

MTN 005 Study-Specific Training

Participant Accrual Plans



MTN 005 Sites



*Bronx-Lebanon
Hospital Center
Bronx, New York*



*National AIDS
Research Institute
Pune, India*



*University of Alabama
- Birmingham
Birmingham, AL*

Monthly Accrual Targets

- 102 participants (US sites), 150 participants (India site)
- ~ 51 participants per US site
- 5 months for accrual
- ~ 11 participants per month per US site



- Scheduling around holidays/summer
- Competitive enrollment (US sites only)

Site-Specific Accrual Plans

Some Operational Considerations

Reference SSP Section 4

Site Specific Accrual Plans

- ◆ **Site-specific accrual targets**
- ◆ **Methods for tracking actual versus targeted accrual**
- ◆ **Pre-screening procedures (if any)**
- ◆ **Expected pre-screening to enrollment ratios**
- ◆ **Recruitment methods**
- ◆ **Methods for timely evaluation of the usefulness of recruitment methods**
- ◆ **Ethical and human subjects considerations**
- ◆ **Staff responsibilities (direct and supervisory)**
- ◆ **QC/QA procedures (if not specified elsewhere)**

Operational Tips and Reminders

- ◆ **Designate a Recruitment Coordinator who is responsible for tracking accrual rates and managing recruitment efforts over time**
- ◆ **Hold weekly meetings among staff involved in accrual activities – community educators, recruiters, outreach workers, peer educators, others – to discuss current and ongoing strategies**
- ◆ **Discuss accrual issues and strategies at monthly study team meetings**
- ◆ **Engage community representatives on accrual issues and strategies throughout the accrual period**

Operational Tips and Reminders

- ◆ **At the beginning of the study, make your best estimates of key “accrual ratios” for your site:**
 - **Of those contacted, how many participate in screening?**
 - **Of those who screen, how many are eligible?**
 - **Of those who are eligible, how many enroll?**
- ◆ **Knowing these numbers will help you understand how many people need to be recruited and/or screened each month to meet your monthly enrollment targets**
- ◆ **Keep tracking these numbers and adjust efforts over time as needed**



Tracking systems are essential.

Operational Tips and Reminders


- ◆ Continue to discuss as a team, over time, the characteristics of “good candidates” for study participation:
 - Do they have stable employment or housing in the area?
 - Are they planning any vacations or trips in the next 3 months?



When in doubt proceed with caution.

Summary

- ◆ **Recruitment is always harder than expected!**
 - **Plan ahead**
 - **Re-visit your strategies often**
 - **Make adjustments as needed**
 - **Consult with the protocol team if there are problems**



**What are
your questions?**

