Hepatitis C Therapeutic Registry and Research Network (HCV-TARGET)

At a Glance

- Status: Active Consortium
- Year Launched: 2011
- Initiating Organization: North Carolina Translational and Clinical Science Institute
- Initiator Type: Academia
- Location: North America

Abstract

HCV-TARGET is an international consortium of leading Hepatitis C virus (HCV) investigators who have established a common research database and are conducting a longitudinal observational study to answer important questions about HCV therapy with direct acting antiviral agents.

Mission

HCV-TARGET is unique for the following reasons:

Structure & Governance

Led jointly by the University of Florida (UF) and the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill, HCV-TARGET is an international research consortium created to inform the ongoing transformation of HCV treatment and research. As of April 2013, HCV-TARGET includes 103 academic and community
sites in 31 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, and Europe. The governance structure includes a Steering Committee, Publication Committee, community advocate, industry advisory council, and regulatory advisory council. UF serves as the Clinical Coordinating Center, and UNC serves as the Data Coordinating Center. HCV-TARGET is conducting an investigator-initiated observational study jointly sponsored by UF and UNC and funded in part by Vertex, Merck, Kadmon, and Genentech through PEGBASE: An Observational Study.

**Financing**

HCV-TARGET is sponsored by Genetech, Kadmon, Merck, Janssen, AbbVie, Gilead Sciences, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and GlaxoSmithKline.

**Impact/Accomplishment**

Beginning in April 2013, HCV-TARGET will release interim analyses each spring and fall to provide timely data that can inform clinical practice and improve treatment safety, efficacy, and outcomes. Interim analyses will aim to improve information on populations represented and underrepresented in Phase III clinical trials and to identify and remediate educational gaps and adverse event management. Over time, HCV-TARGET will study long-term morbidity, mortality, and comorbidities associated with treating Hepatitis C and will develop new translational studies and collaborations. A formal publication policy and process has been developed to facilitate analyses of HCV-TARGET data and dissemination of findings.

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