

Welcome to the First BEST-CLI Newsletter!

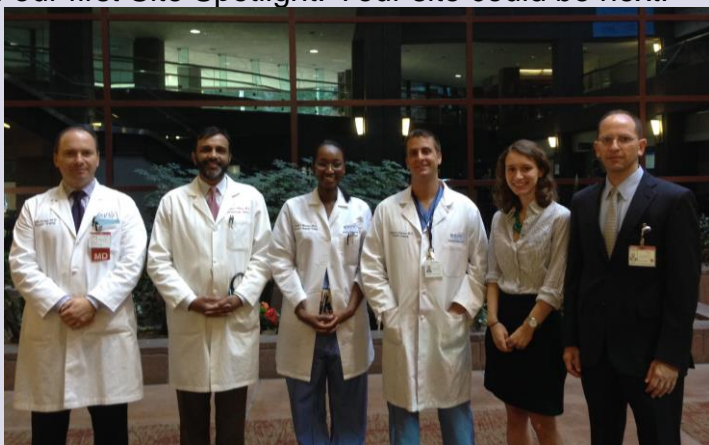
BEST-CLI is open for enrollment and we are in full start-up mode. We want to extend a word of great appreciation to all the participating sites in submitting the required regulatory documents, including informed consents, IRB approvals, and site contracts!

It is anticipated that a newsletter will be generated on at least a quarterly basis to inform all sites on study progress. Your ideas and comments are always welcome.



BEST News:

Congratulations to Boston Medical Center for enrolling the first BEST-CLI Subject!! The BMC team is the star of our first Site Spotlight. Your site could be next!



Pictured: A. Farber, A. Pande, C. Morreira, J. Syracuse, B. Krafcik, J. Kalish

Boston Medical Center successfully implemented the CLI Team approach by effectively communicating and ensuring a potentially evaluable patient was eligible for both endovascular and open surgical revascularization. Using this efficient approach, they were able to randomize their first patient into the BEST-CLI trial. The CLI team at Boston Medical Center includes physicians from the Divisions of Interventional Cardiology (IC), Interventional Radiology (IR) and Vascular and Endovascular Surgery (VS); Ashvin Pande (IC Specialty PI), Raj Vilvendhan (IR Specialty PI), Mohammad Eslami (VS), Alik Farber (VS), Jeff Kalish (VS Specialty PI and Contact PI) and Jeff Syracuse (VS). Our team also includes Brianna Krafcik (Coordinator), Marina Malikova (Executive Director of Surgical Translational Research Operations and Compliance), Carla Morreira (VS fellow) and Sebastian Didato (VS fellow).

BEST Site Highlights

First site with fully executed contract:
Northwestern University
Contact PI: Mark Eskandari, MD
Coordinator: Anna Huskin, RN, BSN

First site to receive IRB approval:
Michigan Heart – St. Joseph Mercy Hospital
Contact PI: Herbert Aronow, MD
Coordinator: Kristy Wippler, RN

Not activated yet? Here are the easy steps to get there:

- Submit your IRB approval to the DCC
- Execute the Clinical Trial Agreement
- Attend BEST-CLI training webinar
- Submit the required regulatory documents

Contact your CRA for more information and to find out how you can be activated for enrollment soon.

BEST Enrollment Expectation:
At least 1 subject per site per month
2100 subjects by August 31, 2016

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Where can I find regulatory documents and the BEST Manual of Operations?

A: All study documents are posted to NERI Connect – your one stop shop for information! The web address is: <https://connect.neriscience.com>. You will need a username and password to access the information. If you do not have a username/password please email best@neriscience.com and we will get you one right away. Alternatively, you can always ask your CRA for this information.

Important Dates

Investigator Meeting at VIVA
November 5, 2014, details to follow in the coming weeks