



S-Citalopram for Agitation in Dementia Research Group (S-CitAD)

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Dear Investigator:

The S-CitAD Research Group is seeking applications for clinical centers to join the existing S-CitAD clinical centers in the conduct of a new clinical trial for the treatment of agitation in patients with dementia. The S-CitAD Research Group, which successfully completed the Citalopram for Agitation in Dementia (CitAD) Trial in 2014, consists of 7 clinical centers in the U.S. and Canada and three resource centers:

- Chairman's Office at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Kostas Lyketsos, MD, MHS, Chairman
- Vice-chairman's Office at the University of Rochester, Anton Porsteinsson, MD, Vice-Chairman
- Coordinating Center at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Dave Shade, JD, Director

The new trial, the S-Citalopram for Agitation in Dementia (S-CitAD) Trial is funded by the National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health (NIA/NIH). It will evaluate escitalopram plus a structured psychosocial intervention against a placebo plus structured psychosocial intervention for the treatment of agitation in patients with dementia.

We plan to initiate the S-CitAD Trial in summer 2017 and will meet for discussion and training for two days shortly before starting.

If you are interested in having a clinical center for S-CitAD at your institution, please visit the Clinic Applications link at our website (<http://www.citadtrial.org/public/apply/citadapplyintro.asp>) to learn more about the design of the S-CitAD Trial, to find out more about the expectations of clinical centers and the capitated payment rates, and to complete and submit an online application (including the Clinic Director's CV).

Applications should be submitted by 03 March 2017. Applications will be evaluated by a group of our existing investigators and selections will be completed by mid-March 2017. The two-day training meeting for the trial will be in Baltimore, MD, most likely in summer 2017, with the first day of the meeting for study coordinators and the second day for clinic directors and coordinators.

We look forward to working with new investigators and clinical center personnel for S-CitAD and thank you for your interest in this project. If you have trouble accessing the website, or would like more information about the trial or application process, please contact Jeni Jones (jejones@jhu.edu or 410/287-4546).

Sincerely,

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