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Welcome

To the first NCAA-DoD Grand Alliance CARE Consortium newsletter.

The CARE Consortium would like to welcome Dr.Terry Rauch. Dr. Rauch will serve on the CARE Consortium Executive Committee as an Department of Defense (DOD) representative. The CARE Consortium looks forward to working with Dr. Rauch.

Enrollment

Moving forward into year two of the Consortium, as of June 30, 2015, 7,352 total participants have been enrolled, with data on 245 injuries collected. Congratulations to all CARE performance sites for your outstanding work.

CARE Investigator Meeting

The CARE Consortium held its second Investigator's Meeting at the DoubleTree By Hilton in Washington DC-Crystal City on June 1-3, 2015. The meeting was a success with overall positive feedback from attendees.

On June 1, 2015, the CARE Consortium Pls Drs.

McCrea, Broglio, and McAllister presented

Colonel Dallas Hack with a plaque in



appreciation of his care and concern for individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and unwavering support for TBI research.

Mark your calendars now for these important dates. The next CARE Consortium Investigators Meeting is scheduled in Indianapolis, IN at the NCAA headquarters on November 16-17, 2015. More information to follow.

Spotlight on CARE Performance Sites

US Military Academy @ West Point

West Point opened its doors to CARE Consortium staff and an additional 60 athletic trainers from the surrounding area during the week of May 18, 2015. Amidst graduation ceremonies, Karen Peck, MEd, ATC, CCRP, Kenneth Cameron, PhD, MPH, ATC, FNATA, and Col. Steve Svoboda, MD coordinated baseline assessments for the roughly 3,000 rising cadets.

Two floors of Thayer Hall were reserved in order to accommodate the five days of choreographed 2-hour blocks with 250 cadets each. Upon arrival, each group of cadets was divided into smaller groups of approximately 40 and assigned to a CARE study staff member to discuss the study and review the consent form before moving on to one of three stations; the QuesGen/CARE CRF station, the NeuroCognitive Assessment (ie ImPACT) station, or the SAC/BESS station. One room served as the "TOC" (Tactical Operations Center), under Karen, Ken and Steve's direction, and was the central location for all study staff to learn their daily assignment and obtain necessary tools to complete assessments.

As one would expect, West Point successfully executed the first mass baselining of the 2015-2016 year, enrolling 2,092 cadets over five days. In addition, West Point was the first CARE performance site to implement the QuesGen Participant Portal, and did so without a flaw. Moreover, visiting CARE staff got to see first-hand the tradition, work ethic, and honor that exemplifies the United States Military Academy.



West Point CARE "Surge Team" West Point staff and athletic trainers from surrounding area.



The TOC (Tactical Operations Center) Baseline headquarters.





Dr. Cameron providing instructions to an incoming group of USMA cadets.

Multiple stations for BESS assessment.



QuesGen Tips and Tricks Webinar

A new series of 30-minute Webinars has been developed to coincide with the CSC monthly calls and to provide tips and tricks for working within the QuesGen data entry system. Janetta Matesan and Melissa

Niceley (CARE Biostatistics and Data Management Team members) will present on a different topic each month. The first session was focused on "Forms and Completion Status."

The next session is scheduled for August 31, 2015.

For more information on the QuesGen Webinars contact Melissa Niceley: mniceley@datalyscenter.org

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