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MGNet Newsletter

Consortium Updates



MGNet Grant Application Deadlines are Quickly Approaching!

Scholar Program

The MGNet scholar program, provides \$78,000 per year to support preparation for an independent career dedicated to rare disease research. **Applications are due November 20, 2020 at 5PM EST.**

Pilot Program

MGNet's Pilot Grant Program will provide up to two grants of \$75,000 to support clinical research dedicated to myasthenia gravis. **Letter of Intent is due January 15, 2020**.

Visit <u>www.rarediseasesnetwork.org/mgnet</u> for more information.

MGNet Research Studies Update

EXPLORE MG 2 Study

The EXPLORE-MG2 is a natural history study to better understand disease characteristics and identify treatment predictive and responsive biomarkers. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, this study has incorporated home-blood draw service with ExamOne, division of Quest to provide alternative options for patients. The study is currently sIRB approved and a refresher training has been scheduled for MGNet sites on Monday November 23, 2020 as part of the site activation process.

ADAPT-teleMG Study

This virtual pilot study will evaluate MG tele-health visits to determine if outcome assessment tools administered in virtual setting are valid and reliable. This study is currently undergoing review with the DMCC and the NIH to be submitted to sIRB at Duke. This study expects to enroll subjects in parallel with Explore MG2. MGNet will contribute to the 2021 edition of Rare Neurological Diseases Special Report and feature this study to highlight the impact of COVID-19 and the need for virtual studies.

MGNet Uses Complion to Manage Regulatory Documents



Complion is e-regulatory platform designed to manage regulatory and clinical trial documents in one place. This e-regulatory management platform helps to improve efficiency for research sites and sponsors. MGNet sites will use this platform to manage regulatory documents across institutions. This will enable effective oversight and monitoring as all documents are centralized and easily accessible. Other advantages of complion include, ability to assign tasks with email notification, access from anywhere, document activity to reflect un-filed and filed documents, enforced standards for documents organization and much more!

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