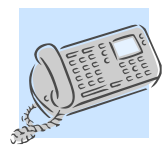


Introducing NCRAD's ADC Newsletter!

Each quarter, NCRAD will be sending an electronic update to the ADCs/ADRCs with information about samples received, current initiatives and updates. Please contact Kelley Faber at kelfaber@iu.edu with any suggestions for topics.

Conference Calls



Thank you to everyone who participated in a conference call with us last spring. We appreciated the opportunity to discuss blood sample collection strategies with each Center. As the ADGC sample initiative reimbursement nears its end we plan to touch base with all Centers again. Kelley will begin to contact each Center this month to schedule a call in February or March.

We hope that each Center is able to continue to contribute blood to NCRAD from all subjects followed in their Clinical Core after the reimbursement ends. At that time, the procedures will remain largely the same. However, instead of a per subject reimbursement from NACC and the ADGC, NCRAD will be covering all shipping expenses. The site will not receive a financial reimbursement. NCRAD will continue to provide to the contributing site, one free aliquot of DNA extracted from the blood sample. Please contact Kelley if you are interested in receiving DNA aliquots from submitted samples.

A Central Repository with DNA available to match the rich dataset collected for all subjects seen in the ADCs is a very valuable resource for the field of Alzheimer's disease. We hope that you will continue to support this effort!

Annual Sample Distribution Reports

During our conference calls last year, several Center Directors requested additional summary reports to document their contributions to NCRAD and AD research. Every January, NCRAD will be sending a Sample Distribution Report to all Centers contributing samples to NCRAD. This report is intended to assist your Center in demonstrating your contribution to sample banking efforts encouraged by NIA.

The report summarizes the number of samples provided by your site, as part of initiatives banking samples at NCRAD. For example, a Center could be sending samples as part of the ADGC, ADNI, and LOAD initiatives. Please note that the number of samples provided on the report is a count of unique individuals within a study. Some studies are collecting longitudinal samples or multiple types of samples and these are not distinguished.

The annual report also summarizes how frequently samples contributed by your site are requested by researchers. The report shows the total number of samples contributed by your site that were ever distributed to researchers as well as the number that were distributed in the past year. This is a total count and is not restricted to unique subjects. Samples from the same subject may be requested by more than one investigator. This count does not reflect the samples that were returned to the contributing site as their one free aliquot.

Our new summary report also provides the number of unique investigators that have requested samples contributed by your Center. We provide this information for the past year and also in a cumulative form across all years. Finally, all NIH grants that were supported by the samples contributed by your site are listed.

We hope you find this report useful for your Center's renewal application!