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Center for Neurorestoration and Neurotechnology

The Center for Neurorestoration and Neurotechnology (CfNN) began with a June 2012 funding award of \$900,000 per year for 5 years from the Department of Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation Research and Development Service. The Center is a collaboration between the Providence VA Medical Center, Brown University, Butler Hospital, Lifespan, and Massachusetts General Hospital.

Brown-affiliated Brain Stimulation Facility at Butler Hospital Opens

Thanks to a generous equipment grant from the Brown Institute for Brain Science (BIBS) and other funds, a new research-dedicated Brain Stimulation Facility (BSF) has opened adjacent to the Neuromodulation Clinic at Butler Hospital. Research equipment includes MagStim transcranial magnetic stimulation devices for single and multiple-pulse stimulation research. It also houses BrainSight neuronavigation systems for MRI-guided stimulation targeting and physiologi-

cal recording. There is a NeuroConn device which can deliver transcranial electrical stimulation using direct current, alternating current, or random noise stimulation, as well as a StarStim wireless electroencephalography (EEG) and stimulation system. The first research protocols using the BSF began collecting data September 15, 2014. The facility is intended to serve all Brown affiliated researchers interested in noninvasive brain stimulation, particularly in clinical populations.

Changes at Research Administration

On September 7th, Robert Swift, MD, PhD, stepped down as Associate Chief of Staff for Research and became the Acting Associate Chief of Staff for Education. Dr. Swift was ACoS and leader of Providence VA Medical Center research efforts for 17 years. An ardent advocate of CfNN, his support will certainly be missed. Gaurav Choudhary, MD was

named as the Acting Associate Chief of Staff for Research. Dr. Choudhary is a cardiologist at PVAMC, a prominent researcher in cardiovascular disease and was the Chair of the R&D Committee until his appointment. Welcome Dr. Choudhary! We look forward to working with you.

Welcome:

Rich Jones, PhD, Statistical Consultant with Drs. Greenberg and Rasmussen, FA4

Sarah Albright, full-time Research Assistant with Dr. Noah Philip, FA4.

New WOC Appointments:

Elise Miller, Research Assistant with Mascha Frank, FA4

Jacob Rosenstein, Research Assistant with Dr. Albert Lo, FA3

William Van Doren, Research Assistant with Dr. Albert Lo, FA3

IMPORTANT DATES:

- September 30, 2014
End of Fiscal Year
- October 1, 2014
Beginning of Fiscal Year 2015

MEETING DATES:

- September 23, 2014
4:00PM— Leadership Mtg.
- September 24, 2014
12:00 PM R&D Mtg.

APPROACHING DEADLINES:

- October 15, 2014 HSR&D
LOI for a Career Development Award
- November 1, 2014 RR&D
for Merit or Career Development
- November 1, 2014
HSR&D Intent to Submit (ITS) for Merit Award

If you are planning to submit please contact:

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Congratulations Dr. Hochberg!

At the upcoming 139th Annual Meeting of the American Neurological Association in Baltimore, Dr. Hochberg will receive the Derek Denny-Brown Young Neurological Scholar Award in Clinical Sciences, which "Recognizes early-to mid-career neurologists and neuroscientist who have made outstanding basic and clinical advances toward the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure of neurological diseases." He will be presented the award during the October 12 lecture program.