



International Neonatal Consortium

Workgroup Updates

Chair: Ron Portman



Accelerating the development of safe and effective therapies for neonates.

The consortium will address the need for measurement and assessment of clinical outcomes in neonates through teams that share data, knowledge, and expertise to advance medical innovation and regulatory science.

INC Priority Projects

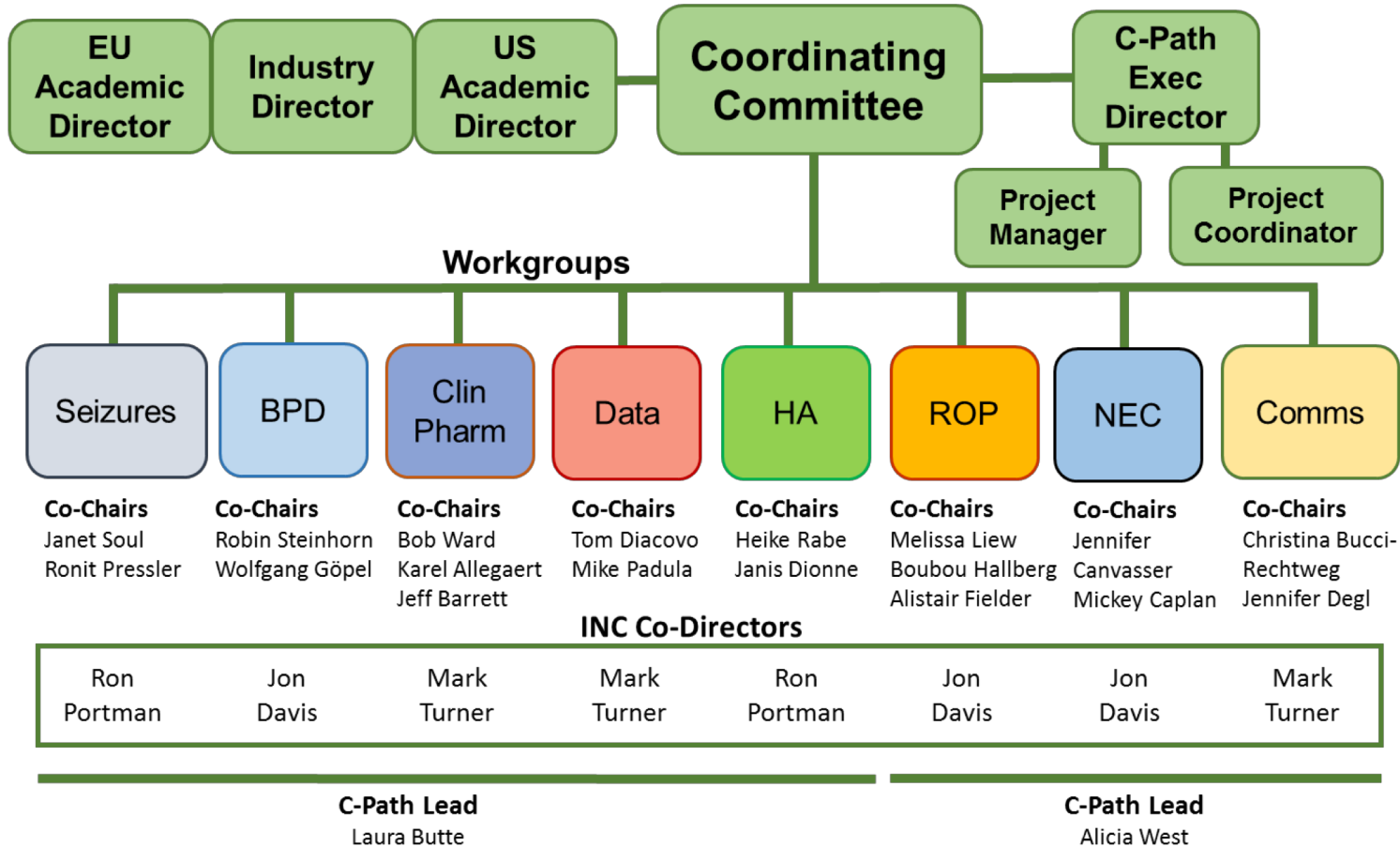
- ▶ Process used to identify and select INC's first four projects
 - ▶ (BPD, Seizures, Clin-Pharm, Data)
 - ▶ Disease/Condition WGs, Functional WG's
 - ▶ Public workshop to identify greatest needs (October 2014, FDA)
 - ▶ Pre-workshop priority-setting exercise and detailed discussions at the May 2015 workshop at EMA.
 - ▶ Voting by entire workshop group to narrow down priorities; followed by voting at the first Coordinating Committee meeting.

- ▶ Considerations for taking on additional projects
 - ▶ Alignment with INC mission
 - ▶ Budget/resources needed
 - ▶ Members volunteering to drive the project

- Workgroup Overview & Governance Structure (RON PORTMAN)
- Seizures and ROP Progress (RON PORTMAN)
- NEC Update (RON PORTMAN)

- Communications (JENNIFER DEGL)
- Hemodynamic Adaptation (HEIKE RABE)
- Data (MICHAEL PADULA)
- Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia (ROBIN STEINHORN, WOLFGANG GÖPEL)
- Clinical Pharmacology (KAREL ALLEGAERT)

INC Governance Structure





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Seizures Workgroup

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Seizures Workgroup Members



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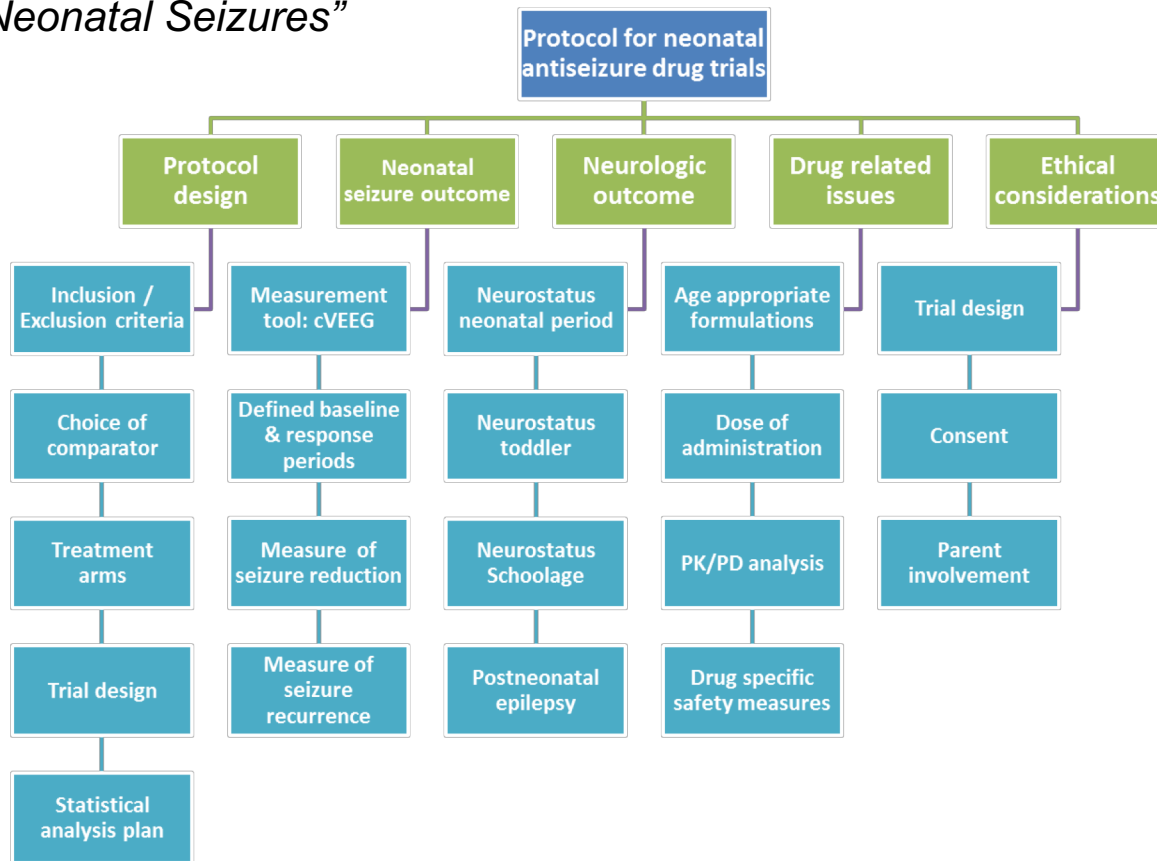
- AJ Allen – Lilly
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Neonatal Seizure Selection Rationale

- Most commonly affects FT neonates where there is a relative knowledge of drug metabolism compared to the premature infant.
- Diagnosis is both clinical and with a biomarker of EEG – relatively standard and equipment available globally.
- Acute treatment exists and is reasonably standard with phenobarbital; various secondary drugs used such as levetiracetam (Keppra) and topiramate although none studied in neonate in rigorous regulatory fashion. Many drugs exist to be used and studied; few new drugs being developed.
- Treatment outcomes include short term – stopping the seizure and recurrent seizures; preventing epilepsy and long term neurocognitive development.
- Excellent situation to develop master protocols that can be utilized for a number of drugs and studies
- What's next?

Seizures Overview

The Seizure Workgroup wrote a paper titled “*Recommendations for the Design of Therapeutic Trials for Neonatal Seizures*”



Submitted to
Pediatric
Research
April 2, 2018



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Retinopathy of Prematurity Working Group

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Retinopathy of Prematurity Workgroup Members



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- David Wallace - Duke University
- Brian Darlow - Christchurch School of Medicine

The *ROP Workgroup* has drafted and submitted a white paper – [March 28, 2018](#) - that covers

- Proposed ROP descriptors
- ROP activity scale
- Structural and functional efficacy endpoints and
- Long-term safety outcomes for clinical trials of ROP

- Several clinical trials for new drugs in progress: results will enrich the available data and allow for further enhancement of ROP diagnostic and response criteria



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NEC Working Group

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- Alicia West - Critical Path Institute

The *NEC Workgroup* is drafting a framework for defining NEC, identifying biomarkers, reviewing biobanking needs and standards, describing modifiable risk factors, including feeding approaches, and detailing regulatory considerations involved in clinical trials of supplemental probiotics and other therapies.

White Paper:

- 1) Defining (re-defining) NEC (**Mark Underwood**, Mickey Caplan Steve McElroy, Phillip Gordon)
- 2) Recommendations and needs of identifying new and/or reliable biomarkers that predict, prognosticate, and follow treatment for NEC (**Karl Sylvester**, Brian Scottoline, Walt Chwals)
- 3) Supplemental probiotics: regulatory considerations and state of clinical trials (**Neena Modi**, Ravi Patel, Paolo Manzoni)
- 4) Modifiable risk factors, including feeding approaches (**Mickey Caplan**, Mark Underwood, Jae Kim, Sheila Gephart)
- 5) Biobanking: needs and standards (**Misty Good**, Hala Chaaban)
- 6) Opportunities for abdominal US and additional radiologic evaluation/interpretation in NEC diagnosis and prognostication (**Jae Kim**, Brian Scottoline, Walt Chwals)



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Communications Workgroup

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Christina Bucci-Rechtweg and Jennifer Degl



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Communications Workgroup Update

Deliverable

Development of parallel multi-stakeholder survey to identify communication practices in NICUs in regards to neonatal research and research practice








Aims

- To facilitate the engagement of neonatal staff and parents in discussions on neonatal clinical trials
- To increase parental consent and participation in neonatal clinical research

Objectives

- To evaluate current communication practices in NICUs across the globe
- To identify communication challenges in NICUs that impede successful implementation of clinical research
- To provide physicians, nurses, and research professionals with a range of recommended methods used to practice improved communication between all stakeholders involved in neonatal clinical research

Communications Workgroup Update

Timeline	Key Activities	Status
Jun - Aug	Key survey topics identified & defined; Finalization of deliverable prospectus; Identification of INC/ <i>ad hoc</i> contributors	
Aug - Sept	6 Topic WGs - focused survey content development (off-line)	
Oct - Dec	3 3-hr & 1 1-hr working Webinars (last session 14 Dec)	
Jan - Mar	Identification of beta-testing sites (Across all 3 target stakeholder groups & regions); Agree and finalize technology for survey roll-out	
Mar - Apr	Beta-testing (Across all 3 target stakeholder groups & regions)	
Apr 11	Finalize questionnaire (<i>During working session at Apr INC F2F</i>)	
May	Launch questionnaire	



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Hemodynamic Adaptation Workgroup

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- Matt Laughon – University of North Carolina
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The need for an international consensus on what would be an acceptable blood pressure for preterm and term newborns was discussed at the INC meeting in March 2016.

- The consensus could form the basis of inclusion criteria for drug study protocols in the neonatal period.
- The group look at both, *low and high blood pressure* thresholds and defining standard *methods of measurements* in different health care settings (e.g. primary and secondary care). All blood pressure components: systolic, diastolic and mean threshold values, will be determined.

A staged approach has been discussed:

1. Literature review to define appropriate methods of measurement.
2. Literature review to define normal values: low, high, age groups, exclude influence factors (medication etc.)
3. Analyse data from existing networks (HIP, NEO-CIRC, others)
4. Consider prospective data collection based on steps 1-3

1. What are the observed ranges of blood pressure by gestational ages, at birth or post-menstrual age, birth weight, current weight and postnatal age in babies who have not received any blood-pressure modifying treatments, including volume/fluid expansion, inotropes, steroids, blood products?
 - *Antenatal steroids and magnesium sulphate for the mothers should be considered.*
2. What other factors influence blood pressure and how?
 - *(e.g. Gender, Ethnicity if data available; a) Maternal factors e.g. medication; b) Perinatal factors e.g. chorioamnionitis; c) infant factors e.g. IUGR, PDA)*
3. What are the recommended measurement methods and devices?
 - *include a characterization of each method and any limitations to each method, and required validation/verification.)*

- Systematic review protocol written according to PRISMA
 - Registered on PROSPERO
- Structured search done
 - Ca 3500 papers found, all years, all languages
 - Selected down to 350 papers covering questions 1 to 3
 - Group focusses on question 3 first
 - 110 papers, data extraction started

- EXCEL files for data extraction drafted and tested
- Statistical Analysis Plan drafted and refined in face to face working group meeting
- Focus on *measurement methods and devices* first
- Dissemination plans
- Q2 next: *What other factors influence blood pressure and how?*



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Data Workgroup

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Tom Diacovo and Mike Padula



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- Isabella Montagna - Chiesi
- Hide Nakamura – National Research Institute for Child Health and Development, Japan
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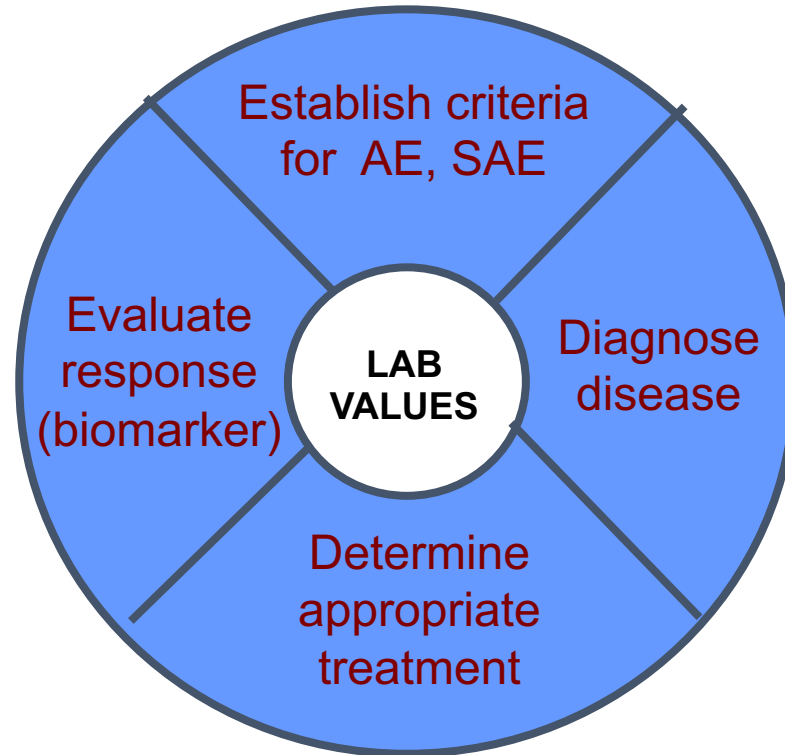


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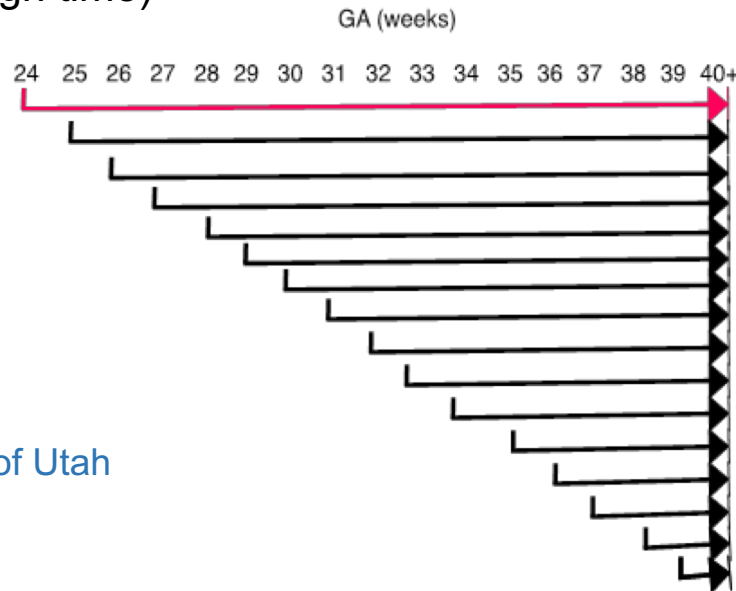
Data Workgroup: Lab Values



The quality of clinical trial is critically dependent on accurate interpretation of lab results based on accurate reference intervals or decision limits



- To **develop reference ranges** for the most common lab values collected in the NICU, relevant to almost any neonatal study, then branch out into more disease specific lab values.
- **Retrospective study first and then prospective study** (a walk through time)



Context for Lab Values: Required Fields

- Lab values
- Lab technique (LOINC Codes)
- Gestational Age
- Chronologic Age (Date of Birth)
- Sex
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Diagnoses/diseases

required for inclusion

captured if available

Certain diagnoses that affect organ function:

- -Acute kidney injury
- -Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy
- -Perinatal depression
- -Various congenital anomalies (e.g., posterior urethral valves)
- -Certain genetic disorders

possible exclusion criteria

Key Lab Data Elements for Drug Trials

Complete
Blood
Count

WBC $\frac{\text{Hgb}}{\text{HCT}}$ PLT

Hematology	Chemistry
Hemoglobin	Sodium
Hematocrit	Potassium
Erythrocyte count (red blood cells)	Blood urea nitrogen
Mean cell volume	Creatinine
Leukocytes (white blood cells)	Calcium
Neutrophils, bands, myelocytes, metamyelocytes, etc..	Glucose
Lymphocytes	Chloride
Monocytes	CO2
Eosinophils	Bilirubin (conjugated/unconjugated)
Basophils	AST, ALT, Alk Phos, GGT
Reticulocytes	Total protein, albumin
Platelets	Lactate Dehydrogenase

Electrolyte
Panel

Hepatic
Panel

Reference ranges: Deliverables



1. Establish search criteria for specific sets of lab reference ranges (inclusion and exclusion criteria)

in progress

2. Proof of concept – compare to published studies

3. White paper on approach and rationale for such ref ranges

Future:

*Establish whether reference intervals differ between major ethnic groups

*Establish a comprehensive, age, gender, disease–specific neonatal lab database



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Data Workgroup: Data Concepts

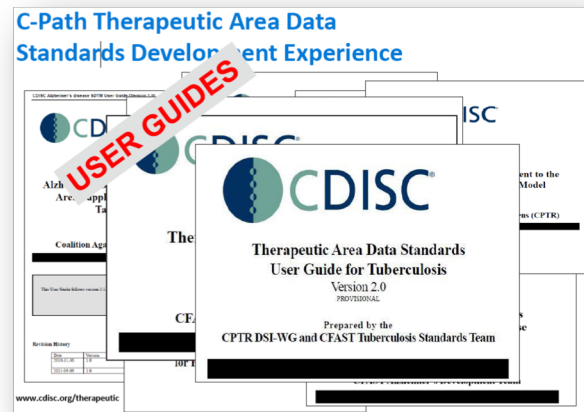


What are we looking to create?

AIM:

Develop a set of data elements for neonates/infants that may be referenced and implemented for future reporting/investigation.

- Propose a **core set** of elements to be collected for all newborns (infants)
 - demographic
 - major outcome measures
 - maternal/perinatal data
 - adverse events
- Agree on **domain-specific** elements (modules) to employed for specific topics
 - *If you are going to collect details about “X”...here are lists of consensus data elements and definitions*



Core Data Set ...which concepts...where *should* they exist in the SDTM

• Demographic

Demographics (DM) domain

- Birth date
- Chronologic Age
- Sex
- Ethnicity

BRTHDTC Date/Time of Birth Date/time of birth of the subject in ISO 8601 character format.

ETHNIC Ethnicity The ethnicity of the subject. Sponsors should refer to “Collection of Race and Ethnicity Data in Clinical Trials” (FDA, September 2005) for guidance.

Code	Codelist Code	Codelist Extensible (Yes/No)	Codelist Name	CDISC Submission Value	CDISC Synonym(s)	CDISC Definition	NCI Preferred Term
C66790		No	Ethnic Group	ETHNIC	Ethnic Group	A social group characterized by a distinctive social and cultural tradition maintained from generation to generation, a common history and origin and a sense of identification with the group; members of the group have distinctive features in their way of life, shared experiences and often a common genetic heritage; these features may be reflected in their experience of health and disease. (NCI)	CDISC SDTM Ethnic Group Terminology
C17459	C66790		Ethnic Group	HISPANIC OR LATINO		A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. (NCI)	Hispanic or Latino
C41222	C66790		Ethnic Group	NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO		A person not of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. An arbitrary ethnic classification. (NCI)	Not Hispanic or Latino
C43234	C66790		Ethnic Group	NOT REPORTED	Not reported	Not provided or available.	Not Stated
C17998	C66790		Ethnic Group	UNKNOWN	U: Unknown	Not known, not observed, not recorded, or refused. (NCI)	Unknown

- Maternal Age
- Gravity/Parity
- Pregnancy gestation assessment (Estimated Date of Delivery)
 - method of determination (optional)
- Conditions relevant to fetal/maternal health
- Maternal Ethnicity
- *Maternal Socioeconomic status*
- *Maternal Education*

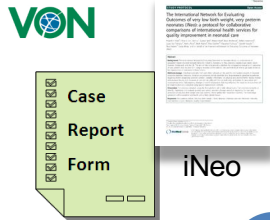
APEX domain

APSU domain

SC domain

DATA WORKGROUP: Toward a common model for neonatal trials...

- VLBW QI network concepts
- Terminology harmonization efforts
- Published study outcomes
- Case Report Forms (CRFs)*
- Other Workgroup input



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Core Outcomes
In Neonatology

**more CRFs welcomed!*



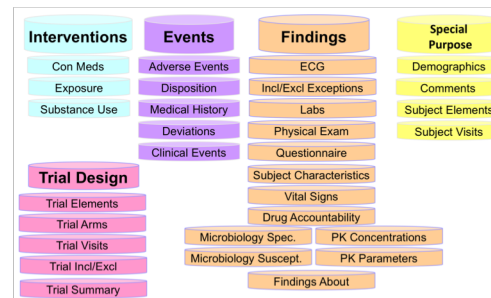
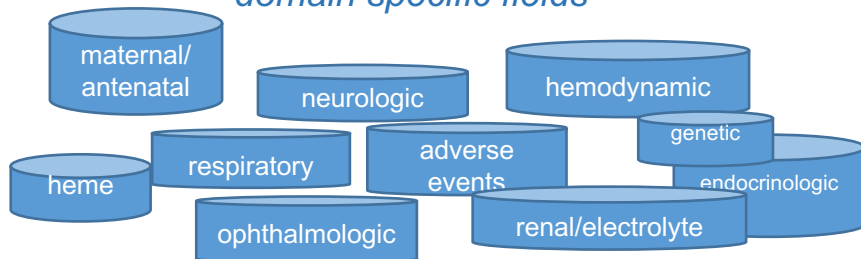
User Guide
for trials involving
Neonates/Infants

↑ ...funding...



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domain specific fields



CDISC

Study Data Tabulation Model (SDTM)



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Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia Workgroup

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- Roberta Ballard - UCSF
- Eduardo Bancalari - Jackson Medical Center, Miami
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White paper published in Journal of Pediatrics

Traditional BPD definitions (binary, based on O2 use at 36 weeks PMA) no longer sufficient for regulatory purposes

Continued work to define chronic respiratory morbidity at 1 year as a COA

Work on defining and testing surrogate clinical outcomes:

- PIRS Score at term equivalent (Aschner, Davis and others)

- O2 saturation shift (Pillow)



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WG update: Clin Pharm

Current status of neonatal AE severity grading



STEP 1: Define generic criteria applicable to neonates

Web survey 1:
*Dec 2016 –
Jan 2017*

First open questions to guide the draft criteria for neonatal severity.

Input from 55 respondents received.

Web survey 2:
*Feb 2017 –
Mar 2017*

Questionnaire on a proposal based on the responses of web survey 1.

Input from 36 respondents received.

Group discussion:
*27th of March
2017*

Discussion on the proposal and comments received in web survey 2. Finalising generic criteria.

32 participants registered.

Input received from academia, industry, people working for regulatory authorities, nursing organisations and parental representatives.

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Mild	Moderate	Severe	Life threatening	Death
Mild; asymptomatic or mild symptoms; clinical or diagnostic observations only; no change in baseline age-appropriate behavior*, no change in baseline care or monitoring indicated	Moderate; resulting in minor changes of baseline age-appropriate behavior*, requiring minor changes in baseline care or monitoring	Severe; resulting in major changes of baseline age-appropriate behavior* and/or non-life threatening changes in basal physiological processes**, requiring major change in baseline care or monitoring***	Life-threatening; Resulting in life-threatening changes in basal physiological processes**	Death related to AE
<p>*Age-appropriate behavior refers to oral feeding behavior, voluntary movements and activity, crying pattern, social interactions and perception of pain.</p> <p>**Basal physiological processes refer to oxygenation, ventilation, tissue perfusion, metabolic stability and organ functioning.</p> <p>***Examples of major change in baseline care to be defined...</p>				

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19 retrospective case descriptions were graded. Based on interobserver agreement results the generic criteria were adapted.

12 graders

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Validation results

19 written case reports
(provided by U Liverpool)

12 observers (academia,
nursing, industry, regulatory)

overall ICC = 0,39

AKI gentamicin
neutropenia diuretics
pyrexia, acyclovir
pyrexia, prostin
thrombocytopenia, antibiotics
tachycardia, eye drops
apnea, vaccination
apnea, eye drops
vomit, eye drops
acidosis, NaCl
thrombocytopenia, linezolid
desat/brady, eye drops
thrombopenia, penicillin
apnea, prostin
urinary retention, midazolam/curare
cerebral hemorrhage, dobutamine
hypertension, inotropes
watery stool, antibiotics
tachycardia, curare

grade 1	grade 2	grade 3	grade 4	%agreement
0	3	9	0	0,590909
2	5	5	0	0,318182
5	7	0	0	0,469697
8	4	0	0	0,515152
5	7	0	0	0,469697
8	4	0	0	0,515152
0	3	6	3	0,318182
0	4	5	3	0,287879
10	2	0	0	0,69697
3	1	8	0	0,469697
1	3	8	0	0,469697
0	4	4	4	0,272727
7	4	1	0	0,409091
1	9	1	1	0,545455
1	8	3	0	0,469697
5	1	6	0	0,378788
3	4	4	1	0,227273
6	5	1	0	0,378788
5	4	3	0	0,287879

median grade

Symptoms	Full sample (N = 393)	
	ICC	95% CI
Constipation	0.48	0.36; 0.58
Diarrhea	0.58	0.49; 0.66
Dyspnea	0.69	0.62; 0.75
Fatigue	0.50	0.39; 0.59
Nausea	0.52	0.41; 0.60
Neuropathy	0.71	0.65; 0.76
Vomiting	0.46	0.34; 0.56

Atkinson, Qual Life Res 2012

TABLE 5. SAVES-V2 inter- and intraobserver agreement in the S

Parameter	Interobserver Agreement (95% CI)
No. in group	34
Presence of an AE	97%
AE severity*	0.75 (0.73–0.76)
No. of AEs	0.70 (0.62–0.76)
Specific type of AE	0.80 (0.79–0.82)
Impact of AE on LOS	0.39 (0.21–0.53)

* Primary outcome measure.

Rampersaud, J Neurosurg Spine 2016

Adaptations to generic scale

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Mild	Moderate	Severe	Life threatening	Death
Mild; asymptomatic or mild symptoms; clinical or diagnostic observations only; no change in baseline age-appropriate behavior*; no change in baseline care or monitoring indicated	Moderate; resulting in minor changes of baseline age-appropriate behavior*; requiring minor changes in baseline care or monitoring***	Severe; resulting in major changes of baseline age-appropriate behavior* or non-life threatening changes in basal physiological processes**; requiring major change in baseline care or monitoring****	Life-threatening; Resulting in life-threatening changes in basal physiological processes**; requiring urgent major change in baseline care	Death related to AE
<p>*Age-appropriate behavior refers to oral feeding behavior, voluntary movements and activity, crying pattern, social interactions and perception of pain.</p> <p>**Basal physiological processes refer to oxygenation, ventilation, tissue perfusion, metabolic stability and organ functioning.</p> <p>***Minor care changes constitute: brief, local, non-invasive or symptomatic treatments</p> <p>****Major care changes constitute: surgery, addition of long term treatment, upscaling care level</p>				

STEP 2:

Apply the generic scale to specific neonatal AE's

Draft
preparation:
March 2018

Thomas Salaets
drafted specific
criteria based on the
generic criteria,
CTCAE grading,
expert feedback, ...

Focus group
discussion:
*11th of April
2018*

Applied criteria
discussed and
modified in thematic
focus groups, with
feedback to the whole
group

43 participants registered

Neonatal AE severity scale v1.0

Apnea				
Definition C26698 no MedDRA term: <i>Cessation of air flow. Worsening from baseline that occurs following an intervention</i>				
Self-limiting apnea	Apnea requiring stimulation	Apnea requiring stimulation or FiO ₂ increase; reoccurrences requiring respiratory stimulants or other major care changes	Life-threatening respiratory and/or hemodynamic compromise; ventilation required	Death

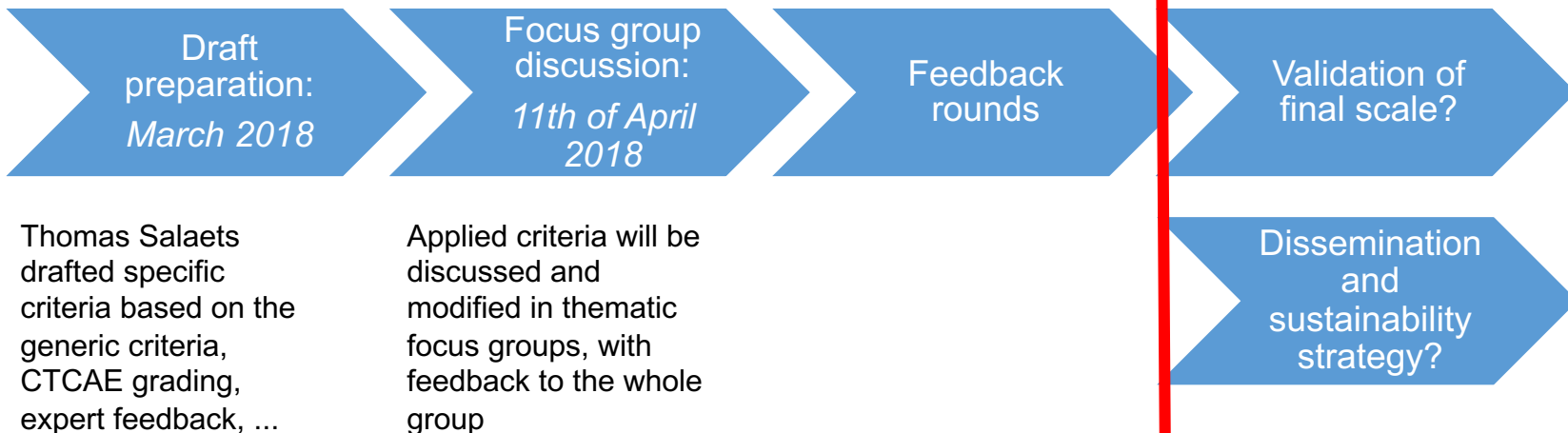
Culture proven sepsis				
Definition C3364 10040049: <i>A systemic inflammatory response to an infection (EVS term not specifically neonatal).</i>				
	Blood culture positive with mild or ambiguous signs or symptoms; anti-infectives initiated	Blood culture positive with signs or symptoms; support treatment escalated or initiated	Life-threatening consequences (e. g. state of shock, DIC); urgent major care change required	Death

Neonatal adverse events

Neurological	Respiratory	Cardio-vascular	Gastro-intestinal	General + Infectious	Lab values
seizures	apnea	hypotension	NEC	rash	anemia
IVH	RDS	hypertension	SIP	infusion site extravasation	leukopenia
HIE	PPHN	tachycardia	diarrhea	fever	thrombopenia
ROP	pulmonary hemorrhage	bradycardia	vomiting	suspected sepsis	hypoglycemia
irritability	respiratory deterioration		feeding intolerance	proven sepsis	hyperglycemia
			GI bleeding		bilirubine increase
			constipation		creatinin increase

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HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:
(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC)





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