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“New IDEAS aims to be among the most racially and ethnically diverse Alzheimer’s disease studies ever launched. This diversity can help us better understand the impact of amyloid PET on medical management and outcomes in MCI and dementia cases and improve health equity by making Alzheimer’s research results more relevant across diverse populations,” said Gil Rabinovici, MD, Principal Investigator of the New IDEAS Study.

New IDEAS Surpasses 500 Patient Registration Milestone

Thanks to the activated dementia practices and PET imaging facilities participating in New IDEAS, the study has surpassed its first recruitment milestone of 500 patients. Of those registered, 325 have received an amyloid PET scan. Study leadership is excited to see these numbers grow in the remainder of 2021 as more practices and facilities work through the activation process.

Protocol Amendment #1 approved by IRB, Aug. 4, 2021

All dementia practices should have received an email notification with applicable

information and instructions regarding Amendment #1 approval, including the amended Protocol and a Summary of Changes. Practices that have already received their initial IRB approval will be receiving additional correspondence directly from Advarra with their updated ICF and approval notice. Once a dementia practice receives their approval notice from Advarra, they must be sure to consent patients on the new ICF document. Note: reconsenting of existing participants will not be necessary. There are no updates or changes to PET facilities' procedures associated with the study.

Continuing Review Approval Approaching September 2021

Dementia practices that have received initial IRB-approval should have received notification that study approval is set to expire Sept. 17, 2021. Every practice that is currently IRB-approved, or receive initial approval in August, MUST submit for continuing review on Advarra's CIRBI portal. Instructions on how to complete this can be found [here](#). Questions should be directed to newideas-regulatory@acr.org.

New IDEAS Biorepository and Sample Collection Launching This Month

Active study participants will begin receiving their saliva collection kits in the mail this month. Please remind patients that collection and return of saliva samples is a required process of study participation. Participants who consented into optional blood collection will receive a separate collection kit in the mail. Detailed instructions on how to complete the collection process (in both English and Spanish) will be included in the kits.

- [Saliva Collection Instructions](#)
- [Blood Collection Instructions](#)

Community Engagement and Recruitment Support Launching This Summer

Drs. Consuelo Wilkins and Peggye Dilworth-Anderson from the New IDEAS Study team hosted the first New IDEAS Recruitment and Engagement Webinar on Thursday, Aug. 5. All physicians and staff engaged in recruitment and consenting processes — who did not attend the webinar — are encouraged to review [the webinar recording](#).

The slide deck to this webinar, as well as additional recruitment related resources, can be found on the [New IDEAS Study Resources website](#). Resources include a Guide to Community Outreach and a free education course, *Faster Together, Enhancing the Recruitment of Minorities in Clinical Trials*.

First Set of Patient Recruitment Materials Now Available for Use

The New IDEAS Study team recently received IRB approval of the first set of patient recruitment materials for use in clinics and communities. Available resources can be found on the [study's website](#) and currently include:

- [New IDEAS Participant Brochure](#)
- [New IDEAS Participant Flyer](#)
- [New IDEAS Participant Poster](#)
- [New IDEAS Study Info Sheet](#)
- [New IDEAS Amyloid PET Scan Info Sheet](#)
- [Patient-facing website \(English and Spanish\)](#)

Note: Spanish translated and specifically tailored versions of the documents above are set to be available this summer.

Case Report Form Packets and Database Edits Released July 2021

The study team recently released an update to the study's electronic data capture portal, effective Friday July 2, 2021. PDF versions of the updated case report forms can be found on the [study's website](#). Notable updates include:

- Data Change Request functionality now on the Case Registration Form.
- Covid-19 vaccination status data collection on Pre-PET Form.
- Inclusion of “Persistent COVID-19 associated neurocognitive symptoms” as diagnosis option on Pre- and Post-PET forms.

Enrollment Cap Policy Notice

All dementia practices should be aware of the study's [Enrollment Cap Policy](#). As patient registrations continue to increase, the study reserves the right to cap enrollment for a physician, a dementia practice or an entire study cohort (e.g., racial and ethnic subgroups), with immediate effect.

Medicare Billing

Denise A. Merlino, CNMT, CPC, MBA, FSNMMI-TS, and Barry Siegel, MD, hosted a webinar titled, *The Nuts and Bolts of New IDEAS Reimbursement*, on May 12, 2021. A recording of the highly attended webinar, along with the slide deck and additional Medicare reimbursement information, can be found on the [study's website](#).

Still Accepting Applications — Become a Participating New IDEAS Practice or PET Facility

All dementia specialist sites and amyloid PET imaging facilities interested in becoming a participating location should [apply to take part in the New IDEAS Study](#).

Please encourage all colleagues in your area to review the New IDEAS protocol and complete either the [Dementia Expert Referring Site Questionnaire](#) or the [PET Imaging Facility Questionnaire](#).

Dementia sites and PET facilities serving large Black/African American and/or Latino/Hispanic populations are strongly encouraged to apply.

Top Accruing Sites

Total Registrations To Date	Underrepresented Minority Participant (URMP) Registrations to Date
1) Baylor AT&T Memory Center (Claudia Padilla – PI; Dallas, TX)	1) Neurological Medicine, PA (Nabeen Hussain – PI; Greenbelt, MD)
2) UCSF Department of Neurology-Memory & Aging Center (Gil Rabinovici – PI; San Francisco, CA)	2) First Choice Neurology (Victor Faradji – PI; Miami, FL)
3) Neuro-Pain Medical Center (Perminder Bhatia – PI; Fresno, CA)	3) Genesis Neuroscience Clinic (Monica Crane – PI; Knoxville, TN)

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