MR3 Network Bi-Monthly Videoconference Minutes
Wednesday, September 21, 2016

On the call: Marcos Bamman, REACT; Christina Crowe, REACT; Michael Fordis, Baylor; Richard Greenwald, TREAT; Jen Hicks, NCSRR; Lyn Jakeman, NIH; Tony Jones, NC NM4R; Laura Miller, AR3T; Robert Motl, REACT; Ralph Nitkin, NIH; Kenneth Ottenbacher, CDLR; Karen Page, TREAT; Grace Peng, NIH; Carla Perna, REACT; Katharine Schneider, Baylor; Richard Segal, NC NM4R

1. NIH Updates: Dr. Alison Cernich and Dr. Ralph Nitkin
   a. NIH is enhancing the stewardship of Clinical Trials
      i. In the months ahead, the NIH will require that all applications involving clinical trials must be submitted through a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) specifically designed for clinical trials. This means that the NIH will no longer accept clinical trial applications through "parent" FOA announcements or through other FOAs that are not specifically designed to accept clinical trials.
      ii. A reminder that all trials much be registered in Clinical Trials.gov
      iii. In this context, the NIH is defining a ‘clinical trial’ as a research study in which one or more human subjects are prospectively assigned to one or more interventions (which may include placebo or other control) to evaluate the effects of those interventions on health-related biomedical or behavioral outcomes.

2. Tuesday, December 5, afternoon board meeting: National Advisory Board on Medical Rehabilitation Research, Bethesda, MD
   a. Meets twice annually
   b. Center directors attend and each present 15-20 minutes
   c. Board has 18 members: 12 representing health & scientific disciplines related to medical rehabilitation and 6 representing persons with disabilities (see Roster here: https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/advisory/nabmrr/Pages/index.aspx)
   d. Would like to hear how MR3 Network can advise investigators
      i. What is the value added of these centers?
      ii. What are they offering to the research community?
      iii. Administrative barriers and solutions/opportunities
      iv. Sense of successes, captured in both broader metrics & vignettes
      v. MR3 Network can provide a template to ensure commonalities in how we measure

3. Update on the promotion of the Network at the following meetings:
• **NCMRR/REACT Center Clinical Trials Workshop**—September 29–30, Bethesda, MD—final agenda available on REACT site
  
• **Symposium on Regenerative Rehabilitation**—October 14–16, Atlanta, GA
  
• **NC NM4R Level 1 Workshops** in Spinal Cord Plasticity—October 24–28, 2016
  
• **Virtual Workshop for Advanced OpenSim Users**—October 24–28
  
• **ACRM 93rd annual conference**, October 31–November 4, Chicago, IL
  
  o Dr. Rick Greenwald and Dr. Jon Lurie will be presenting “Evading the Valley of Death: Best Practices for Commercializing Rehabilitation and Assistive Technologies” on November 4th at 10am
  
  o Dr. Rob Motl presenting symposium on sedentary behavior

• **Spinal Cord Plasticity in Motor Control Symposium at Neuroscience 2016**—November 11, 2016
  
• **Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting**—November 12–16, San Diego, CA
  
  o Rehabilitation social event Monday, November 14—contact Tony Jones
  
  o AR3T will be at booth 4002; NM4R will be across the aisle at booth 4003

• **International Society of Biomechanics 26th Annual Congress**—July 13–17, Brisbane, Australia (?)

4. Internal Communication: Bi-monthly MR3 Network newsletter
  
  • Premiere issue sent—did you share with your listservs?
  
  • **Marcas Bamman**—**We need your help in building this list**

5. External Communication: Quarterly national e-newsletter, “Medical Rehabilitation Quarterly:”
  
  • need your latest scientific news for our October issue + help building list

6. MR3 External Advisory Panel—recommendations
  
  a. Should solidify before December 5 board meeting; send recommendations to Dr. Bamman, Carla Perna, and/or Christina Crowe

7. Updates on MR3 website and timeline for launch

8. Other Business
  
  a. Grace Peng—NIH policy on data management and resource sharing
    
    i. Have the MR3 EAP discuss how MR3 may advise the rehabilitation community to make data accessible and shareable, plus encourage reproducibility
    
    ii. How are you implementing workflows for aggregating data?

9. Scientific Presentations: November 16, Dr. Robert Motl and Dr. Fabrisia Ambrosio
  
  a. Please send 3 days prior to Christina Crowe
Future Call Schedule (all calls take place @ 11am CT):
Wed., Jan. 18, 2017
Wed., March 15, 2017