

Multi-center randomized clinical trials network for neurorehabilitation interventions, sponsored by the WFNR and ASNR

The World Federation of NeuroRehabilitation (www.wfnr.co.uk) and its national societies aim to promote education and research. One approach will be to join clinicians together to conduct multi-center randomized clinical trials (MRCTs) of simple-to-perform interventions. This program is supported by the WFNR's Research Committee, chaired by Bruce H. Dobkin, MD, by the American Society of NeuroRehabilitation (www.asnr.com), and by a grant from the National Institutes of Health with PIs Michael Selzer, MD, PhD (University of Pennsylvania) and Dr. Dobkin (University of California Los Angeles). These funds will maintain the Web-based interactive data entry system and the statistical and data management group. No funds can be provided to an institution by the WFNR/ASNR at this time.

By participating in the proposed trials, clinicians and members of the rehabilitation team can acquire experience that may enable them to develop their own center's studies, come to appreciate the scientific rationale for controlled trials, and participate with colleagues around the world. Over time, we anticipate that network participants will suggest both commonly used and novel interventions that may be of interest for the network to test. We believe that the network will enrich your experience in patient care and give you greater access to experts in the discipline of rehabilitation science and patient care. All trials will adhere to CONSORT criteria and advanced registration. Successfully completed studies will be a priority for peer-reviewed publication in the WFNR/ASNR-sponsored journal, *Neurorehabilitation and Neural Repair* (<http://nnr.sagepub.com>) with all contributors listed.

To participate, you must fill in the applications and agree to follow the first research protocol and submit an approved Informed Consent. All interactions will take place via a dedicated Web site once it is clear that enough sites are interested. If you have special requirements for participation or find some aspect of the protocol difficult, please email Dr. Dobkin at bdobkin@mednet.ucla.edu with your questions. The goal is to initiate the first trial in September, 2006.

APPLICATION TO JOIN WFNR/ASNR MULTI-CENTER RANDOMIZED CLINICAL TRIALS NETWORK FOR NEUROREHABILITATION RESEARCH

(Save THIS application to your desktop as a Word file, fill out information, put an X in front of the multiple choice answers, Save, and email as an attachment to Bruce Dobkin (bdobkin@mednet.ucla.edu)

NAMES OF INVESTIGATOR(S):

INSTITUTION:

ADDRESS OF PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Your role: medical director program director attending other (describe)

NUMBER OF SUBJECTS WITH **STROKE** YOU EXPECT TO ENTER EACH MONTH:

1 2-3 4-5 6-7

AVERAGE INPATIENT REHAB DAYS FOR **STROKE**

<10 10-15 16-21 22-28 >29-35 >36

FOR **SCI**:

<10 10-15 16-21 22-28 >29-35 >36

FOR **TBI**:

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OTHER INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS:

**APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE WFNR/ASNR MRCT:
A Walking Study for Stroke Rehabilitation**

DO YOU AGREE TO FOLLOW THE RESEARCH PROTOCOL?

- a. Identify all admissions for eligibility? Yes No

- b. Have subjects sign an Informed Consent approved by your local institution and keep this for 2 years after the end of the trial? Yes No

- c. Adhere to the Methods, including randomization of all eligible subjects, blinded observer outcome measures, and enter data in a timely fashion? Yes No

- d. Try to have subjects tested at 3 and 6 months from the date of entry.
 Yes No

Your participation cannot begin until you send us a copy of the letter of approval for your Informed Consent and a signed copy of this agreement to:

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Signatures of investigators:

Date:

