



CLARiTI CONNECT

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CLARiTI Connect is a newsletter distributed by the CLARiTI administrative teams at UW–Madison and the National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center. CLARiTI Connect contains current information about study progress, operations updates, news and training opportunities. Thank you for connecting!

Important Study Operation Memo

CLARiTI P30

We are pleased to introduce guidance to assist P30 ADRCs in meeting their new 24/yr ATN imaging requirement. ADRCs will now have the option to leverage the regulatory, data management, and quality infrastructure of CLARiTI to help them meet their requirement. Sites undergoing renewal this year may consider this opportunity in their June submission. The detailed memo outlining the options and factors to consider for opting into this opportunity is linked below.

[CLARiTI P30 Memo](#)

Events & Webinars

CLARiTI Webinar: NCRAD / Blood Biomarkers in CLARiTI & Neuropath Overview

June 20 at 11:00 am ET | 10:00 am CT | 8:00 am PT

Join this hour-long webinar for brief updates about CLARiTI, followed by a presentation on NCRAD / Blood Biomarkers protocols and a Neuropath overview, led by CLARiTI mPIs and Plasma Biomarker Core co-leads **Dr. Tatiana Foroud** and **Dr. Jeff Dage**, and Neuropathology Core lead and mPI **Dr. Dirk Keene**.

[Register Today](#)

Inclusion Corner

Reminder: Please send the CLARiTI Inclusion Core your nominations for the CLARiTI Community-Science Partnership Board (CSPB)

Do you know a community member who can help us with inclusion efforts for CLARiTI? Please consider nominating them for the CSPB, which will meet quarterly on Zoom beginning late summer 2024 to discuss how to engage and recruit participants from under-represented populations (URPs). We particularly welcome nominations of individuals from the following groups: men, individuals with 12 or less years of education, and ADRC study participants or study partners. However, all nominations will be greatly appreciated.

Members of the CSPB will receive an honorarium for each quarterly meeting attended, in appreciation of their time and contributions.

More information is available via [the nomination form](#). Please submit nominations by Friday, June 14, 2024. If you have already submitted a nomination, thank you!

Results from Inclusion Core Site Survey

The Inclusion Core Survey: Understanding ADRC site's needs in recruitment and retention of underrepresented populations (URPs). Here are top-line results:

- 32/36 ADRCs responded to the survey.
- Sites reported scheduling as a common challenge, suggesting that study procedure appointments should extend beyond Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.
- Many sites reported participant reluctance toward study procedures such as PET scans.
- 27/32 sites have a Community Advisory Board, Participant Advisory Board, or Participant Advisory Council
 - Of these, all 27 reported openness to discuss CLARiTI-related issues at a future meeting of the group.
- 50 percent of sites surveyed reported the capacity to enroll Spanish-speaking participants.

Results from this survey are integral in shaping the Inclusion Core's resource toolkit for engaging locally with URPs. Thank you for your thoughtful and detailed responses. We value feedback from all of our ADRC partners; ORE Cores,

community members, and inclusion experts. For any questions or comments, please reach out to us at clariti-inclusion@medicine.wisc.edu.

Inclusion Core: Staff Update

The Inclusion Core welcomes Alexander Robateau as its newest member! Alex joins the national CLARiTI Inclusion Core team as the Study Coordinator. He is based at Mount Sinai.

Alex received a BA in Psychology and Asian Studies from the City College of New York and an MA in Clinical Psychology from Teachers College, Columbia University. After graduation, he worked on the international NIA-funded Long Life Family Study as data manager of its Columbia University site. Alex is interested in research involving capacity-building in low- and middle-income countries, migrant mental health, culturally-informed psychology, and racial and ethnic mental health disparities. A native New Yorker, Alex currently resides in the Bronx with his partner.

Alexander Robateau



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[CLARiTI Team Gathers at 2024 Spring ADRC Meeting in Austin](#)



From left to right, top to bottom: Kelsey Shuda, Erin Chin, Heather O'Connell, Haley Kohl, Dr. Annalise Rahman-Filipiak, Dr. Lindsay Clark, Dr. Nate Chin and Laurie Robertson connect with attendees between sessions. Dr. Mónica Rivera Mindt presents at CLARiTI breakout session.

The 2024 Spring ADRC Meeting held May 6-7 in Austin, TX, marked the first in-person gathering of the ADRC consortium for Clarity in ADRD through imaging.

The CLARiTI breakout session on May 6 included presentations from CLARiTI's Inclusion, Disclosure, Visual Reads, and Administrative cores. The 100 in-person and 105 online attendees heard from Drs. Sterling Johnson, Mónica Rivera Mindt, Ozioma Okonkwo, Dorothy Farrar-Edwards, Annalise Rahman-Filipiak, Lindsay Clark, Gil Rabinovici, and Beth Mormino. Speakers highlighted results from recent surveys, and presented study plans for facilitating enrollment of underrepresented groups, advancing disclosure practices, and reading scans.

[Review the slide deck.](#)

[View the recording of the CLARiTI session.](#)

Submissions for CLARiTI Connect

Please share your CLARiTI related news, job postings, etc., with [Phoebe Frenette](#), [CLARiTI Communications Specialist](#).

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