

BEST-CLI – Happy Holidays!

From the Desktop of Michael R. Jaff, D.O., Chair of the Optimal Medical Therapy (OMT) Committee

OMT Report Cards Coming Soon! Look to your email inboxes in early January!

One of the most important components of successful management of patients with critical limb ischemia is optimizing the medical treatment that supports the care of the patient. This treatment is designed to reduce the risk of major cardiovascular events, including myocardial infarction, stroke, pulmonary embolism, as well as optimizing the revascularization strategy employed for limb preservation. Ideally, BEST-CLI would have included aggressive and organized delivery of optimal medical treatment of these patients. However, due to budgetary limitations, the Optimal Medical Therapy Committee for BEST-CLI has convened a group of experts from all specialties managing complex patients with peripheral artery disease. Each site will receive a scorecard which will help identify the percentage of patients who are receiving appropriate antiplatelet, lipid-lowering, antihypertensive, and (if appropriate) diabetes treatment. You will be compared to your peer sites to allow you to strategize methods to improve compliance with guideline-based medical therapy. We all need to pay close attention to this aspect of care, as it is not only important for the trial, but for our patients.

Sincerely,
 Michael R. Jaff, D.O. | President
 Newton-Wellesley Hospital
 Professor of Medicine | Harvard Medical School



Reminder: Secret Santa Challenge!

For each site that randomizes 2 or more patients between December 12, 2016 and January 12, 2017, the BEST-CLI Leadership will provide complimentary flight and 2-nights hotel stay to one coordinator from that site to participate in the BEST-CLI Investigator's Meeting at the SVS VAM in May 2017 in San Diego, California to share their site's experiences with the trial with investigators from across the country!

HEAR ALL ABOUT IT!

6 SUBJECTS RANDOMIZED IN ONE DAY (12/20)!

GREAT WORK BEST TEAMS!

BEST November Highlights

TOP ENROLLERS
WITH 3 SUBJECTS
EACH!

1305/Univ. Virginia
 1323/ Univ. Nebraska

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 Site
Spotlight

University of Florida, Gainesville



From left to right: Scott Berceli, MD, PhD, Lauren Harvey, Thomas Huber, MD, PhD, Nancy Hanson, Diego Ayo, MD, Javairiah Fatima, MD, Salvatore Scali, MD, Sarah Barbey, Salim Lala, MD, Igor Voskresensky, MD, Kristina Giles, MD (Not shown, fellow Moses Kim)

The BEST-CLI team at the University of Florida and Malcom Randall VAMC is led by Dr. Kristina Giles along with four other vascular surgeons, Drs. Thomas Huber, Scott Berceli, Salvatore Scali and Javairiah Fatima. Our team also includes four fellows, Drs. Igor Voskresensky, Moses Kim, Salim Lala and Diego Ayo and three research coordinators, Nancy Hanson, Lauren Harvey and Sarah Barbey. UF Health and the Malcolm Randall VA treat patients from all across Florida and southern Georgia, with peripheral arterial disease encompassing roughly one third of the surgical caseload. Continuous communication is the key element to our success in screening, enrolling and retaining study subjects. The team meets weekly to discuss upcoming procedures and evaluate potential BEST subjects, and works together daily to efficiently and effectively recruit and follow patients. Our team is committed to the continued advancement of CLI treatment, and we are excited to be a part of this crucial trial.

Bring Out Your Financial Disclosure Forms!

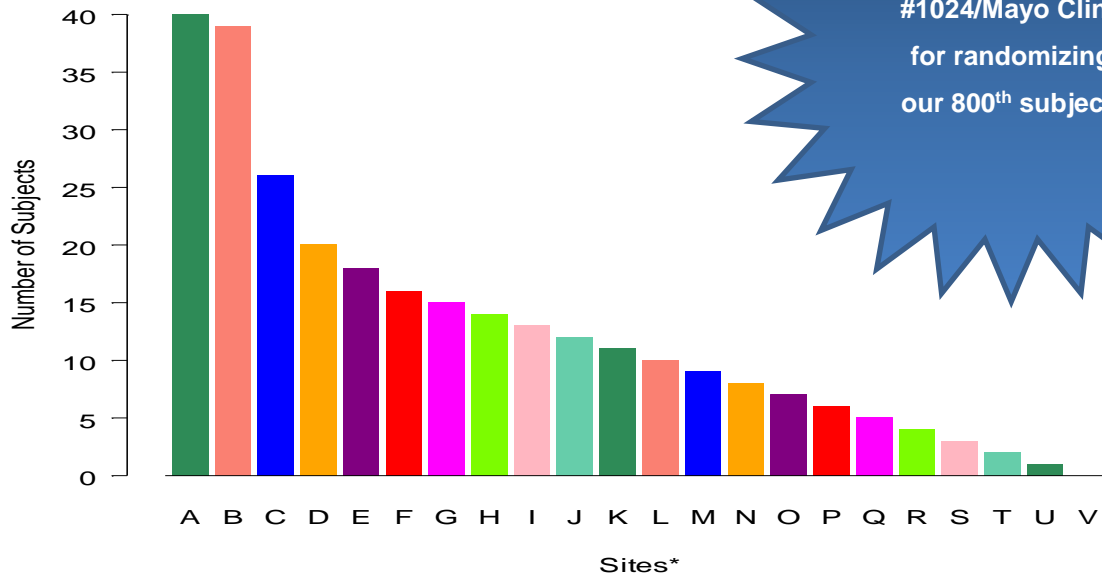
It's that time of the year for site staff (contact PI, specialty PIs, co-Investigators, CRC, etc.) to review their financial disclosure forms and provide NERI with any updates. Email NERI with your updated financial disclosure forms today to the BEST Trial Mailbox: BEST@neriscience.com.

Next Round of Site Payments!

The data freeze for the next round of site payments is scheduled for **December 31, 2016**. Be sure to enter your data and respond to queries in eCOS to ensure proper payment!

Have questions regarding site payments?
Please send them to BEST@neriscience.com.

Enrollment Leaderboard*



Congratulations to #1024/Mayo Clinic for randomizing our 800th subject!

- A: 1258 - Boston MC
- B: 1160 - Keck MC of USC
- C: 1238 - Univ. of Massachusetts Medical School
- D: 1260 - Greenville Memorial Hosp.
- E: 1274 - Univ. of Oklahoma Health Sciences Ctr.
- F: 1009 - Dartmouth Hitchcock MC
- G: 1005 - Brigham and Women's Hosp.; 1154 - Yale; 1273 - Univ. of Florida (Gainesville); 1282 - Carondelet Heart & Vascular Institute; 1309 - Mercy Hosp. MC
- H: 1261 - Indiana Univ. Medical School; 1284 - Chu de Quebec
- I: 1101 - Albany MC; 1288 - Kaiser Foundation Hosp.(Hawaii)
- J: 1272 - St. Boniface General Hosp.;
- K: 1013 - Harbor-UCLA MC; 1104 - VA Palo Alto; 1105 - Medical College of Wisconsin
- L: 1256 - Beth Israel Deaconess MC
- M: 1017 - Henry Ford Hosp.; 1030 - Montefiore MC; 1041 - San Francisco Veterans Affairs MC; 1055 - Mount Sinai MC; 1113 - Oregon Health and Science Univ.; 1135 - Univ. of Pittsburgh MC; 1217 - Univ. of California Davis MC; 1276 - Memorial Hermann Hosp. TMC; 1332 - Denver VA MC; 1342 - Regina Qu'Appelle
- N: 1061 - Baptist Hosp. of Miami; 1095 - Johns Hopkins Hosp.; 1281 - VA Western NY Healthcare System; 1305 - Univ. of Virginia; 1310 - Harborview MC; 1318 - Univ. of North Carolina Hosp.; 1340 - Wake Forest Baptist Hosp.; 1346 - Gundersen Health System
- O: 1066 - Arizona Heart Hosp.; 1108 - Michigan Heart Hosp.; 1169 - Case Western Reserve; 1293 - Univ. Health System: LSU; 1306 - McGill; 1308 - Ohio State Univ.; 1311 - Dallas VAMC; 1323 - Univ. of Nebraska MC
- P: 1010 - Emory Univ.; 1023 - Massachusetts General Hosp.; 1029 - Michael E. DeBakey VA MC; 1075 - Swedish MC; 1259 - Rhode Island Hosp.; 1275 - MUSC; 1277 - The Univ. of Utah; 1314 - Boston VA
- Q: 1046 - Steward St. Elizabeth's MC; 1054 - Univ. of Colorado Hosp.; 1072 - Univ. of Wisconsin - Madison; 1173 - SUNY Upstate; 1188 - Toronto General Hosp.; 1234 - Univ. of Toledo MC; 1264 - Minneapolis Heart Hosp.; 1285 - Duke Univ.; 1290 - Loma Linda Univ. MC; 1316 - Holy Name MC; 1337 - Loma Linda VA MC; 1344 - Michigan Vascular Center; 1349 - Queens Elizabeth II Health Science Center
- R: 1003 - Alleghany General Hosp.; 1026 - Medstar Washington Hosp. Center; 1076 - Northwestern Memorial Hosp.; 1125 - Univ. of California San Francisco MC; 1134 - Univ. of Michigan Health System; 1140 - Greater Los Angeles VA; 1182 - Providence Heart and Vascular Institute; 1271 - Southern Illinois Univ. SOM; 1300 - Tampa General Hosp.; 1304 - CAMC Clinical Trials Center; 1325 - Deborah Heart and Lung Center; 1326 - The Miriam Hosp.- Brown Medical School; 1345 - Los Angeles MC, Kaiser Permanente; 1347 - Maine MC; 1351 - KP NCAL

*Enrollment Leaderboard Continued**

- S: 1007 – Cleveland Clinic Foundation; 1008 – Columbia Univ. MC; 1024 – Mayo Clinic (Rochester); 1034 – Ochsner MC/Clinic Foundation; 1137 - The Univ. of Vermont MC, LLC; 1269 - Ohio Health Research Institute; 1270 - Scott and White – Temple; 1307 – Univ. of Rochester; 1331 - Pinnacle Health System; 1334 – Stanford; 1341 – Meriter Wisconsin Heart; 1367 - Englewood Hospital and Medical Center
- T: 1019 - Jewish General Hosp.; 1229 - Penn State Milton S. Hershey MC; 1257 - Univ. of Arkansas for Medical Services; 1263 - Kaiser Permanente (San Diego); 1287 - Providence Sacred Heart MC; 1294 - North Central Heart Institute; 1301 – UCSD-Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center; 1336 - Staten Island Univ. Hosp.; 1348 – New Mexico Heart Institute; 1350 - Benaroya Res. Inst. At Virginia Mason; 1352 - San Diego VAMC; 1355 - Vancouver General Hospital
- U: 1059 - The Univ. of Alabama; 1116 - Rush Univ. MC; 1121 – Temple Univ.; 1126 - Univ. of Chicago Medicine; 1131 – Univ. of Maryland; 1151 - William Beaumont Hosp.; 1156 – Minneapolis VAMC; 1279 - North Carolina Heart and Vascular Research; 1283 – Univ. of Oklahoma College of Medicine; 1299 - Univ. of Tennessee MC; 1302 - UCLA-Gonda Vascular Surgery; 1315 - George Washington Univ. Hosp.; 1320 - Portland VA MC; 1339 – Cadence Health (Chicago); 1359 – The Ottawa Hospital;
- V: 1018 - Inova Fairfax Medical Campus; 1085 – Cedars Sinai; 1226 – St. Paul’s Hospital (U. Saskatchewan); 1278 – Univ. of California Irvine; 1292 – Munroe Regional MC; 1327 - Wellmont Holston Valley MC; 1357 – St. Francis Hospital; 1358 - Vascular Health Partners, CCP; 1360 - Midwest Cardiovascular Research Foundation; 1361 - Midwest Aortic Vascular Institute (MAVI); 1362 - Mount Sinai Medical Center (Miami, FL); 1371 – MetroHealth Cleveland

*Data frozen on 12/20/2016.

**Site names abbreviated to accommodate space.

Thank you!!