

# The VERIFY STUDY

Validation of Early Prognostic Data for Recovery Outcome after Stroke for Future, Higher Yield Trials

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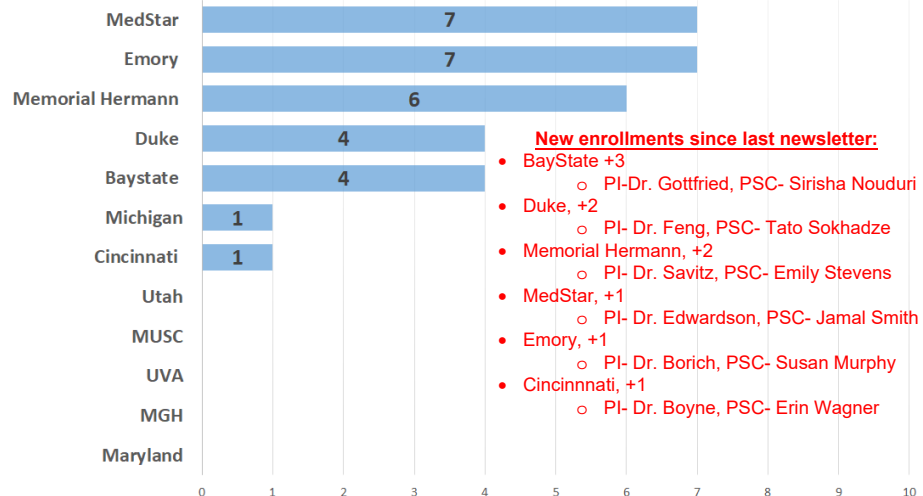


"We are extremely grateful for all of your efforts with site activation and enrollments! We look forward to seeing more sites complete their healthy volunteer TMS training and get activated. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. We are always available to help!"

-Achala VAgal, MD, MS

## Enrollment Updates

VERIFY TOTAL ENROLLMENTS: 30/657



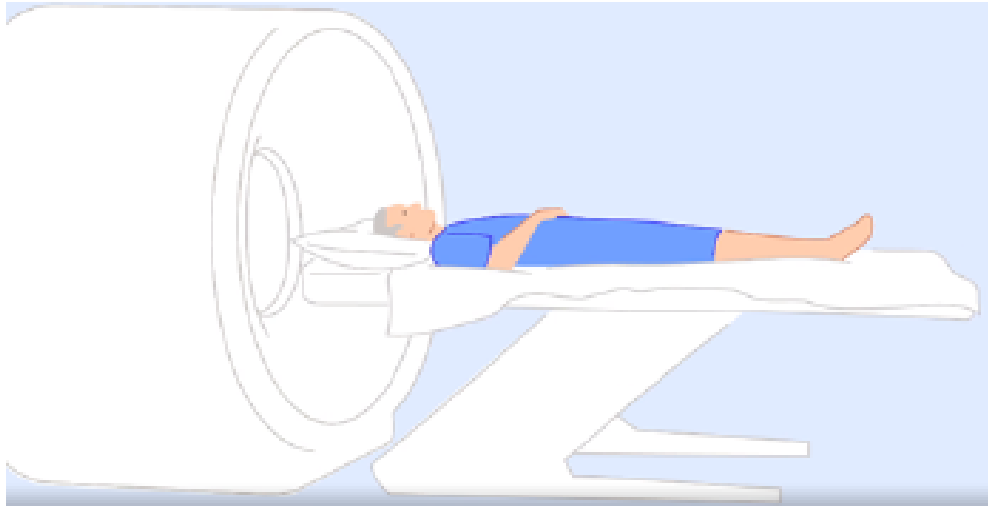
## Sites Released to Enroll

- University of Cincinnati Medical Center
  - MedStar Washington Hospital Center
  - Emory University
  - UT-Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center
  - University of Michigan
  - Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)
  - The University of Utah
  - Duke University Hospital
  - Baystate Medical Center
  - UVA Medical Center
  - Massachusetts General Hospital \*
  - University of Maryland Medical Center \*
- \* Indicates site activated since last newsletter

## Study Reminders

- If a Spanish-speaking interpreter is needed to help consent a participant & your hospital is charging for this service, the study will cover this cost (up to \$300 maximum per patient).
    - Please send invoices directly to Lisa Mundo at [mundokl@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:mundokl@ucmail.uc.edu) & the study will DIRECTLY pay the translators.
  - The TMS Protocol has been updated to make training and study conduct easier! All sites no longer need to do the 30 "keeper" frames from both healthy volunteers (training) and stroke participants. Please refer to the TMS VERIFY website for more details.
    - <https://verifytraining.blogs.auckland.ac.nz/>
  - For TMS data collection, please use the TMS form located in the studybook/source documentation packet.
    - This studybook/source documentation packet v5.0 is available in the Toolbox tab of WebDCU.
  - For real-time TMS assistance, please call the TMS/study hotline at: (833) 337-2227, Monday – Friday 0800 – 2100h EST
- Note:** Sites in the healthy volunteer TMS training stage will receive an email from our TMS team to set-up a zoom meeting to help assist you to the finish line for site activation.

# MRI Tips



- Figure out the MRI process ahead of time.
- Get in touch with lead MRI tech to understand the MRI process at your site.
- Right after consent: Call MRI tech & give them a heads-up about the research MRI order OR you can even stop by & put a “name to a face” with the MRI tech.
- After consent, call MRI tech & remind them of the following:
  - Research scan is a paid scan
  - Research scan is about 10 mins in duration
  - Research scan needs to be completed prior to participant being discharged from hospital

## Reminder to Sites re: uploads to Ambra for enrolled participants:

- Initial acute clinical neuroimaging is uploaded (CT/CTA/CTP or MRI/MRA/MRP)
- Standard of care (SOC) MRI sequences
- Study specific MRI sequences at 24+ hours (if not part of SOC MRI)



## Electrodes

- The cost of healthy volunteer electrodes is included in the site start-up payment you receive when your site is released to enroll.
- The cost of additional electrodes for stroke participants is included in the per patient cost your site receives when you enroll participants.
- We recommend the following electrodes
  - 3M™ Red Dot™ Pediatric Monitoring Electrodes with 3M™ Micropore™ Tape Backing 2248-50, 50EA/BG 20BG/CT | 3M New Zealand (3mnz.co.nz).
  - You should be able to find them on Amazon (<https://www.amazon.com/>).



## Recertification

- The FM & ARAT require recertification every 6 months.
- The Cramer Lab will send reminder emails at 1 month AND 1 week prior to your training expiring. This will serve as a reminder to complete your recertification.
- For recertification questions, please contact Jack Soriano at [JSoriano@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:JSoriano@mednet.ucla.edu)

**WARNING**

- Assessments can not be completed by site personnel with expired certifications.
- This is considered a protocol deviation.
- If the ARAT and FM certifications are expired, we ask that the responsibility is removed from that person until training is updated.
- The study team will be reaching out to sites with expired certifications.

## Webinars

- PI/CRC webinars occur on the 3rd Monday of each month, 4pm-5pm EDT. **Next PI/CRC webinar is on 01.16.2023.**
  - <https://ucincinnati.zoom.us/j/96525424408> Meeting ID: 965 2542 4408
- CRC webinars occur on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 12pm-1pm EDT. **Next CRC webinar is on 01.24.2023**
  - <https://ucincinnati.zoom.us/j/93360687517> Meeting ID: 933 6068 7517
- Bi-weekly optional office hours occur on Wednesdays from 2-3pm EDT. Next bi-weekly office hours is on 12.21.2022.
- <https://ucincinnati.zoom.us/j/91210873287pwd=YStCUER0dXo3REk0eDFKZ25zdUJWdz09>
  - Passcode: 765670

