

# CTN WEB SEMINAR SERIES: A FORUM TO EXCHANGE RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE



National Drug Abuse Treatment  
*Clinical Trials Network*

## THEME: PRISONER ENGAGEMENT IN CLINICAL TRIALS – TOOLS AND STRATEGIES

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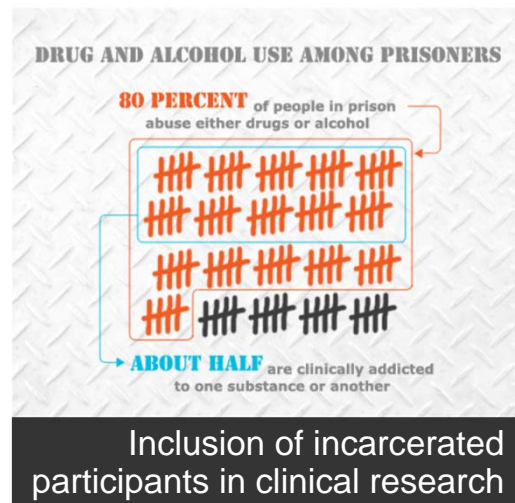
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## BACKGROUND

Presented by  
**Dagmar Salazar, MS**  
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- Crime and drug use are almost inexorably linked
- About 80 percent of people who are arrested and placed in prison abuse either drugs or alcohol
- Of those who are in prison, about half are clinically addicted to one substance or another

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. (n.d.). Drugs and crime.  
<https://www.ncadd.org/about-addiction/addiction-update/alcohol-drugs-and-crime?highlight=WyJkcVncylsmRydWdzJylslmNvaW11lIQ=>. Accessed April 29, 2019.



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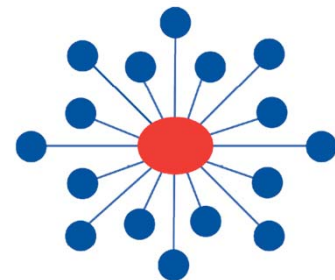
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Studies suggest that treatment, not incarceration, tends to break the cycle of addiction for some people, and that might really bring about the community healing people are looking for



American Psychological Association. (n.d.). Inmate drug abuse treatment slows prison's revolving door. <https://www.apa.org/research/action/aftercare>. Accessed April 29, 2019.

- Trials on substance abuse treatment like those conducted by the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (CTN), have an increased likelihood of encountering prisoners during the course of the study
- Appropriate IRB and OHRP approvals allow participants who become incarcerated to remain engaged in a study, which:
  - Preserves data integrity
  - Avoids potential bias
  - Reduces site and participant burden





**Sarah Farkas, MA**  
New York University School of Medicine, Greater New York Node

**Planning and anticipating prisoner involvement in a checklist tool.**

This presentation will address considerations for investigators and teams when planning for prisoner involvement in CTN trials and helpful checklist tool with relevant, critical milestones to address pre-implementation.



**Amber Regis, BA**  
New York University School of Medicine, Greater New York Node

**Locating and monitoring study participants lost to incarceration.**

This presentation will discuss locating and monitoring participants within the criminal justice system, the importance of utilizing national and local resources in those efforts, and strategies for facilitating contact with incarcerated participants.



**Dagmar Salazar, MS**  
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**Prisoner Engagement SOP - An effective tool for managing involvement in clinical trials.**

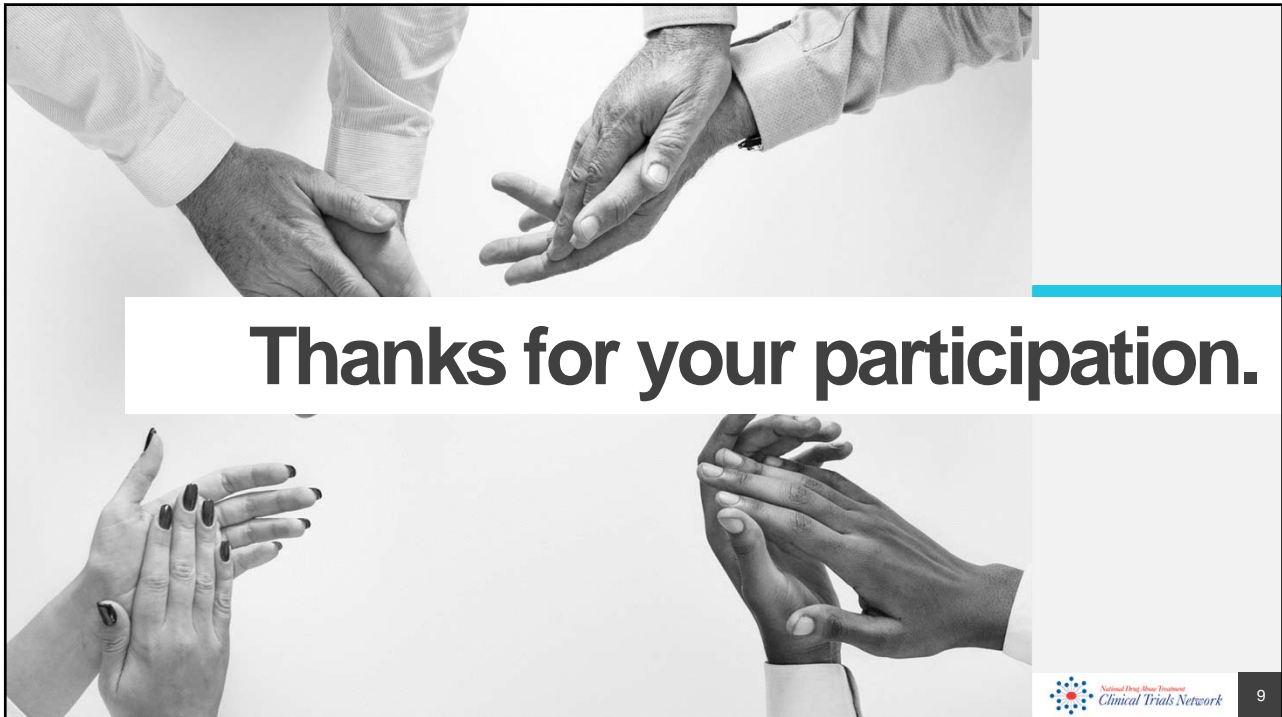
This presentation will review the development of an effective procedure for prisoner involvement and management of research interactions with incarcerated participants and individuals off detention facilities.



**Peter Greco, MPH**  
New York University School of Medicine, Greater New York Node

**Preparing for and conducting study visits with incarcerated study participants.**

This presentation will review how to gain access to a correctional facility, coordinating logistical details of the visit, protecting participant confidentiality, and tips for navigating safely and ethically within a correctional facility setting.



**Thanks for your participation.**