

# **NEWSLETTER**

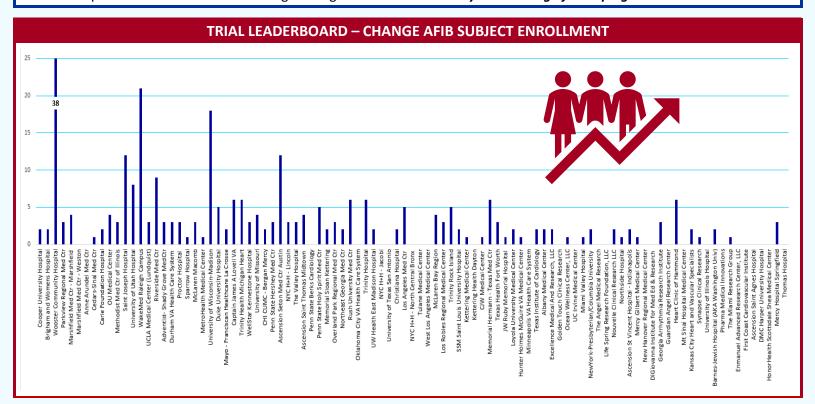
October 2023 | VOLUME 2, ISSUE 8

A Pragmatic Randomized Clinical Trial of Early Dronedarone

Change and Improve Outcomes in Persons with First-Detected Atrial Fibrillation

#### MESSAGE FROM THE TRIAL TEAM

As we transition into autumn, we'd like to thank all trial teams for another extraordinary month of engagement. In September 2023, we achieved our highest subject enrollment count to date and continue to be so appreciative of your dedication! We have seen a huge increase in subject enrollments from a variety of our trial sites! We are thrilled with the reinvigoration of some of our veteran sites as well as the new site engagement! We appreciate the dedication and efforts being made to help us towards our enrollment target and goal. We cannot thank you all enough for helping us CHANGE AFib!



# WELCOME TO OUR SEPTEMBER ACTIVATED SITES!

- Ascension Saint Agnes Hospital (Baltimore, MD)
- Barnes- Jewish Hospital (Saint Louis, MO)
- DMC Harper University Hospital (Detroit, MI)
- Enmanuel Advanced Research Center, LLC (Miami, FL)
- First Coast Cardiovascular Institute (Jacksonville, FL)
- HonorHealth Scottsdale Shea Medical Center (Scottsdale, AZ)
- Kanas City Heart and Vascular Specialist at Providence Medical Center (Kanas City, KS)
- Mercy Hospital Springfield (Springfield, MO)
- Pharma Medical Innovations (Miami Lakes, FL)
- Synapse Clinical Research (Missouri Lakes, TX)
- The Miami Research Group (Miami, FL)
- Thomas Hospital (Fairhope, AL)
- University of Illinois Hospital (Chicago, IL)



### **SEPTEMBER TRIAL MILESTONES!**

#### 1st Randomization @ Site!

- Georgia Arrhythmia Consultants and Research (Macon, GA) PI: Sogade
- New York Presbyterian/Columbia University (New York, NY) PI: Wan
- Marshfield Medical Center- Marshfield (Marshfield, WI) PI: Rezkalla
- The Miami Research Group (Miami, FL) PI: Franco
- Excellence Medical and Research, LLC (Miami, FL) PI: Bleicher
- Overland Park Regional Medical Center (Overland Park, KS) PI: Kabra
- Texas Institute of Cardiology (McKinny, TX) PI: Wahid
- Nouvelle Clinical Research (Miami, FL) PI: Haddad
- Albany Medical Center (Albany, NY) PI: Lyubarova
- Heart Clinic of Hammond (Hammond, LA) PI: Mikdadi
- CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center-Bergan Mercy (Omaha, NE) PI: Roka
- Kettering Medical Center (Kettering, OH) PI: Handel
- Northside Hospital (St Petersburg, FL) PI: Sheppard
- Synapse Cynical Research (Missouri Lakes, TX) PI: Khan



### **TRIAL UPDATES**

### **September Enrollment Competition**

- 1st Place Winner: Congrats to Heart Clinic of Hammond for being the top enroller for September by enrolling 5 subjects!
  - o Principal Investigator: Ghiath Mikdadi, MD
  - o Primary Study Coordinator: Issa Al-Ajlouni
- **2**<sup>nd</sup> **Place Winners:** We have a tie! Congratulations to both sites below for enrolling 4 subjects!



- Ascension Seton Medical Center- Austin
  - Principal Investigators: Thomas Kurian, MD
  - Primary Study Coordinators: Teonna Piphus
- Wooster Community Hospital
  - Principal Investigators: Cyril Ofori, MD
  - Primary Study Coordinators: Erica Stahl, MSN, RN

### **Data Reminders**

#### GWTG®-AFib (Trial EDC- Initial visit & Follow-up data):

- Reminder! Protocol V4.0 removed the acute are encounter inclusion criteria for subject eligibility.
- Subjects <u>WITHOUT</u> an Acute Care Encounter, meaning their first-detected AFIB was diagnosed
  in the outpatient setting, please utilize the "Outpatient (No Acute Care Encounter) Baseline
  CRF" and set of accompanying Coding Instructions ("Outpatient (No Acute Encounter) Baseline
  Coding Instructions" located in the GWTG-AFib Library).
- Subjects <u>WITH</u> an Acute Care Encounter, meaning their first-detected AFIB was diagnosed in-hospital, continue to use the standard CRF ("Baseline CRF June 2023") and Coding Instructions ("Coding Instructions August 2023" located in the GWTG-AFib Library).

#### DCRI's REDCap (Consent and Randomization System):

- Regarding Screen Fails: Subject eligibility should be confirmed prior to consent. Protocol
  eligibility should be assessed and confirmed PRIOR to consenting and registering subject in
  REDCap. While we understand that screen fails will occur, we would like to do our best to
  minimize this whenever possible.
- There were several very important REDCap reminders covered on our September 2023 Fireside Chat. Please refer to the PPT posted HERE.

# Almac Simplify<sup>™</sup> IRT (*Central Pharmacy for Intervention Arm Subjects*):

- Please continue to ONLY enter intervention arm subjects into the Almac central pharmacy IRT for study drug dispensing and shipping. Upon consenting, registering and randomization assignment <u>TO THE TREATMENT ARM</u> the subject in REDCap, sites must manually register the subject in this IRT.
- For both new and older sites needing a refresher on this system, please view the recording from our October 3, 2023 training.

#### **Electrocardiographic Evidence Clarification**

Friendly reminder that Protocol V4.0 includes a definition for ECG evidence clarification.
 Several questions on this topic arose on the last Fireside chat, to which Dr. Piccini provided further guidance. Please listen to the <u>September Fireside Chat Recording</u> (Minute 6:50) to ensure your site is all set with this topic.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **FIRESIDE CHAT DATES:**

 December 12<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-2pm EST

Do not Forget! Registration Required for ALL Fireside Chats!



# **CONFERENCES:**

 Scientific Sessions: November 11-14<sup>th</sup> in Philadelphia, PA

ENROLLMENT GOAL:

3 SUBJECTS per SITE per

MONTH

# **Celebrating CHANGE AFib Spirit**

Thank you to those who participated! We enjoyed seeing your smiling faces across the country while helping us CHANGE AFib!







**Duke University in Durham, NC**Dr. Jonathan Piccini, MD & Meghan Pergola, CRC



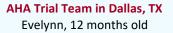
The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ Dr. Dan Musat, MD & Naomi Hatulan, RN





Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, MI
Top left to right: Sandra Mitchell, RN, Andrea Casler, RN, Lonna
Blaske, RN, Samantha Verser, Kelli Wolf & Jennifer Boak, RN.





# **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!**

- Fireside Chats, Prior Newsletters & Trial FAQ Fireside chats located HERE, prior Newsletters located HERE and the Trial FAQ V8.0
- Call for new CHANGE AFib trial sites! As we aim for 200 activated sites, we ask that you promote trial participation amongst your peer networks and connect us with any interested sites! Do not forget, we are now expanding enrollment to outpatient/RO facilities!
- **Site Invoicing** –Invoicing Template posted on the <u>trial website</u>. Please remember to send your site's trial invoices to <u>CHANGEAFibInvoicing@heart.org</u> for ALL trial activities and subject payments.

	! IMPORTANT TRIAL CONTACTS !
General Trial Questions	CHANGEAFib@heart.org
AHA Site Managers	<u>Cayla.Hadley@heart.org;</u> <u>Jack.Goldberg@heart.org;</u> <u>Mariel.Dronson@heart.org;</u>
REDCap Questions	CHANGEAF@duke.edu or Tel: 919-668-9339
GWTG®-AFib (Trial EDC) Questions	Above AHA Trial Site Managers or <a href="mailto:CHANGEAFib@heart.org">CHANGEAFib@heart.org</a>
Contracting Questions	CHANGEAFibContracting@heart.org
Invoicing Questions	CHANGEAFibInvoicing@heart.org
Adverse Event Reporting	Sanofi PV at <u>CL-CPV-Receipt@sanofi.com</u>
ALMAC IRT Questions	irthelp@almacgroup.com or 1-877-738-8831 and press 0