MUSC Psychiatry Chair Update
April 2016

Thomas W. Uhde, MD
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences & Institute of Psychiatry
I am extremely pleased to announce that Dr. Jeffrey Cluver has been selected as the Chief of the Mental Health Integrated Center of Clinical Excellence (ICCE). Dr. Cawley announced the appointment of all the ICCE Chiefs yesterday and I am excited that Dr. Cluver will be moving into this important leadership position in MUSC Health. This new role strategically aligns with his recent appointment to the position of Deputy Chair for the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, in which his primary area of responsibility is the clinical operations of the department. For now, Dr. Cluver will also continue to lead the education and training programs in his role as Vice Chair for Education & Training, and he will continue to be the Associate Medical Director for the Mental Health Service Line and Director of the Psychiatry Hospitalists Division.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Cluver, and welcoming him to another new and critically important leadership role.
In an effort to improve the state’s ability to identify and stop diversion of prescription drugs, there is a newly required registration for all providers issuing prescriptions for Schedule II through IV medications. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) and Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BC/BS) require that all providers must register in the South Carolina Reporting & Identification Prescription Tracking System (SCRIPTS). Prior to prescribing these controlled substances, the provider will be required to review the patient’s controlled substance history through the SCRIPTS database and document in the patient’s record this has been performed. There may be payment penalties if this is not performed.

This requirement goes into effect March 15, 2016 for BCBS State Health Plan (PEBA) patients and on April 1, 2016 for Medicaid patients. The database and associated resources can be found on DHEC’s Prescription Monitoring web page. Registration process must be completed by the person requesting access to the database. It cannot be completed by a designee. If you have not already registered, go to https://southcarolina.pmpaware.net/login and create an account. It is currently taking at least 7-10 days for the registration to be approved, once submitted, and needs to be completed urgently.

In EPIC, .SCRIPTS is the smart phrase that has been created to use in the note. It simply states “The SCRIPTS database has been reviewed.” The actual review of the database is not currently available through EPIC and will require that the provider go to a different site. Per Dr. Warren, this function is anticipated to be functioning in EPIC sometime in May 2016.
REMINDER
-- OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES --

Members of the faculty are expected to devote all of their normal working time to the Medical University.

A faculty member may engage in outside activities, whether for compensation or not, on a limited basis, provided that such activities are in keeping with his/her professional practice agreement, competency, and development, and do not interfere with the performance of his/her assigned duties. Activities such as preparation and presentation of research results, presentation to professional groups, peer review activities, and service as members of professional or community societies are normally not considered outside activities, i.e., they are within the scope of work.

Consultant work, part-time teaching at other institutions or other temporary undertakings are allowable provided such activities have the prior written approval of the department chair and confirmation by the dean of primary appointment and the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. In no instance are facilities, equipment, secretarial personnel, or supplies furnished by the Medical University to be used in the course of outside employment or activities. Employment of faculty by other state agencies or institutions must be accomplished through the procedures established by the state; remuneration is limited by law. Approval of such activity is the same as outlined above.


PROMOTION PACKETS

For anyone who is requesting promotion effective July 1, 2017, all promotion requests must be received in the Chairman’s office no later than August 3, 2016, in the form of complete packets accompanied by a letter of recommendation from your Division Director. Packets with checklists, requests for materials, and forms specific for regular and modified faculty have been developed to make the submission process more straightforward. Packets are available on the College of Medicine’s website. Follow this link: http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/com/faculty/apt/musc/index.html. The letter of recommendation from your Division Director must follow appendix 2 in the COM APT guidelines. Division Director letters should include the following paragraphs: introductory, education, research if applicable, scholarly publications, clinical practice if applicable, administration, and other activities and accomplishments. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Mulholland mulhollk@musc.edu
CHAIRMAN’S RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences is pleased to announce a new submission cycle for the Chair’s Research Development Fund (CRDF). Applications will be accepted until midnight, May 1st. The CRDF supports several goals related to maintaining high quality research training programs. The primary goals are to increase the number of extramurally-funded junior investigators, encourage integration of trainees into research projects, enhance mentor-mentee collaborations within and across department divisions, and increase minority representation among funded junior investigators.

For more information, please contact Vickey Cornelison-Grant at cornelv@musc.edu, or call her at 792-5879.

SUMMER INSTITUTE 2016

Workshops In Quantitative Research Methodology

Department of Public Health Sciences
Medical University of South Carolina
Charleston, South Carolina
May 2-10, 2016
August 18-19, 2016

For more information, visit http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/phs/docs/SummerInstitute_2016.pdf
KUDOS/WINS

- Dawn Vocolina, RN, CUL (Clinical Unit Leader) on 2N passed her Psychiatric Mental Health certification.

- Dr. Gregg Dwyer was an invited faculty member for the Georgia State Patrol/Georgia Bureau of Investigation 3-day Post Critical Incident Seminar for law enforcement and other public safety personal who have experienced traumatic events such as shootings, line of duty death, traffic accidents, suicide of co-worker or family member, etc.

- Dr. Angie Moreland was featured on counton2.com regarding the first responder PTSD bill. http://counton2.com/2016/03/28/first-responder-ptsd-bill-stalled-in-state-senate/

- Joshua Brown gave an invited talk to Wake Forest University’s Weight Management Center entitled “Telehealth Weight Management.”

- The MUSC Weight Management Center is now providing its most popular weight loss programs to residents in North Carolina. Leveraging safe, secure, and simple technology, they’re able to meet with patients throughout both South Carolina and North Carolina in real-time on their computers, smartphones or tablets, using the latest telehealth technology. Their aim is to reach people who don’t have access to proven weight loss programs where they live and those who are simply too busy to come in.

- Dr. Pat O’Neil was appointed Co-Chair of the Obesity Week Board of Managers. This is the group that oversees Obesity Week, the venue for the co-located annual scientific meetings of The Obesity Society and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

- The Weight Management Center (WMC) received a general estate donation from a grateful patient. Congratulations to the WMC on their continued excellence in patient care!

- Dr. Gregg Dwyer and Dr. Paul Fedoroff of the Royal Ottawa Mental Health (ROH) Center, Canada, were invited guests of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) of the Czech Republic. At the Czech Republic NIMH, they provided consultation on launching of their replication study of our (MUSC Community and Public Safety Psychiatry (CPSDP) and ROH, Canada) recent fMRI-PPG study of persons with Pedophilic Disorder and controls, which has never been done before as conducted at MUSC. Dr. Dwyer gave two presentations:
  - PPG and fMRI: Preliminary Findings and the Future.
  - Treatment of Persons with Sexual Offending Behavior.

- Dr. Gregg Dwyer presented at the Bohnice Psychiatric Hospital in Prague, the largest psychiatric hospital in the Czech Republic with a 1200 bed in-patient capacity.

- NCVC along with Charleston County Sheriff Victim Service Office co-sponsored the 16th annual picnic for Survivors of Homicide on Saturday, April 16, at the North Charleston Riverfront Park. North Charleston Police Depart victim services co-hosted. Over 100 survivors attended the event. http://www.live5news.com/story/31743635/homicide-survivors-picnic-uniting-families-for-16-years

- Holly-Ann Boyle who is the Recreational Therapist on 2 north presented “Building Brain Fitness through Mindfulness Training” at the Southeast Recreation Therapy Symposium in Gatlinburg, TN last week. She was chosen for The Ann James Award which is intended to recognize outstanding speakers from each year’s symposium. Named after one of the founding members of the STRS Board of Directors, the award is presented annually to the speaker(s) who represent(s) excellence in session content, design, delivery, and applicable impact to attendees needs.
FACULTY MEETINGS
All faculty members are expected to attend Faculty Meetings. Faculty Meetings are held quarterly from 12-1pm in the IOP Auditorium. Attendees are eligible to win $1,000 incentive to be used for dues, subscriptions, memberships in professional societies, educational purposes, etc.

2016 FACULTY MEETING DATES:
January 19, 2016
April 19, 2016
July 19, 2016
October 18, 2016

PRESENTATIONS


This past weekend Steve Rublee and Dr. Melissa Milanak represented the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences performing as a duo in the Annual MUSC LIVE Charity Concert at the Woolfe Street Playhouse raising funds for Autism Awareness and the Charleston Autism Academy. Acts included faculty, staff and students across MUSC, and each department was encouraged to provide musicians. Melissa also performed later in the night with faculty from the Departments of Oncology and Cardiology. Through their efforts and the other musical acts, $1000’s were raised for Autism Awareness!
I have implemented monthly breakfast meetings. These meetings are intended to have an open-ended discussion with the Chair regarding education/training, clinical service, and/or research opportunities and future strategic plans. Available dates in 2016 include: April 12, May 24, June 21, July 19, September 13, October 11, and November 15. Breakfast meetings will be held from 8:30am-9:30am in the Chairman’s conference room and are open to a maximum of 12 faculty members. Interested faculty members should contact Kristen Mulholland (mulhollk@musc.edu) to sign up for a breakfast meeting.

**Psychiatry Continuing Education**

**2016 Events Calendar**

**April 2016**
- 22nd - 2nd Annual Spring Social Work Conference (7.0 CEU’s offered)
- 28th - **TTS** - Grief & Bereavement Techniques* (6.5 CME/CEU’s offered)
- 29th - **TTS** - Depression & Suicidal Ideation* (6.5 CME/CEU’s offered)

**May 2016**
- 13th - Cutting Edge: What’s New in Sex Offender Treatment and Assessment (5.0 CEU’s offered)

**June 2016**
- 2nd & 3rd - 29th Annual Update in Psychiatry
  - Trending Topics in Substance Abuse (12.0 CME/CEU’s offered)
- 24th - **TTS** - Maternal Mental Health: Documentary Screening and Expert Panel Discussion (1/2 Day) (3.5 CME/CEU’s offered)

*Register for both conferences and receive a special two-day rate.*

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Visit our website for information and registration for all our Continuing Education Events: [www.musc.edu/psychevents](http://www.musc.edu/psychevents)
**SUNSHINE ACT**

The 45 day review and dispute period for 2015 data in the Open Payments (Sunshine Act) system will open on **April 1** and close **May 15**. During this time period, physicians about whom a manufacturer has reported one or more payments will be able to register and view the reported payments in advance of the June 30 public release of the information. If any of the reported payments appear to be incorrect, physicians have until May 15 to resolve the dispute directly with the manufacturer, who can submit revised information to CMS. All resolutions must be completed by May 30. The most current information, instructions, and FAQs can be found at [https://www.cms.gov/openpayments/](https://www.cms.gov/openpayments/). The review process is voluntary, but to participate in the process and review and correct the data, physicians will need to register in both the CMS Enterprise Identity Management System (EIDM) and the Open Payments system. For more information, please visit [http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/coi/PPSA/PPSA%20registration](http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/coi/PPSA/PPSA%20registration).

**FACULTY BRIDGE FUNDING**

A primary goal of the College of Medicine is to support and strengthen research capabilities of our faculty. One mechanism utilized to facilitate this goal is our Bridge Funding Program. The purpose of this program is to support investigators with established clinical or basic research programs during periods when a competitive renewal was not funded. Program details and the application format are available at [http://www.musc.edu/com/research/bridgefunding.htm](http://www.musc.edu/com/research/bridgefunding.htm). The application deadline for the current cycle is **April 15**. Applications may be emailed to Mary McConnell at mcconnem@musc.edu. Faculty with questions about this program should contact Senior Associate Dean for Research Craig Crosson.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following Faculty Excellence Awards block winners:

**Block 1:**
Kelly Campbell, MD  
David Hoitt, MD  
Rachel Kennedy, MD  
Ashnoo Nanavati, MD  
Christopher Pelic, MD

**Block 2:**
Kelly Campbell, MD  
Joe Cheng, MD  
Taral Sharma, MD (AnMed Clerkship Director)

**Block 3:**
Rindy Fernandes, MD  
Chris Fields, MD  
Joe Cheng, MD

**Block 4:**
James Fox, MD

**Block 5:**
Mike Sierra, MD (PGY2)  
Callie Lalich, MD

**Block 6:**
Joe Cheng, MD (PGY2)  
Kristen Williams, MD
THANK YOU COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUN CHARITY RUNNERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

2016 Charity Runners!
Mr. Harvey Hines
Ms. Clay Dunnan
Ms. Sylvia Rivers

2016 Volunteers!
Erin McClure
Melissa Overstreet
Emily Bristol
Jordan Hopkins
Carrie Randall
Melissa Michel
Kristen Champagne
Katheryn Mase
Elhaam Borhanian
Staci Scott
Buist Rivers
Charlie Wilson
Casey Toward White
Lisa Pena
Carolyn Skiro
Will Ray
Daniel Grammer
Anne Toward
Brittany Young
Rebecca Grainger
Nahom Gebreselassie
Murray Burn
Sairam Ramesh
Luke Freudenheim
Cheryl Lawrec
Lee Muirhead
NeHa Shash
Citadel ROTC Volunteers
Lisa Puckette
Vinod Pandy
Rory O’Toole
Kimberly Kuoch
Parents of Mt. Pleasant Boy Scouts and others who showed up at the last minute!
SELECTED PUBLICATIONS


Tomko RL, Prisciandaro JJ, Falls SK, Magid V. The structure of the UPPS-R-Child impulsivity scale and its relations with substance use outcomes among treatment-seeking adolescents. Drug Alcohol Depend. 2016 Apr 1;161:276-83


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**SKYPE SEMINAR**

Anne Germain, PhD  
Associate Professor  
Department of Psychiatry  
School of Medicine  
University of Pittsburgh

Applicant for MUSC SmartState Endowed Chair of Translational Neuroimaging

“Sleep: Opportunities for Clinical and Translational Neuroimaging Science”

Monday, May 9, 2016  
11 am  
Chairman’s Conference Room, IOP 5 South
SKYPE SEMINAR

Bradley Postle, PhD
Professor
Department of Psychology
University of California, San Diego

Applicant for MUSC SmartState Endowed Chair of Translational Neuroimaging

“Cognitive Neuroscience of Visual Working Memory and Attention”

Tuesday, April 26, 2016
10:30am
Chairman’s Conference Room, IOP 5 South
YES CAMPAIGN
The YES (Yearly Employee Support) Campaign has kicked off and runs through June 30th.

By showing that we believe in the work we are doing here in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, we are encouraging others to give to our cause as well. Contributions to any of our program or division funds can be made through the YES Campaign.

- A matching gift is available for all MUSC Physicians employees on gifts from $250-$500 again this year; however, the cap is $60,000.
- The online giving page can be accessed by going to giving.musc.edu/yes/.

“IT’s important that we, as employees, support each other. The YES Campaign makes it easy to do that through the YES Family Fund. Our grant has made a huge difference for our STAR treatment program for children. Thank you for your support!”
Kirk Meekins, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry
LOWCOUNTRY MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Advances in Psychotherapy
Exploring the Art & Science of Helping Others

Join us for a world-class two-day event where we discuss and explore the many facets of the psychotherapeutic process with some of the leading experts in our field.

• Earn up to 14.5 Contact Hours for \$110, LPCs, LCWSs, LMFTs, Psychologists, Nurses, & More!
• Important new break-out session opportunities
• Join us for our Thursday evening networking reception.
• Attend our Exhibit Hall with 40+ vendors and exhibitors!

For a detailed schedule visit: www.lowcountrymentalhealthconference.com

Conference Schedule
Thursday, July 28, 2016
• 8:00am (General AMM Breakfast)
• 8:30am - 5:30pm (general sessions - 4.25 hrs)
• 6:00pm - 7:00pm (break-out session - 1.5 hrs)
• 6:00pm - 8:00pm (seminar)

Friday, July 29, 2016
• 8:30am - 4:45pm (general sessions - 5.75 hrs)
• 12:30pm - 1:30pm (break-out session - 1 hr)

Earn up to 14.5 Contact Hours!
• M.D.'s & DO's (CEU approved)
• Counselors (approved in most states)
• Nurses (CEU approved)
• Social Workers (approved in most states)
• Marriage and Family Therapists (approved in most states)
• Psychologists (CEU approved in SC)

Conference Details
www.lowcountrymentalhealthconference.com

Registration
(*Denotes a required field)

- Name ________________________________

- Email ________________________________

- Phone ________________________________

- Professional Affiliation (e.g., LPC, MHC, LCASW) ____________________________

- City ______________________________ __________ State __________

- DMH Employees: Y/N __________________________ DMH Center/Hospital __________

- Full Conference July 28th Only __________ July 29th Only __________

Break-Out Sessions (limited space, so mark one or select if interested)

July 28 - Dr. Greene Part I & II (12:30pm - 4:45pm) __________

July 29 - Dr. Greene Part III (12:30pm - 4:45pm) __________

Please mail completed registration form & check to:
ATTN: Lowcountry Mental Health Conference
Mental Health Heroes, P.O. 102, 2014 C Ashley Driveway Drive
Charleston, SC 29414

Make checks payable to: Mental Health Heroes

Conference Rates (Circle Your Choice)

Professionals (for CEU registrants)

- Early Bird Rate: $119
- Regular Registration Rate: $215
- Late Registration Rate: $219
- One-Day Rate: $120

M.D.'s & DO's (for CME registrants)

- Early Bird Rate: $189
- Regular Registration Rate: $215
- Late Registration Rate: $230
- One-Day Rate: $145

Students/Parents/Churches (no CEU or CME)

- Early Bird Rate: $119
- Regular Registration Rate: $215
- Late Registration Rate: $230
- One-Day Rate: $70

Register online at www.lowcountrymentalhealthconference.com
MUSC Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences presents:

29TH ANNUAL UPDATE IN PSYCHIATRY: TRENDS IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE

**CONFERENCE LOCATION**

Medical University of South Carolina
Bioengineering Building, Room 110
68 President Street
Charleston, SC 29425

**CONFERENCE DETAILS**

Thursday, June 2, 2016
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, June 3, 2016
8:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

All healthcare providers encounter patients who abuse substances on a daily basis. Co-sponsored by the MUSC Addiction Sciences Division, this year’s conference features internationally renowned experts in the field of substance abuse sharing their clinical experience and latest research findings for two days of networking and education.

This activity has been approved for 12.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

**REGISTRATION RATES**

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For further details and our upcoming calendar of events, visit us at:

www.musc.edu/psychevents

Questions: psych-events@musc.edu or (843) 792 - 0175

STAY CONNECTED!
Save the Date!
Monday, May 16, 2016
Atlanta, GA

Annual APA Reception

You are cordially invited to attend the
Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Annual APA Reception

Date: Monday, May 16, 2016
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
What: Please join us for appetizers and drinks, and an opportunity to connect with other alumni, as well as current faculty and administration.
Where: STATS FOOD + DRINKS
The Adidas Room
300 Marietta Street
Atlanta, GA 30313
RSVP: Online by emailing Laura Seiback at: seeback@musc.edu
or by phone: (843) 792-0175
Therapeutic Techniques & Special Populations in Psychiatry Series
Two Day Series Special! Exclusive Pricing
Medical University of South Carolina | Wellness Center | Room 204 | Charleston, SC

Evidence Based Approaches to Grief and Bereavement
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016
8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Featuring
Alyssa A. Rheingold, PhD

Depression and Suicidal Ideation
FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016
8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Featuring
Jeffrey S. Cluver, MD; Mark L. De Santis, MS, PsyD; Mark S. George, MD;
Angela D. Moreland, PhD; Christopher G. Pelic, MD; E. Baron Short, MD, MSCR

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MUSC Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences presents:

2nd Annual Spring Social Work Conference
Social Work Here and Now:
Bridging Today’s Issues Into Tomorrow's Solutions

CONFERENCE LOCATION
Medical University of South Carolina
Bioengineering Building
68 President Street
Charleston, SC 29425

CONFERENCE DETAILS
Friday, April 22, 2016
7:55 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Registration opens at 7:30 a.m.

Social workers regularly interact with a diverse group of clients with ever changing needs and unique challenges. Join us for one full day of education and networking as we address current issues. This conference will be held on the MUSC campus in a new state-of-the-art facility in the heart of downtown Charleston.

Topics include:
- criminal and domestic violence • dementia and caregiver issues
- human trafficking • motivational interviewing
- internet safety - including social media
- and more

The South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners will approve approximately 7.0 hours of credit.

CONFERENCE RATES:
- General Registration: $130.00
- MUSC Employees: $100.00
- Retirees: $100.00
- BSW/MSW Students: $50.00

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www.musc.edu/psychevents

Questions? psych-events@musc.edu or (843) 792 - 0175
Cutting Edge: What’s New In Sex Offender Treatment and Assessment

Come join us for a day long training and conference to discover what’s new and current in the field of Sex Offender Treatment.

Friday, May 13, 2016

Medical University of South Carolina
Institute of Psychiatry Auditorium
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This training offers presentations by local experts in the areas of assessment and treatment of adults, juveniles, and female sex offenders. The day will conclude with an open panel discussion with the host members of our state chapter of ATSA. So bring your questions and receive some expert advice.

This is a great opportunity to network with other individuals who work in the field and to establish relationships to assist in becoming a member of the national organization.

We look forward to seeing you all at this event.

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CEUs are available to attendees

To register online for this training and view all our upcoming events, visit us at:

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Title: Bringing South African Men into HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) and Care
Contact: Dr. Michael D. Sweat, sweatm@musc.edu, (843) 876-1800
Description: The ultimate objective of this research is to provide evidence-based strategies to improve treatment of HIV+ men. Treatment as prevention (TasP) can only work through a three step process: (1) Testing a significant proportion of the population, (2) linkage to care and (3) maintaining in care a significant proportion of HIV+ individuals to the point of viral suppression. The benefits of increased testing, linkage to and maintenance in care for men would be enormous. We propose a study that combines structural and individual level interventions and integrates the results to address our overall objective of maintenance in care to the point of viral suppression.
Aim 1: In a cluster-randomized study, we will investigate whether male-centered mobilization and testing increases the population-level percentage of men who have been tested (within the last 12 months) by more than 10 absolute percentage points. Aim 2: In the individually-randomized design, we will investigate whether POC CD4 testing and individualized case management improves linkage to care (immediately following diagnosis) and viral suppression (12 months later) over POC CD4 testing alone and standard of care. Aim 3: Integrate the results of the two trial components (Aims 1 and 2) to evaluate the joint effect of the interventions on the percentage of HIV+ men who are effectively tested, linked to care and maintained with undetectable VL. The benefits of increased testing, linkage to and maintenance in care for men would be enormous. Men would remain healthier longer, could work and support their families, contribute to rather than deplete household economic resources, raise their children, and they would be less likely to transmit HIV to female partners.

Title: A Pharmacokinetic Comparison of Immediate Release N-Acetylcysteine with Extended Release N-Acetylcysteine in Healthy Adults
Contact: Melissa Michel, michelm@musc.edu, 843-792-1901
Description: Healthy males and females between the ages of 18-50 years are asked to participate in a 12 day outpatient study. The purpose of the study is to determine if a newly developed extended release version of N-Acetylcysteine (NAC) will be acceptable to replace the currently available immediate release formulation of NAC.

Title: A Prospective, Longitudinal, Observational Study to Evaluate Potential Predictors of Relapse in Subjects With Major Depressive Disorder Who Have Responded to Antidepressant Treatment
Contact: Melissa Michel, michelm@musc.edu, 843-792-1901
Description: This study is being done to collect information related to Major Depressive Disorder (MDD). The purpose of this observational study is to identify if answers to self-reported questionnaires about your symptoms and functioning, information about your daily activity and sleep quality, and speech and voice characteristics can be used to predict worsening of MDD in the near future.
Title: Evaluation of Cue-Induced Brain Activation in Pedophilic Offenders  
Contact: Dr. Gregg Dwyer, 843-792-1461  
Description: This study adapts fMRI neuroimaging to evaluate cue-induced changes in regional brain activity in men with Pedophilic Disorder compared to men without the disorder. It has significant potential for knowledge acquisition. Neuroimaging technology has been used to a limited extent to address the neurobiological underpinnings of deviant sexual behavior, but studies are limited in number as well as in scope. It extends results of previous neuroimaging studies by assessing regional brain activity after cue stimulation with a control group during simultaneous fMRI and penile plethysmography. Funded by a University of Ottawa Medical Research Fund grant; joint with Royal’s Institute of Mental Health Research, University of Ottawa.

Title: Sexually Violent Predators” and the Impact of Substance Addiction: A Pilot Study  
Contact: Dr. Gregg Dwyer and Thomas Lewis III, 843-792-1461  
Description: This study evaluates persons committed under the South Carolina Sexually Violent predator (SVP) Act with regard to substance usage, mental health diagnoses, criminal justice, and sex offense data to better understand their relationships. By utilizing SVP Act Multidisciplinary Team review data, information can be obtained comparing persons recommended for commitment to those dismissed from the review process. Given the dearth of empirical study of this population, employing the depth and breadth of data to be examined will enable this pilot study to further the field and public safety efforts at the community level. The Principal Investigator for this study is a General Psychiatry Resident in the DART program with associated funding support.

Title: Enhancing the Identification of Victims of Child Pornography Production and Distribution  
Contacts: Drs. Gregg Dwyer, 843-792-1461  
Description: A unique collaboration with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has enabled access to data from a national registry of identified child pornography victims for the first time outside the federal government. The research team has built a database to examine characteristics of identified child pornography victims; how they are identified; relationships between child and perpetrator characteristics; details about the child pornography offenses. This is a multinational joint project with MUSC CPSPD, Royal’s Institute of Mental Health Research, University of Ottawa, Canada and School of Health in Social Science, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. Funded by a Thorn Foundation grant.

Title: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Phase 4, Relapse Prevention Study Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of Vortioxetine (5, 10 and 20 mg) in Adults With Major Depressive Disorder  
Contact: Donovan Katy donova@musc.edu (843) 724-2945  
Description: The goal of the study is to evaluate 3 fixed doses (5, 10 and 20 mg oral tablets) of vortioxetine (Brintellix) in the prevention of relapse in adult subjects (18-75 years old) with major depressive disorder (MDD), recurrent, who responded to acute treatment with vortioxetine. Eligible subjects participate in a 16-week open-label treatment period with vortioxetine followed by a 32-week double-blind randomized treatment phase.
ONGOING STUDIES

Title: rTMS for Adolescent Depression -- upcoming in the next couple weeks
Contact: Annabel Franz, franza@musc.edu, 843-876-5141
Description: We are investigating the safety and efficacy of repetitive TMS as a treatment for adolescent depression for those aged 12-21 years old. We are seeking adolescents of this age range who have not received sufficient benefit from at least one antidepressant medication trial. TMS is currently FDA approved for treating adult depression.

Title: rTMS for Bipolar Depression - current
Contact: Annabel Franz, franza@musc.edu, 843-876-5141
Description: We are investigating repetitive TMS as a treatment for bipolar depression in conjunction with mood stabilizers in adults aged 22-68 years old. We are seeking treatment refractory patients with bipolar disorder. TMS is currently FDA approved for treating adult depression.

Title: rTMS for Reducing Marijuana Craving and Risky Behaviors in Non-Treatment Seeking Heavy Marijuana Smokers - current
Contact: Annabel Franz, franza@musc.edu, 843-876-5141
Description: A pilot trial investigating how TMS to the left dorso-lateral pre-frontal cortex can reduce marijuana craving and impulsive decisions in adults 18-60.

Title: Enhancing Disrupted Reconsolidation: Impact on Cocaine Craving, Reactivity & Use
Contact: Amanda Smith, smitham@musc.edu, 792-6984
Description: The purpose of this double-blind, placebo-controlled study is to examine whether beta-adrenergic antagonist propranolol can attenuate cocaine-associated memories and thereby reduce cocaine craving, cue reactivity, and use in cocaine dependent participants. Participants will receive either placebo, 40mg, or 80mg of propranolol after each of two laboratory sessions of cocaine cue exposure. Participants will be evaluated on cocaine craving, physiological reactivity to cocaine cues, and cocaine use in follow-up sessions for 6 weeks.

Title: Traumatic Exposure and Competency to Stand Trial: Describing Juvenile Offender Characteristics.
Contact: Sheresa Christopher, chrisshe@musc.edu, 792-1461
Description: Exposure to traumatic events is associated with trauma sequelae which has been studied and observed in samples of justice-involved youth. Within this population, a small subset of youth is referred for evaluation of their competency to stand trial due to concerns they may be lacking a factual and rational understanding of the proceedings against them and the ability to assist their attorney in their defense. Despite the high prevalence of trauma exposure and the similarity of deficits observed, little is known about trauma exposure in youth thought to exhibit deficits in those abilities typically associated with competency to stand trial. The current study aims to describe the differences in characteristics between juveniles who are opined competent to stand trial and those who are not. A particular emphasis is placed on the presence and type of past trauma exposure in relation to the nature of the criminal offenses given the high prevalence of trauma in this population.
ONGOING STUDIES

Title: Psychological First Aid for Victims of Crime
Contact: Dr. Michael McCart, mccartm@musc.edu, (843) 876-1800
Description: This study aims to implement and refine research protocols required for a full-scale randomized clinical trial of Psychological First Aid (PFA) for adult victims of crime. PFA is a promising acute intervention designed to reduce the severity and duration of trauma-related distress. Law Enforcement Victim Advocates are being trained to implement PFA with adult crime victims. A pilot trial is comparing PFA to usual services on key mental health outcomes from baseline through 4 months post-baseline.

Title: Synthesizing HIV Behavioral Intervention Effectiveness in Developing Countries
Contact: Dr. Michael D. Sweat, sweatm@musc.edu, (843) 876-1800
Description: This is a project in which we are conducting systematic reviews and meta-analysis on evidence of effectiveness of a variety of HIV behavioral interventions in developing countries.

Title: Phase II RCT of Comprehensive Triage HIV Prevention: Tanzania
Contact: Dr. Michael D. Sweat, sweatm@musc.edu, (843) 876-1800
Description: The purpose of this study is to conduct a rigorous 3-year Phase II trial of a promising HIV prevention strategy designed to significantly reduce population-level HIV incidence in rural developing country settings with severe generalized HIV epidemics.

Title: Community-Based Combination HIV Prevention in Tanzania Women at Heightened Risk
Contact: Dr. Michael D. Sweat, sweatm@musc.edu, (843) 876-1800
Description: This is a two-arm Phase II community randomized controlled trial of a community-based combination HIV prevention intervention among FSWs in Iringa, Tanzania. The combination package examined includes integrated biomedical, behavioral and structural components: The study will establish base rates of key outcomes including HIV incidence and viral load suppression, examine the socio-structural and behavioral pathways of the intervention, assess feasibility, acceptability and safety, and document preliminary effectiveness. (1) mobile HIV testing and risk reduction counseling; (2) service navigation to facilitate access to treatment and retention in care; (3) sensitivity training for HIV clinical care providers; (4) SMS text messages to promote adherence to care and ART; (5) venue-based peer education and condom distribution; and (6) a community drop-in-center to promote cohesion and collective action to reduce stigma and discrimination.

Title: Dyadic-Based Diagnosis, Care & Prevention for Discordant Couples in Tanzania
Contact: Dr. Michael D. Sweat, sweatm@musc.edu, (843) 876-1800
Description: The primary goal for the proposed study is to examine the feasibility, safety, and impact on improved care and prevention of novel strategies to identify and engage HIV sero-discordant couples in an integrated prevention and treatment intervention.
Title: A Phase 2, Efficacy, Safety, and Tolerability Study of ALKS 3831 in Schizophrenia with Alcohol Use Disorder.
Contact: Melissa Michel, michelm@musc.edu, 843-792-1901
Description: This study is designed to evaluate the efficacy, safety, and tolerability of ALKS 3831 in schizophrenia with AUD. ALKS 3831 is a combination of olanzapine, an approved antipsychotic treatment for schizophrenia, and samidorphan, a new medication. Potential subjects for this trial are adults with a diagnosis of schizophrenia and alcohol use disorder (AUD) with a recent change in symptoms. The study will test whether olanzapine with samidorphan will aide in lowering alcohol use for subjects at the same time that the combination of the two drugs lessens side effects of olanzapine such as weight gain.

Title: An Open-label, Long-term, Safety and Efficacy Study of Intranasal Esketamine in Treatment-resistant Depression
Contact: Melissa Michel, michelm@musc.edu, 843-792-1901
Description: The main purpose of this study is to assess the long-term safety, tolerability, and effectiveness of esketamine nasal spray plus a newly initiated oral (taken by mouth) antidepressant in patients with treatment-resistant depression. All patients in this study will be treated with esketamine nasal spray plus a new oral anti-depressant. The new oral anti-depressant will be one of the following approved and marketed oral antidepressants: duloxetine (Cymbalta), escitalopram (Lexapro), sertraline (Zoloft), or venlafaxine extended release (Effexor XR).
****Anticipated to start January 2016

Title: Internet Crimes Against Children: Development of a Typology of Offenders for Use in Prevention, Investigations and Treatment
Contact: Dr. Gregg Dwyer, 843-792-1461
Description: This study is based on the collection and analysis of data from Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) investigated by ICAC Task Forces in 20+ states. The inferential analysis of perpetrator, victim and offense data and content analysis of Internet chats to solicit children serves to inform the mental health, social services, education and legal fields for use in forensic evaluations, treatment planning, criminal investigations, court proceedings and developing public safety strategies for protecting our communities’ youth. Funded by Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant # 2010-MC-CX-4003; joint with the University of So. Carolina.

Title: Protecting Children Online: Using Research-Based Algorithms to Prioritize Law Enforcement Internet Investigations
Contact: Dr. Dwyer, 843-792-1461
Description: Using data from ICAC Task Forces across the U.S. to develop empirically-based algorithms to assist law enforcement in prioritizing cases of: child pornography production over possession/distribution; online luring to meet a minor to commit sexual offenses, over luring restricted to online behavior such as sexual chat or exchanging pornographic images; hands-on sexual offense offenders against children over cases of offenders with no known history. Funded by Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant # 2011-MC-CX-0002; joint with University of South Carolina, Johns Hopkins University & University of Ottawa.
Title: Rivastigmine Patch in Veterans with Cognitive Impairment Following Traumatic Brain Injury  
Contact: Katy Donovan donova@musc.edu (843) 724-2945  
Description: In light of the significance of memory deficits in persons with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and the strong relationship between posttraumatic memory impairments and posttraumatic cholinergic dysfunction, this study examines the efficacy and safety of cholinesterase inhibitor rivastigmine (transdermal patch), an intermediate-acting cholinesterase inhibitor, in Veterans (ages 19 – 65 years old) suffering from posttraumatic memory impairment following TBI in a multicenter, randomized placebo controlled 26-week trial.

Title: Apathy in Dementia Methylphenidate Trial 2 (ADMET 2)  
Contact: Olga Brawman-Mintzer, MD mintzero@musc.edu; (843) 724-2945  
Description: Apathy in Dementia Methylphenidate Trial 2 (ADMET 2) is a Phase III, placebo-controlled, masked, 6 month, 10-center randomized clinical trial sponsored by National Institute of Aging involving 200 participants with Alzheimer's disease (AD). ADMET 2 is designed to examine the efficacy and safety of methylphenidate as treatment for clinically significant apathy in AD participants. ADMET 2 will enroll participants from real world settings such as outpatient, nursing home, and assisted living facilities and will examine the effects of methylphenidate on apathy and cognition. ADMET 2 will also conduct careful safety monitoring.

Title: Vitamin D and Type 2 Diabetes Study  
Contact: Mary Harley harleyma@musc.edu 843-792-5428  
Description: The goal of the Vitamin D and type 2 diabetes (D2d) study is to determine if vitamin D supplementation works to delay the onset of type 2 diabetes in people at risk for the disease and to gain a better understand how vitamin D affects glucose (sugar) metabolism. Researchers at twenty US sites will enroll people with pre-diabetes (people who have higher than normal blood glucose level but not high enough to meet the diagnosis of diabetes). The study will enroll participants over approximately 2 years and participants will be followed for approximately 3 years. Participants will receive either Vitamin D or a placebo by chance. Participants will take 1 pill a day for the duration of the study. Participants will visit the study site for up to 13 scheduled visits during their participation.

Title: Assessing the Bite Counter as a Tool for Food Intake Monitoring: Phase II  
Contact: Mary Harley harleyma@musc.edu 843-792-5428  
Description: This study is a 15-week assessment of the possible utility of a wrist-worn device, the Bite Counter, in assisting the weight loss behavior change efforts of overweight and obese individuals. The Bite Counter tracks and analyzes wrist motions to identify those associated with taking bites of food and drinking beverages. It also has a step-counter feature. This study is designed to determine if using the Bite Counter with specific goals to reduce the numbers of bites and increase the numbers of steps will result in those changes.
Title: Eagle Eye: Validation of computer-based saccade measures as a sensitive, reliable, and freely available biomarker for tracking subtle neurocognitive changes in Parkinson's disease.
Sponsor: Michael J. Fox Foundation
Contact: Jenna Renfroe, PhD.; renfroe@musc.edu ; 843-792-6096
Description: This study aims to validate a computer-based task to enable clinicians and researchers to measure saccades without the cost and complexity of traditional eye-tracking equipment.

Title: Development and standardization of an iPhone-based application for quantitative measurement of the pupillary light reflex in healthy adults and patients with Parkinson’s disease. (iDilate)
Sponsor: Chairs Departmental Research Foundation
Contact: Jenna Renfroe, PhD; renfroe@musc.edu ; 843-792-6096
Description: This aim of this project is to develop and standardize an application that would allow clinicians, researchers, and community-based safety personnel (e.g., police and EMS) to obtain quantitative measurements of the pupillary light reflex, a highly sensitive measure of neurological functioning.

Title: Atomoxetine Treatment for Cognitive Impairment in Parkinson’s Disease (ATM-Cog).
Sponsor: Michael J. Fox Foundation
Contact: Vanessa Hinson, MD, PhD.; hinsonvk@musc.edu ; 843-792-6096
Description: This is a RCT assessing the safety and efficacy of ATM for cognitive impairment in Parkinson’s disease.

Title: Ranger Resilience and Improved Performance on phospholipid bound Omega-3’s (RRIP-3).
Sponsor: Aker Biomarine
Contact: Travis H. Turner, PhD; turnertr@musc.edu ; 843-577-5011 ×5192
Description: This is a RCT examining whether supplementation with phospholipid bound omega-3 improves resiliency to psychophysiological distress in a sample of 400 candidates going through Infantry Basic Officer Leadership Course (IBOLC) and subsequent Ranger training at Ft. Benning. In addition to grades from IBOLC and success/failure in Ranger training, a number of neuropsychiatric measures are included as outcome and mediator/moderator variables.

Title: Better Resiliency Among Veterans and Non-Veterans with Omega-3’s (BRAVO)
Sponsor: Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program.
Contact: Samantha Wise ; wissa@musc.edu ; 843-792-2425
Description: This RCT seeks to determine if dietary supplementation with omega-3 HUFAs reduces the risk for serious suicidal behaviors in an at-risk clinical population. Changes in cognitive processes specific to suicide risk are evaluated, including implicit associations, response inhibition and sustained attention.
Title: Effect of Pregnenolone on Cue-Reactivity in Marijuana-Dependent Individual.  
Contact: Lisa Nunn, jenkinli@musc.edu, 792-0476  
Description: This study explores the impact of an oral medication, pregnenolone, on drug craving following exposure to marijuana cues. Participation consists of a screening visit and one study session.

Title: Neural Substrates of Emotion: Impact of Cocaine Dependence  
Contact: Lisa Nunn, jenkinli@musc.edu, 792-0476  
Description: This study explores the effect of oxytocin on brain activity associated with stress in cocaine dependent individuals. Participation consists of a screening visit and one study session.

Title: A Randomized Controlled Trial of Varenicline for Adolescent Smoking Cessation (formal title protocol); Project Quit (nickname)  
Contact: Referrals – Team Intake Coordinator; Study Management - Lori Ann Ueberroth, Study Coordinator  
Contact email: Referrals – smokingstudy@musc.edu; Study Management – ueberro@musc.edu  
Contact phone number: Referrals – 792-4097; Study Management – 792-8220  
Description: This is a research study to determine if a medication (varenicline) helps young cigarette smokers quit. Smokers aged 14-21 who participate in the study receive medication or placebo and help with quitting during 12 weekly sessions. Smokers under 18 must have parental consent. There is no cost to participate and compensation is available to those that qualify.

Title: The gender-sex hormone interface with craving & stress-related changes in smoking (formal title protocol); SCOR 3 Nicotine (nickname)  
Contact: Referrals – Team Intake Coordinator; Study Management - Lori Ann Ueberroth, Study Coordinator  
Contact email: Referrals – smokingstudy@musc.edu; Study Management – ueberro@musc.edu  
Contact phone number: Referrals – 792-4097; Study Management – 792-8220  
Description: This is a non-treatment study for cigarette smokers ages 18-45, examining gender and reproductive hormone influences on smoking behavior. There is NO requirement that participants be interested in quitting smoking. The study involves 4 clinic visits and compensation is provided for those who qualify.

Title: Gabapentin for Relapse Prevention: Alcohol Withdrawal-Brain GABA/Glutamate Effects  
Contact: Konstantin Voronin, voronin@musc.edu, 792-4887  
Description: This treatment study is an 16-weeks outpatient clinical trial where subjects will get medication, which might help them to reduce or stop their drinking, or a placebo. This study will recruit and randomize subjects who have expressed an interest in receiving treatment for alcohol dependence. Upon enrollment into this study there will be 11 outpatient visits. Each visit will last about 1-1.5 hours.
ONGOING STUDIES

Title: Impulsivity and Drinking/Craving: Effect of a Dopamine Stabilizer Medication  
Contact: Mark Ghent, ghent@musc.edu, 792-1222  
Description: This non treatment study investigates the effects of a medication in response to alcohol. Individuals (ages 21-40) who complete the study will be paid for their participation. This study does not involve alcohol treatment.

Title: Acceptability and feasibility of the remote monitoring of smoking and relapse in adolescents  
Contact: Taylor York, york@musc.edu, 843-792-0493  
Description: This is a research study that will test a new remote monitoring technology to assess smoking in the natural environment among adolescents and young adults ages 15-25. After assessment and inclusion in the study, participants will be asked to carry two devices (smartphone and a device to assess how much they are smoking) with them for 11 days and answer questions about their smoking, mood, surroundings, etc. Participants will also be asked to make a brief quit attempt lasting for approximately 48 hours. There is no cost to participate and compensation is available to those who qualify. Remote monitoring technology has the potential for fewer clinic visits and a better understanding of smoking among adolescents and young adults.

Title: A novel approach to reduce the use, misuse and abuse of prescription opioids in pregnancy  
Contact: Connie Guille, guille@musc.edu, 843-792-6489  
Description: The aim of this study is to gather feedback from pregnant women using prescription opioids who participate in a Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Chronic Pain program for the reduction of use, misuse and abuse of prescription opioid medication(s).

Title: Adverse early childhood experience and risk for poor obstetric outcomes in African American women  
Contact: Connie Guille, guille@musc.edu, 843-792-6489  
Description: The aim of this study is to investigate the impact of early childhood adversity on a laboratory stressor and risk for poor obstetric outcomes.

Title: Testing a Promising Treatment for Youth Substance Abuse in a Community Setting  
Contact: Dr. Scott W. Henggeler, henggesw@musc.edu, (843) 876-1800  
Description: The overriding purpose of the proposed randomized trial is to examine the effectiveness of a promising outpatient treatment of adolescent substance abuse delivered in a community-based treatment setting.

Title: Family-Based Treatment for Parental Substance Abuse and Child Maltreatment  
Contact: Dr. Cynthia C. Swenson, swensocc@musc.edu, (843) 876-1800  
Description: The purpose of this randomized controlled trial is to examine the effectiveness of the Building Stronger Families Model versus standard services in Connecticut for physically abuse and/or neglected children whose parents are experiencing severe substance abuse. The study is being implemented through a community based mental health provider. Key outcomes under examination include child behavior, parent behavior, family relations, parent to child violence, reabuse, placement, and parental substance abuse.
ONGOING STUDIES

Title: Positive Psychotherapy to Improve Autonomic Function and Mood in ICD Patients”
PAM-ICD Trial (NCT02088619)
Contact: Dr. Lily Christon (Project Coordinator); Dr. Eva Serber (PI)
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Contact phone number: 843-792-0625
Description: This study is a randomized clinical trial of a positive-emotion focused cognitive-behavioral therapy intervention (Quality of Life Therapy) vs. a heart healthy education intervention among patients with implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICD), with the primary aim of feasibility and acceptability of QOLT in ICD patients. Secondary aims include obtaining effect size estimates of QOLT on frequencies of arrhythmia episodes and ICD-delivered therapies, parasympathetic activity and regulation, and QOL and psychosocial constructs. Recruitment: patients of MUSC Cardiology

Title: TMS for nicotine addiction
Contact: Scott Henderson or Xingbao Li
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Description: This is a double blind randomized controlled smoking cessation research study sponsored by the National Institute of Drug Abuse. This study is designed to ascertain whether repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS) can affect things that may prompt you to want to smoke and the consumption of cigarettes over a 3-month period.
After assessment and inclusion into the study, participants will be randomized to receive a 10-time active rTMS or placebo-like rTMS. Participants must be (1) current cigarette smokers; (2) between 18-60 years old; (3) able to commit approximately 13 hours of time to the study; and (4) have no metal in their body. Compensation will be provided.

Title: Integrative Risk Reduction and Treatment for PTSD and Teen Substance Use Problems
Contact: Liz McGuan, mcguan@musc.edu, 843-792-8361
Description: This program involves a randomized controlled trial (RCT) with subjects ages 13-18 years who have experienced interpersonal violence (physical or sexual abuse/assault, exposure to domestic violence, witness community violence). Subjects are randomized to either receive Risk Reduction through Family Therapy (RRFT) or Treatment As Usual (TAU). Youth will be recruited from local child advocacy centers and the interventions are psychosocial in nature. Follow-up assessments will be conducted at multiple time points through 18-month post entry.

Title: Investigation of safety and efficacy of once-daily semaglutide in obese subjects without diabetes mellitus
Contact: Suzanne Kuker, kuker@musc.edu, 792-5427
Description: This study seeks to determine whether semaglutide, will help non-diabetic people who are obese to lose weight over one year. Participants will be randomly assigned to receive 1 of 5 doses of semaglutide, liraglutide or an inactive placebo and will be enrolled in the study for 59 weeks. The primary measure will be weight change and other measures will include health factors related to obesity such as blood sugar control, blood pressure, and cholesterol. The safety of the drug for weight loss will also be studied.
ON GOING STUDIES

Title: Group Motivational Interviewing(GMI) for Homeless Veterans in VA Services  
Contact: Kayla Lamb, Kayla.Lamb@va.gov, 843-577-5011 ext: 5310  
Description: We are seeking Veterans who are homeless or in the VA Homeless Program to voluntarily enroll in a VA research study comparing two types of treatment for Veterans who have an alcohol misuse problem. Eligible participants will attend one of two groups: a motivational enhancement group therapy, called ‘The Self-Change Program’, designed to enhance motivation to make a healthier change around using substances by exploring personal goals, values, and strengths for making a change, or a Like Skills Educational Group therapy for improving quality of life and enhancing home stability. The study will recruit participants from within three locations: the Charleston VA Medical Center, the Myrtle Beach Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), and the Savannah, GA CBOC. Compensation will be provided to qualified participants.

Title: A Randomized, Double-blind, Multicenter, Placebo-controlled, Parallel-group, Efficacy and Safety Study of 2 Doses of Dasotraline in Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)  
Contact: Amanda Wagner, wagne@musc.edu, 843-792-0484  
Description: This is a randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind clinical trial (Phase III) evaluating the safety and efficacy of an investigational medication called Dasotraline in adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. The study requires weekly visits for 12 weeks, and daily medication compliance.

Title: Smart Capsule for Automatic Adherence Monitoring  
Contact: Elizabeth Jones, jonesel@musc.edu, 843-792-5819  
Description: The purpose of this study is to determine the acceptability, tolerability, and efficacy of capsules with built-in, ingestible sensors that allow researchers to tell whether or not a patient took them as prescribed. This study is recruiting healthy volunteers.

Title: Effects of transcranial Direct Current Stimulation and Brief Cognitive Intervention on Pain Tolerance.  
Contact: Brittan Carter, cartebri@musc.edu, (843) 792-3659  
Description: The Departments of Psychiatry and Anesthesiology at MUSC are accepting volunteers for a clinical research study to investigate pain tolerance. The purpose of this study is to determine whether a new medical technology, called Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS) can temporarily alter pain tolerance level. tDCS is a minimally-invasive technique (i.e., it does not involve any surgical procedures, additional medication or sedation, or needles) that uses a very small amount of electricity to temporarily stimulate specific brain areas in awake people. The electrical current passes through the skin, scalp, hair, and skull and can temporarily increase or decrease activity in areas of the brain that are thought to be involved with pain perception. Interested participants will be screened on the telephone and then have one appointment lasting approximately 1 hour. Participants must be between the ages of 18 and 75. Participation is confidential, and compensation is available.
ONGOING STUDIES

Title: The Effects of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS) on Fibromyalgia Patients
Contact: Brittan Carter, cartebri@musc.edu, (843) 792-3659
Description: The purpose of this study is to determine whether a new medical technology, called Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS), can help reduce fibromyalgia and reduce the need for pain medication when applied in combination with cognitive behavioral therapy (“talk therapy”). tDCS is a minimally-invasive technique (i.e., it does not involve any surgical procedures, additional medication or sedation, or needles) that uses a very small amount of electricity to temporarily stimulate specific brain areas in awake people. The electrical current passes through the skin, scalp, hair, and skull and can temporarily increase or decrease activity in areas of the brain that are thought to be involved with pain reduction. Some preliminary studies suggest that tDCS may be effective in reducing fibromyalgia and altering pain perception in both healthy adults and in patients with various types of pain conditions. Participants must be between the ages of 21 and 85. Participation is confidential, and compensation is available.

Title: Preliminary Study Investigating Whether Low Field Magnetic Stimulation (LFMS) Has Antinociceptive Effects In A Laboratory Pain Model
Contact: Brittan Carter, cartebri@musc.edu, (843) 792-3659
Description: The purpose of this study is to determine whether a new form of non-invasive brain stimulation, called low field magnetic stimulation (LFMS), can relieve pain. LFMS is like another form of brain stimulation called transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS). This study consists of a 30 minute screening visit and two 90-minute experimental trials separated by approximately one week. Participation is confidential, and compensation is available.

Title: The Effects of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS) on Chronic Lower Back Pain
Contact: verteranpainsc@gmail.com, 843-779-2493
Description: The purpose of this study is to determine whether a new medical technology, called Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS), can help reduce chronic lower back pain and reduce the need for pain medication when applied in combination with cognitive behavioral therapy (“talk therapy”). tDCS is a minimally-invasive technique (i.e., it does not involve any surgical procedures, additional medication or sedation, or needles) that uses a very small amount of electricity to temporarily stimulate specific brain areas in awake people. The electrical current passes through the skin, scalp, hair, and skull and can temporarily increase or decrease activity in areas of the brain that are thought to be involved with pain reduction.

• COMPENSATION PROVIDED
• ALL INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL

PARTICIPANTS MUST:
• Be between the ages of 18 - 70
• Suffer from chronic pain
• Be a United States Veteran
• Take a prescription pain medication
ONGOING STUDIES

Title: Comparison of Pre-Trial Competency to Stand Trial Defendants’ Characteristics on Outcome of Feigning Measures: A Preliminary Study of Local Norms
Contact: Jennifer Steadham, steadhaj@musc.edu, 876-2140
Description: Deliberate attempts to falsify, fabricate, or grossly exaggerate some aspect of functioning is known as feigning. When feigning is motivated by possibility of external gains (e.g., avoidance of prosecution or lesser punishment), it is known as malingering (Rogers & Shuman, 2005). Malingering has obvious relevance in forensic mental health evaluations, as pre-trial criminal defendants have clear motivations to feign impairment. Feigning strategies can be subdivided into two varieties in criminal forensic contexts: cognitive (i.e., memory or thinking processes) and psychiatric (i.e., symptoms of major mental disorders) impairment. Categorical classifications can be made on the basis of a defendant’s performance on feigning assessment measures, into groups thought to be exaggerating or fabricating impairment (“probable malingers”) or those thought to be responding honestly (“non-malingers”). In the last decade, direct examinations comparing the characteristics of competency defendants suspected of malingering versus non-malingers, as classified by feigning measures, have been sparse and most often included as an incidental question in a larger study. For the current study, a sample of competence to stand trial evaluations conducted by MUSC’s Forensic Psychiatry Program will be reviewed. Competency to stand trial reports dated 2011 through August 2015 will be included for review. Evaluation reports will be coded for examinee (e.g., demographic, psychiatric diagnoses, and mental status descriptions) and evaluator characteristics (i.e., specialty field).

Title: CSP556 “rTMS for depressed veterans”
Contact: Matt Schmidt, matthew.schmidt@va.gov, 843-577-5011 ext 5209
Description: This is a study for veterans only who have depression. The treatment given is Transcranial Magnetic stimulation. It is a double blind study with a sham (placebo) possibility. There is a screening phase of about 1 week, a treatment phase of 4-6 weeks, and a follow up phase where subjects come in once per month for 5 months. All procedures and assessments done at Ralph Johnson VA. Subject compensation is available up to $400.00.

Title: A Randomized Trial of E-cigarettes: Natural Uptake, Patterns and Impact of Use
Contact: Caitlyn Hood, hooca@musc.edu, 843-876-2291
Description: Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are the newest and perhaps the most popular non-cigarette products available to smokers. In this study, we will examine how the use of electronic cigarettes affects smoking behavior. Eligible participants will have a 2/3rds chance of receiving a sample of e-cigarettes. Participants must be current, daily cigarette smokers who are 18 years of age or older and interested in trying the e-cigarette.

Title: Oxytocin in Cocaine Dependence
Contact: Lisa Nunn, jenkinli@musc.edu, 792-0476
Description: This study explores the effect of oxytocin on stress response and brain reactivity in individuals with cocaine dependence. Participation consists of a screening visit, three outpatient study sessions, and two brief follow-up visits.
The Barrier Island Clinic is looking for a volunteer staff psychiatrist who would evaluate and see patients one or two half days/month. The number, day of week, and morning (9-12) or afternoon (1-4) to be determined by the psychiatrist. The psychiatrist would see patients referred by the other physicians for diagnosis and determination of pharmacotherapy. You would be asked to prescribe medications if clinically appropriate and you would determine followup appointments. No hospital/inpatient work is required. The medical director and or triage nurse handles any followup telephone calls. There is rare contact (only during the day) outside of office hours when refills are needed or a lab test comes back markedly abnormal. There is no direct patient contact except during the hours specified. The clinic has professional liability insurance. It is a great service to those in need, mostly working people without insurance. There is always a bi-lingual (Spanish) nurse available if needed. There are many retired and past academic physicians who have participated in this worthy effort. Please consider this request and pass it along to others that might be interested. Anyone interested in finding out more about this opportunity to assist those in need should contact: Louis Weinstein, MD 843-817-0620
Dr. Anthony C. Ross

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