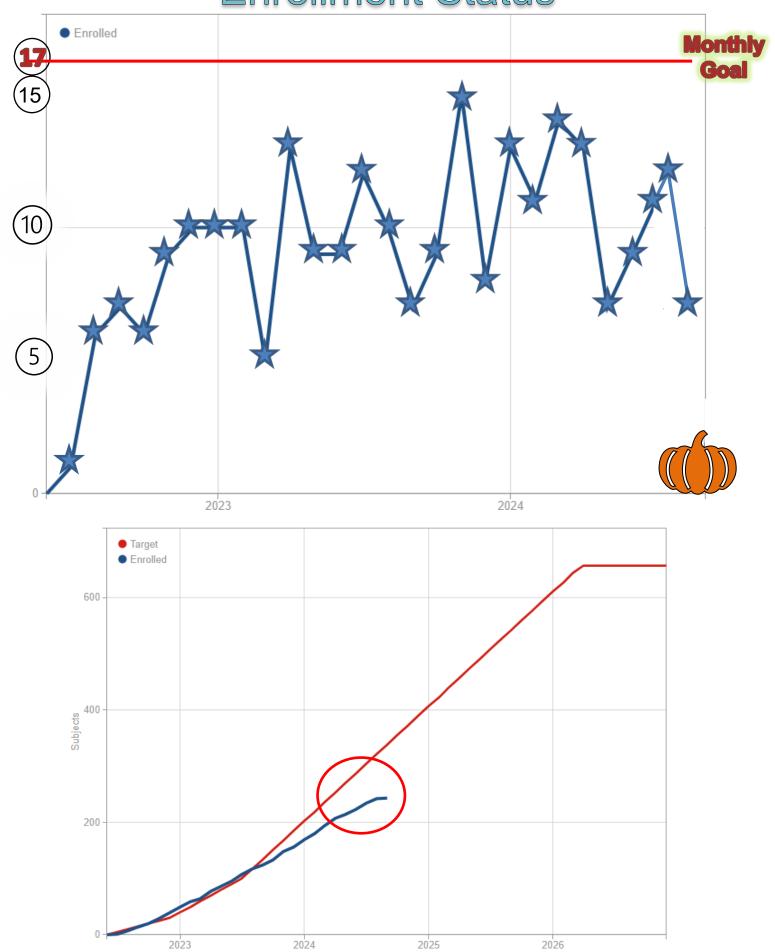


Enrollment Update





Enrollment Status



Month



Back to School Enrollment Contest

Time frame: August 1st – October 31st

Reward: Activated sites will get a pizza party & preparing for activation sites will receive VERIFY brain pins!

How to qualify:

Activated sites:

 Must enroll at least <u>3 subjects</u> in the 3-month period (early terminated subjects do not count)

Preparing for activation sites:

Must be activated in WebDCU by the end of October

Contest September Progress Report:

Activated sites:

Sites with 3 enrollments (Winners!):

- 1. Medical University of South Carolina Sites with Two enrollments:
- 2. University of Alabama
- 3. Emory University Hospital
- 4. OSU
- 5. Baystate
- 6. Corewell
- 7. Penn State Hershey

Sites with One enrollment:

- 8. Memorial Hermann
- 9. University of Cincinnati
- 10. MGH
- 11. U. Wisconsin

Preparing for activation sites:

Sites that have activated (Winners!):

- 1. Pennsylvania Hospital
- 2. Strong Memorial Hospital

Sites close to activation!

- 3. Prisma Health Richland Hospital
- 4. Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin



₩ERTFY TMS Protocol Required Supplies

The per-patient payment for Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) in the VERIFY study encompasses both personnel efforts and the essential supplies required to fully implement the TMS protocol. Below is a list of the necessary supplies, along with recommended brands to ensure proper execution and consistency of performing TMS. Skin prep helps ensure the EMG is recorded without electrical noise issues.

Skin Prep: Start by shaving the skin to remove any hair in the area. Afterward, clean the skin thoroughly using an alcohol wipe to eliminate oils and dirt. Any type of razor and alcohol wipes can be used for this step.



Skin Prep- part 2: Next, lightly exfoliate the skin using either prep tape or prep cream applied on a tissue. This gentle exfoliation enhances conductivity, reducing noise interference during the EMG. Recommended brands for this step include:

- Prep Tape: 3M™ Red Dot™ Trace Prep 2236
- Prep Cream: Nuprep® Skin Prep Gel

Electrodes: You may use either self-adhesive disposable recording electrodes or re-usable metal cup electrodes for electrode placement. If using metal cup electrodes, ensure they are filled with conductive gel or paste and securely taped to each site. For self-adhesive disposable recording electrodes, we recommend using 3M™ Red Dot™ Pediatric Monitoring Electrodes with 3M™ Micropore™ Tape Backing 2248-50







Electrode Removal: Carefully remove the recording electrodes and clean the underlying skin using an alcohol wipe. For patients with sensitive or fragile skin, REMOVE Adhesive Remover Wipes by Smith & Nephew can be used to gently remove adhesive tape and electrodes. Any mild reddening of the skin from EMG preparation is typically temporary and usually does not require treatment.



Study Announcements & Reminders

- REQUESTED: Minor updates to the DOA
 - Only TMS Operators (TMSO's) should be assigned "SC Administer TMS." Any team members assigned "SC Administer TMS" on the DOA that are not also assigned TMSO should not have this responsibility. Please update you DOA as soon as possible and remove SC from all that this applies to.
 - Any study team member who will complete the RFA assessment for the 30-day & or 90-day visit need to now be assigned "SE- Administer RFA" on the DOA. Please update you DOA as soon as possible and ensure at least one team member has been assigned this task.
 - Contact Max Mays with any questions or concerns regarding the DOA!
- REMINDER: Have a new study coordinator? Have them schedule a study information and training session with Kalli & Max!
- o **REMINDER:** Answer all pending DCR queries and violations in WebDCU.
 - Subject visits will not be paid until all issues have been resolved.
 - Contact Natalia Hayes with any questions regarding these!
 - ** hayesna@musc.edu **
- REMINDER: All Pre-screen failures & Screen Failures should be entered into WebDCU by the end of each month!







Site Monthly Spotlight



September Achievements:

Top Enroller(s) with 2 enrollments each:

- 1. Corewell Health
- 2. Penn State Hershey
- 3. U. Wisconsin

Site First Enrollment!!

 Penn State Hershey (first & second on the same day!)



Top Pre-Screener(s):

- 1. U. Wisconsin
- 2. Penn State Hershey

VERIFY(ed) Extraordinary Team Member:

Dr. Lorie Richards the Site PI for University of Utah was nominated this month as our extraordinary team member by her local team.

"She is the department Chair for Occupational and Recreational Therapies and some how she manages to do it all when it comes to VERIFY.

She doesn't shy away from coming in during off hours to administer study assessment, from traveling long distances to see patients, and she stays highly compliant with the protocol.

We feel that she is amazing, and this nomination is more than well deserved."

Thank you, Dr. Richards, for all your hard work!



Do you have an extraordinary team member that you want to be recognized? Let us know by emailing verifystudy@ucmail.uc.edu and nominate them for the next newsletter!



Race to Activation

Race to Activation Tracker																	
Site Name	CTA Executed	CIRB Approved			WebDCU				TMS Training						— /		Site
			d MRI Survey Submitted	MRI Protocol Approved	DOA Approved	agreement	Address	Machine	TMSO online	to start TMS	data to	Training	TMS Technique Check	MRI Phantom Approved	Documents uploaded		
Prisma Health Richland Hospital															3		
Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin												3					
Birmingham VA Medical Center																	
Keck Hospital of USC				**								/ 7		4			
Westchester Medical Center			4						4	A Z							4

Is your site stuck?



Need Help Advancing in the Race to Activation?

- Having problems with TMS online modules or with HV training?
 Contact Harry Jordan to schedule a 1:1 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 10/21/24

Meeting ID: 929 1999 7979 Passcode: 708995

 $\underline{https://ucincinnati.zoom.us/j/92919997979?pwd=UEMrY2ZTTXgzbWJVTnBoQXR2ZIB2UT09}$

CRC webinars occur on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 12pm-1pm EDT.
 Next CRC webinar is 10/29/2024

Meeting ID: 841 8046 6951 Passcode: 367867

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https://www.nihstrokenet.org/trials/verify/webinars

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