The study continues to be conducted locally at Boston University Medical Center. Recruitment and enrollment is completed. The site enrolled 94 participants. Month-6 follow-up data collection is completed, research data collection is ongoing nearly finished for the Month-12 assessment time point. As of March 11, 2015, the site has a retention rate of 99% for Month-12.

**CTN-0051 Extended Naltrexone vs. Buprenorphine for Opioid Treatment (X:BOT):**
This study is taking place locally at Stanley Street Treatment and Resources, Inc. (SSTAR) in Fall River, Massachusetts. The site was endorsed to start recruiting and enrolling study participants on May 30, 2014. As of March 29, 2015, 37 participants are randomized into the study. Total enrollment for the study is 281 as of March 29, 2015.

**CTN-0053 Achieving Cannabis Cessation—Evaluating N-Acetylcysteine Treatment (ACCENT):**
This study being led by Kevin Gray, M.D., from the Southern Consortium Node and the Medical University of South Carolina is taking place locally at The APT Foundation in Connecticut. The primary objective of this study is to evaluate the impact of N-Acetylcysteine (NAC) 1200 mg versus matched placebo (PBO) twice daily, added to contingency management (CM), on cannabis use among treatment-seeking cannabis-dependent adults. Team APT includes Dr. Kathleen Carroll (PI), Melissa Gordon (Project Manager), Stephanie Dwy (Research Coordinator), Skye Peters (Research Assistant), Drs. Julia Shi and Jeanette Tetrault (Study MDs), and Joanne Corvino (Recruiter). Enrollment at APT began on February 10, 2014. As of March 29, 2015, the site randomized 43 participants.
Substance Use Issues and Treatment in the Media

Substance use has been covered extensively in the print media this year. Here are some titles of recent article titles from The Boston Globe, the New Bedford Standard Times, and The Herald News of Fall River.

**The Boston Globe**

- State’s Steps to control HIV seen as model: Virus suppressed in 64 percent of patients, pg. A1, January 15, 2015 (Felice J. Freyer)
- Heroin toll up sharply in state: Powerful additive, curbs on legal drugs may be the cause, pg. A1, January 30, 2015 (Brian MacQarrie)
- Governor announces new panel on opioids, pg. B1, February 20, 2015 (Felice J. Freyer)
- Infant exposure to drugs is rising: More than 1,700 born with issues in ’14 officials say, pg. B3, March 20, 2015 (Michael Levenson)
- No. Rehab. (If you want drug treatment in Massachusetts and are willing to pay $500 a day, a new facility has you covered), pg. G1, March 22, 2015 (Priyanka Dayal McCluskey)
- A Healthy Serving of Hope (At Worcester’s Café Reyes, the employees, who are former addicts, learn about food preparation—and the crucial life skills that can help them start over again), pg. B1, March 23, 2015.
- Officials: Opiate abuse threat to every family. The Herald News. March 12, 2015 (Jo C. Goode)

  *Nancy Paull, CEO of SSTAR, was quoted in the article.*

- Drug Court Provides Addicts with Alternatives to Jail. March 18, 2015 (Gerry Tuoti)
- Addicts navigate tough road to recovery. Sunday Standard Times. A5, March 22, 2015 (Gerry Tuoti)

**New SAMHSA Publication**

**Clinical Use of Extended-Release Injectable Naltrexone for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder**

PUBLICATIONS


UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

- McLean Hospital/Harvard Medical School Addictions 2015: Treatments, Comorbidities, Complex Cases, May 29-30, 2015 Cambridge, Massachusetts
  
  http://addictions.hmscme.com/

- 143rd American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting & Exposition, October 31 - November 4, 2015, Chicago, Illinois

- Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse (AMERSA) 39th Annual National Conference, November 5-7, 2015, The Fairmont Hotel, Washington, DC, Georgetown