



Clinical Task Force Report

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Review

Principle

- NIA mandate

Goals

- View all ADCs as one database
- Allow many research questions to be addressed
- Promote collaborative studies

Collaboration requires a uniform dataset

- Shared measures
- Standardized administration



Review

- Task Force appointed by NIA (9/02)
- Through 10/02 – 3/03, developed batteries of clinical and neuropsych measures
- Draft batteries presented at ADC Directors' Meeting, March 29, 2003 (Honolulu)



Feedback

- Minimum database not minimal
- Will interfere with current batteries in use at individual ADCs
- Burden/effort to incorporate
- Not all controls have informants
- A single battery will not optimally address all subject groups
- Not hypothesis driven



Consensus

A state of mutual agreement among members of a group where all legitimate concerns of individuals have been addressed to the satisfaction of the group (Saint & Lawson, 1994)

- Agreement means unity (not unanimity)
- Each person has the opportunity to express concerns that are understood and considered by group members
- Trust
- Focus on facts
- Commitment to the group above self interests

Task Force Plans

- Survey all Clinical Cores on clinical and neuropsych batteries for UDS
- Assimilate responses and comments, modify batteries as indicated
- Distribute draft batteries to ADCs for “final” comment
- Present batteries for approval at ADC Directors’ Meeting, 4/04, San Francisco
- With NACC, develop Manual of Operations for adopted batteries