

## Parkinson's Disease CSG

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## DeNDRoN PD Portfolio (May '07)

- 3 commercial trials, *incl.*
  - Lundbeck-sponsored RCT of memantine in PDD & DLB
- 11 non-commercial trials, *incl.*
  - PD MED, PD GEN, PD SURG
  - PROMS-PD
  - RCT of targeted exercise on falls & function

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## Early Successes

- Cohesiveness & enthusiasm
- Disseminating information to key groups
  - e.g. BRIT-MODIS
- Expanding & diversification of the portfolio
  - admixture of commercial & non-commercial studies
- Increasing trial recruitment & awareness
  - e.g. PD MED & PD GEN
- Identification & development of ambitious multi-centre studies tackling high priority research areas

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## PD CSG Research Initiatives-1

- Predictors of outcome & cost-effectiveness of cholinesterase inhibitor treatment in dementia associated with PD
  - cross-CSG involvement (Dementia)
- Early diagnosis of PD in primary care
  - links needed with Primary Care CSG
  - to include role of ancillary investigations (olfactory function, DaTSCAN etc.)

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## PD CSG Research Initiatives-2

- Research priorities of patients & carers
  - expert patient & PDS involvement
  - evaluation of outcome measures (?)
- RCT of deep brain stimulation of subthalamic nucleus vs. continuous subcutaneous apomorphine for refractory motor fluctuations

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## Development of the PD CSG: Generic Issues

- Members to act as local & regional oracles
  - support aims & allay fears
- Encourage pharmaceutical approaches to be made via DeNDRoN mechanism
- Clarification of investigator funding per patient
- Balancing the commercial vs. non-commercial portfolio
  - CSG members to act as “antennae” for hot topics
  - champions of internally generated studies



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## Development of the PD CSG: Disease Specific Issues

- Diversify beyond Parkinson's disease
  - e.g. PSP & MSA
- Overlap / liaison with other CSGs
  - dementia
    - cognitive & psychosis issues
    - ChEI in PDD as a working example
  - primary care
- Greater development of AHP-related studies



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