INternational COllaboration of Sleep Apnea Cardiovascular Trials (INCOSACT)

Researchers:

Invitation to Participate!

The INternational COllaboration of Sleep Apnea Cardiovascular Trials (INCOSACT) Researchers is a newly formed collaboration of investigators interested in conducting randomized controlled clinical trials of Sleep Apnea treatment interventions that aim to adjudicate cardiovascular disease (CVD) event information. This collaboration is intended to promote the collection of evidence needed to inform the global community on the role of sleep apnea interventions to reduce CVD morbidity and mortality.

Specific aims are to promote:

- Sharing of relevant resources to promote high quality clinical trial data collection and future harmonization and sharing of data—e.g., questionnaires; procedure manuals etc.
- Sharing of expertise in strategies to improve the design of clinical trials, such as approaches for enhancing treatment adherence, addressing equipoise, selecting appropriate control conditions
- Planning for later meta-analyses
- Publicization of clinical trials
- Dissemination of information on methods and outcomes to the general scientific community

Membership in INCOSACT. INCOSACT was initiated as a “grass-roots” volunteer initiative. Membership is open to all investigators undertaking Phase II as well as Phase III trials of sleep apnea interventions for the reduction of cardiovascular disease. Governance is through a Steering Committee with rotating membership every 2 to 3 years and with global representation. The American Academy of Sleep Medicine has agreed to serve as the host organization during the initial phases of this consortium.

Upcoming Barcelona Meeting. INCOSACT will hold a meeting on April 6, 2011 from 1400 to 1750 in conjunction with the Sleep and Breathing Meeting-Barcelona. Subcommittees will be formed to help guide INCOSACT’s activities. These include:

- Information Sharing Subcommittee: Content Advisors on materials for data sharing (questionnaires, manuals, publications, study information)
- Analysis Subcommittee: To plan approaches for meta-analyses
- Operations: To provide input on emerging relevant clinical trials and interventions and dissemination approaches

Individuals currently involved in or planning a Sleep-CVD trial are invited to participate in INCOSACT and/or attend the INCOSACT satellite meeting in Barcelona. Additionally, if you know of colleagues who are involved in these studies, please pass on the following information. Please notify Lisa Wallis (LWallis@aasmnet.org) if you are interested in:

1) Attending the general session of the April 6th (1400-1750) INCOSACT meeting in Barcelona.
2) Participating in INCOSACT. Provide name of clinical trial you are involved with, brief description of its study design and funding.
3) Participating in one of the 3 Subcommittees.

Kindly yours,

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