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Holiday Greetings

Thank you to all of our Consortium members and our Consortium funders, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Department of Defense (DoD), for their continued support. As 2015 comes to an end, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.



CARE November Investigators Meeting

The CARE Consortium Investigator Meeting, held in Indianapolis, IN on November 16-17 at the NCAA Hall of Champions and Conference Center, was a great success with over 100 Consortium members in attendance.

Attendees were welcomed by members of the CARE Executive Committee: Dr. Brian Hainline (NCAA); Dr. Terry Rauch (DoD), and Dr. Walter Koroshetz (NIH).

Preliminary data and analyses were also presented by Drs. Barry Katz & Jaroslaw Harezlak and the

CARE Biostatistics & Data Management Team (BDMT).

Thank you to everyone who participated for their hard work and dedication.

Dr. McAllister greeting Consortium members.



Consortium members in attendance.

Dr. Broglio presenting the CSC breakout session.



Drs. McCrea and McAllister with Jody Harland, Deputy Director, prior to the ARC breakout session.



Enrollment

As of December 15, 2015:

ARC: 512 enrolled participants and 34 concussions have been captured.

CSC: 17,582 NCAA varsity sport athletes and service academy cadets have been enrolled.

- 16,114 unique athlete baseline evaluations have been completed.
- 2,450 returning athlete baseline evaluations have been completed.
- 689 concussions have been captured.

Spotlight on CARE Performance Sites

University of Florida

The University of Florida (UF) is completing its second fall semester in the NCAA/DoD CARE study. "We have baseline tested our incoming athletes and returning fall sport athletes and have just a handful of spring sport returners left to test this year" says Jon Boone, MS, ATC, the study's research coordinator. CARE has been extremely well accepted at UF and has helped consolidate concussion care for the nearly 470 UF student athletes. With the help of the study's support, UF has created a concussion center staffed by Boone and others on campus already involved in concussion research projects (Dewayne DuBose, PhD, ATC; Breton Asken MS, ATC; Zac Houck BS and others). The center is available to baseline test athletes as well as perform post-concussion testing as requested by the UF sports health staff. The center also provides a dedicated location for clinical evaluations in addition to

the testing and is overseen by Jay Clugston MD, MS, the UF site PI and UF team physician. The university's athletic association and the UF Student Health Care Center have provided physical space and supplies for the center.

"These efforts have streamlined and coordinated our concussion care and have lessened the workload on our athletic training staff. Initially we had some reservations about the annual baselines but we have found that obtaining these in our concussion center has been very beneficial to athletes and has also increased concussion awareness in our athletes as well as our sports health staff, athletic association and university overall. Without our involvement in the study, this would not have been possible," says Dave "Duke" Werner, Assistant Athletics Director for Sports Health at UF. Werner adds that "our arrangement for concussion care due to involvement in the NCAA/DoD study could provide an example for other institutions and help improve consistency and quality of concussion care across the NCAA."



Research Coordinator, Jon Boone, conducts concussion testing.

Clinical Psychology Research Coordinators, Breton Asken and Zac Houck, spending time quality-checking data.



Paul Silvestri, head athletic trainer for football,



plays a key role in injury diagnosis.

CARE in the News

Concussion and College Sports

The NCAA continues its commitment to research that will make student-athletes safer.

[Read Full Article >](#)

Concussion and College Sports

The NCAA and Concussion Research

NCAA chief medical officer Dr. Brian Hainline discusses our prioritization of sport concussion research.

[Watch Video >](#)

The NCAA and Concussion Research

CARE in Action

We would love to see CARE action photos and ask that you send us any slides or pictures you may

have of a CARE Performance site in action that can be featured in the next CARE Consortium newsletter or on the CARE Consortium Website.

Additionally, if there is a concussion - related topic that you would like to see covered in the CARE Consortium Newsletter, contact us at: careac@iupui.edu.

CARE Connect

If you would like to connect and collaborate with the CARE Consortium, please complete a Research Collaboration or a CARE Data Request form.

CARE Research Collaboration

CARE Data Request



Link with CARE

If possible, we are asking all CARE Consortium PIs to please reference and link the CARE Consortium Website "careconsortium.net" on your University's / organization's site as well as your own personal social media sites.

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