

UPDATE ON ETHICS

The research ethics application was submitted to the University of Toronto REB at the end of January. The applications for McMaster and Mt Sinai are currently being reviewed by the PIs and will be submitted to each institutional REB within the next week. We will be contacting you directly for signatures as required. As discussed in our meeting in Hamilton on January 20th, the HNHB CCAC is also reviewing our study. We expect to hear back from them shortly. We will keep you informed about the status of all ethics applications.

PERSONNEL

We are currently looking to hire a 1.0 FTE Study Coordinator who will be responsible for overall study administration and management, and recruitment and conducting interviews with caregivers enrolled from the Temmy Latner Centre. This person will be

employed at the University of Toronto and will work directly with Denise G. and Peter, ideally beginning in April. In addition, we are planning to hire a part-time study coordinator (10-14 hr/week) who will be responsible for recruitment and interviews of caregivers enrolled at the HNHB Palliative Care Centres. If anyone knows of suitable candidates, please contact Julia or Denise G.

DATABASE

The study database is under development. Our database programmer is modifying an existing database from a previous study (Ambulatory and Home Care Record) to include all of our data collection points. We anticipate this will be complete by April. This will not delay patient enrolment, as data collection can occur on paper-based forms until the database is operational.

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