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The CARE Consortium would like to wish you a happy holiday season! We also want to extend our sincere appreciation for your continued support throughout the year! Happy holidays and we look forward to another great year of collaboration in 2019!

Best wishes,

The CARE Consortium

CARE 2.0 Update

The CARE Consortium has received a new \$22.5 million grant from the NCAA and the DOD which will enable CARE to expand its scope to study the intermediate and cumulative effects of concussion and repetitive head impact exposure.

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Spotlight on a CARE Performance Site: Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences

The Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences (USU) joined the NCAA-DoD CARE Consortium during its first year of execution to help foster the military service academies' abilities to recruit non-NCAA athletes for the program.

Traumatic brain injury has been referred to as the “signature wound” from Iraq and Afghanistan,

with many service members suffering this injury. While the Department of Defense has invested significant research funding over the years in various areas of TBI research, the ability to partner with the NCAA and the military service academies (MSAs) on such a large scale project was embraced by USU leaders who are excited to be part of this effort.

The combined efforts of USU and the MSAs, including Military Academy at West Point (USMA), US Air Force Academy (USAFA), US Coast Guard Academy (USCGA), and the US Naval Academy (USNA) has resulted in the recruitment of more than 40% of the greater than 41,000 participants currently enrolled in CARE. Moreover, the USU is committed to continue to work with the NCAA and CARE on its projected Service Academy Longitudinal TBI Outcomes Study (SALTOS), with the objective of following cadets and midshipmen longitudinally after they graduate and begin serving in their respective military branches.

Chartered by Congress in 1972, USU's mission is to educate, train, and comprehensively prepare uniformed services health professionals, scientists, and leaders to support the Military and Public Health Systems, the National Security and National Defense Strategies of the United States, and the readiness of the nation's uniformed services. Although USU does not have any NCAA teams, it is home to the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine – “America's Medical School”, the Daniel K Inouye Graduate School of Nursing, the Postgraduate Dental College and the College of Allied Health Sciences. Since USU's founding, it has been a global leader in a number of fields including combat casualty care, preventive medicine, infectious disease, oncology, genetics, rehabilitation, psychological health, and traumatic brain injury through its basic science and clinical research initiatives.

USU's involvement in the CARE consortium would not be possible without the leaders at each of the MSAs. These leaders include: Drs. Ken Cameron and Dr. Megan Houston and their team at West Point, Lt. Col. (Dr.) Jonathan Jackson and Dr. Gerry McGinty and their team at Air Force, Dr. Patrick O'Donnell and Rachel Brodeur and their team at the Coast Guard Academy, and Lt. Cmdr. (Dr.) Adam Susmarski and Cmdr. (Dr.) Lance LeClere and their team at Annapolis. Leading the USU team is retired



Army Col. (Dr.) Paul Pasquina, professor and chair of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, along with Ms. Elizabeth Harper, program manager, Will Roddy, data and information systems manager, and Joshua Jeffries, research assistant.

We are very proud to be a part of this consortium and contributing to the nation's advancement in knowledge regarding concussion and its effect on athlete and service member health and performance.

Save the Date

Thank you for your participation in the NCAA/DOD Grand Alliance CARE Consortium. Please mark your calendars for our next CARE Investigator Meeting: February 7-8, 2019. This meeting will be held in Rosemont, IL; at the Big Ten Conference Center and hotel rooms will be available at the Aloft Chicago O'Hare.

More detailed information to follow.

Please note that Investigator Meetings are only open to Consortium sites and members.

We look forward to seeing you there!



CARE in Action

We are in need of new pictures for our CARE website and social media sites. Please share and submit ideas/post/tweets/pictures of CARE in action from your site with the CARE AOC careaac@iupui.edu.

Thank You!

CARE Connect

If you would like to collaborate with the CARE Consortium, please complete a Research Collaboration form. Collaboration Requests are reviewed monthly by the CARE Consortium Operating Committee.

[CARE Research Collaboration](#)

CARE Data Request

Please note: there are two separate forms available for use when requesting data and/or publication of data from the CARE Consortium Publication Committee. Data and Publication requests are reviewed monthly by the CARE Publication Committee.

For any questions, please contact the CARE AOC at careaoc@iupui.edu.

Thank You.

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