

Neuropsychiatry Work Group

(NPWG)

In Conjunction with the

National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center

NPWG: Purpose

- To provide an organizational framework that facilitates the systematic investigation of neuropsychiatric phenomena in dementias using NACC data and resources
- To address unmet needs for instruments, assessments, and interventions for neuropsychiatric symptoms in dementias

NPWG: Outcomes

- Optimize use of data collected by ADCs
- Develop needed tools
- Prioritize NP-related research questions
- Attract behavioral/translational scientists to ADCs
- Improve understanding of basis and treatment of NP sx in dementias

NPWG: First Project

- NIA/NINDS meeting on DLB and dementia of PD (September 20,21)
- Identified need for tools to better characterize
 - Fluctuations
 - Visual hallucinations
- NPWG will organize interested centers, integrating on-going work from centers and investigators (Tsuang, Ferman, Boeve, Leverenz, etc)

NPWG Process

- Identify individuals with expertise and interest in specific NP-related questions
- Develop an approach to data capture, organization, analysis, and publication in conjunction with the NACC
- If interested, please contact Jeff Cummings

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