## WE WILL BEGIN SHORTLY

- To submit text questions to today's presenters, please type your questions into the 'Q&A' box
- Today's presentation is being recorded and will be posted on the Healey & AMG Center for ALS website

https://www.massgeneral.org/neurology/als/news/webinars

## **HEALEY ALS Platform Trial**

#### Weekly Q&A - Nov 12, 2020



## AGENDA

- Updates
  - Enrollment
  - Supplements and other interventions
  - Patient Navigator

# YOUR QUESTIONS

## >Accelerating ALS Therapy Development

## **Traditional**

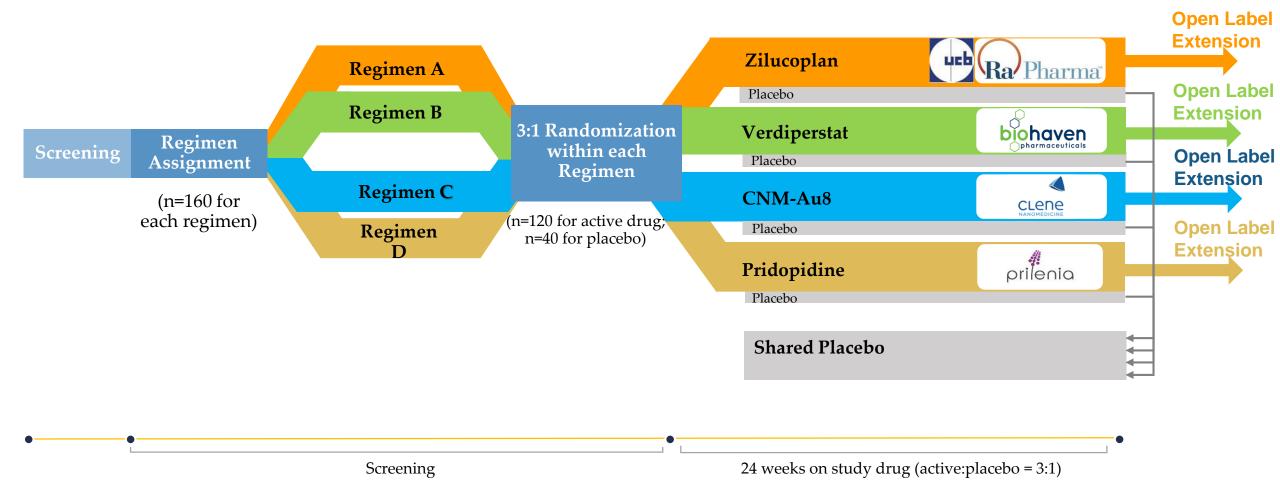




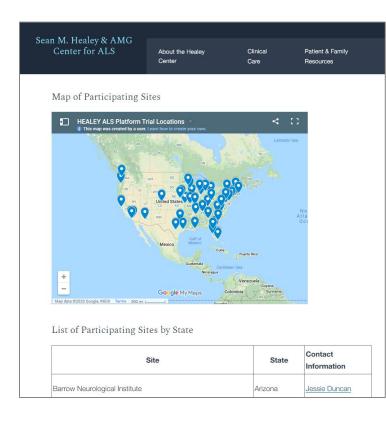




#### Perpetual Adaptive Trial Randomization Ratio 3:1; Shared Placebo Open Label Extension offered



#### How to Find a Center Near You



\* 29 sites are actively enrolling
\* A total of 49 sites are already IRB approved

\* Goal is to activate the other sites soon and add more in early 2021!

Contact Info of Participating Sites by State

https://www.massgeneral.org/neurology/als/research/platform-trial-sites

## Enrollment Updates (as of Nov 12, 2020)

- 190 individuals with ALS signed informed consent
- 139 individuals were assigned to a regimen
- 113 are currently receiving study drug (active or placebo)

We will continue to update the ALS community on enrollment (website, webinars)

## FAQ: Which supplements/interventions are exclusionary?

#### **Guiding Principles:**

- Any supplements/medications that are in a trial are considered exclusionary (as they might affect the efficacy of the treatment under evaluation)
- Additional supplements/medications might be exclusionary based on safety and interactions with the treatment under evaluation
- Examples of exclusionary agents: TUDCA, sodium phenylbutyrate, curcumin, high doses of methylcobalamin
- → Most trials have a list of exclusionary supplements/medications but each trial has a different list
- $\rightarrow$  The list might change as new trials open and others end
- → Note: a washout period prior to Master Protocol Screening is required (30 days or 5 half-lives if known, whichever is longer)

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#### Stem Cells

- Prior use of stem cells via intrathecal or intravenous administration is allowed after appropriate wash-out
- Any prior use of stem cells via injection into the brain or spinal cord is exclusionary

#### **Treatment for familial ALS**

- Prior use of <u>antisense oligonucleotides</u> is allowed after appropriate wash-out
- Any prior exposure to gene therapies is exclusionary

- The following interventions are **allowed** within dosing limits or for indications as described.
- If taking higher dosages prior to Master Protocol Screening, washout is **not** required. However, we ask the participant to agree to reduce dosages to remain within the limits outlined below

Acetyl-L-Carnitine (at dose of 3 grams or less per day)

Basis (nicotinamide riboside and pterostilbene) (at dose of 2 capsules or less per day)

Deanna's protocol (no dosing limit)

Inspiratory and expiratory muscle training (no dosing limit)

- L-serine (at dose of 4 grams or less per day)
- Lithium if prescribed for bipolar disease (no dosing limit)
- Mexiletine if prescribed for muscle cramps at dose of 900mg or less per day
- Nicotinamide (at dose of 500mg or less per day)

Cannabinoids such as medical marijuana, hemp, cannabis and other CBD containing products (no dosing limit)

#### **Patient Navigator**

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#### **For More Updates**

#### Weekly informal Q&A + monthly webinars

Find the schedule, registration links, slide decks and recordings on our website https://www.massgeneral.org/neurology/als/news/webinars

 Coming up- webinars about each drug's mechanism of action and science