A Novel Approach to ALS Trial Development, New Webinar Hosted by Xtalks

Drug development trials for age-related neurodegenerative disorders are notoriously difficult to execute but exceedingly important for public health. Learn about novel trial design based on an international European Union trial from two experts in motor neurone disease

TORONTO (PRWEB) January 24, 2019 -- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) is a neurodegenerative disorder affecting some 40,000 individuals in Europe at any time, causing 10,000 deaths each year. As with other age-related neurodegenerative diseases, the drug development field is littered with inconclusive or negative trials.

Modifying Immune Response and Outcomes in ALS (MIROCALS) is an international European Union H2020-funded trial of low-dose interleukin-2 in motor neurone disease (MND)/ALS. It aims to break this impasse in the development of disease-modifying agents through novel trial design, incident (early post-diagnosis) recruitment, integration of biomarkers/transcriptomics and cohort stratification. This webinar will provide an overview of the study and discuss the challenges – both anticipated and unanticipated – in recruiting participants recently diagnosed with a rare, rapidly disabling and ultimately life-limiting condition.

Join P. Nigel Leigh, BSc, MB BS, PhD, FRCP, FAAN, FMedSci, Professor of Neurology at Brighton and Sussex Medical School and Brian Dickie, PhD, Director of Research Development at Motor Neurone Disease Association in a live session on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 11am EST (4pm GMT) to learn about:

- The MIROCALS trial
- Novel trial design
- Participant recruitment
- Use of biomarkers and transcriptomics
- Cohort stratification

For more information or to register for this event, visit A Novel Approach to ALS Trial Development.

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