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HEALEY ALS Platform Trial

Weekly Q&A – February 8, 2024



Guest Speakers



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My Perspective on Expanded Access Programs (EAPs) for People Living with ALS

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My Job

- For 23 years, I have worked to create options and hope for people living with ALS (PALS)
 - Built multiple unique multidisciplinary ALS clinics and tele-ALS Clinics
 - “Fashionably Fighting ALS”
 - Led ALS Clinical Research Learning Institutes to empower PALS to be more effective research partners
 - In partnership with PALS, designed and participated in multiple research studies, including trials



A Problem...and **A Solution**

- Unfortunately, most of the PALS I have seen can't participate in trials due to exclusions, travel burdens, unacceptable design features
 - These PALS “self experiment” with alternative and off-label treatments (AOTs) they find on the Internet
 - ALSUntangled can help them make more informed decisions, but there can still be questions and doubts about these products (ex. purity)
 - As a field, we do not learn anything from this self-experimentation
- **EAPs**
 - Provide a strong experimental option for PALS who cannot be in trials
 - Our field can learn from these

EAPs at Duke ALS Clinic

- 2018: BHV-0223 (n=1)
- 2022-2023: Verdiperstat (n=10)
- 2022-2023: AMX0035 (n=26)
- 2023-2024: CNM-Au8 (n=26)
- 2023-2024: Ibudilast (n=1)

- Coming later in 2024:
 - Pridopidine
 - CNM-Au8 (part 2)

Challenges I have Encountered with EAPs

- There aren't enough of them
 - At Duke, 4000 PALS seen in 23 years, 64 got into an EAP
- They require site resources, some of which are not reimbursed
 - My first EAP took 4 hours of physician effort to get 1 thing for 1 PALS
- There remains a widespread lack of knowledge on how to get these open at sites

The Future

- More products will become available via EAPs
 - I would love to see every PALS who cannot be in a trial participate in an EAP
- More resources will become available to sites who want to offer EAPs (ex. Duke now has an entire office that will help with startup and conduct of EAPs; Act for ALS EAPs currently offer reasonable budgets)
 - I would love to see EAP endowments
- New training materials will empower knowledge of how to participate (ex. <https://neals.org/als-trials/expanded-access>; Annual EAP Training Program at NEALS meeting)
 - I would love to see a NEALS EAP mentoring program

EAP Survey Presented by Gwen Petersen

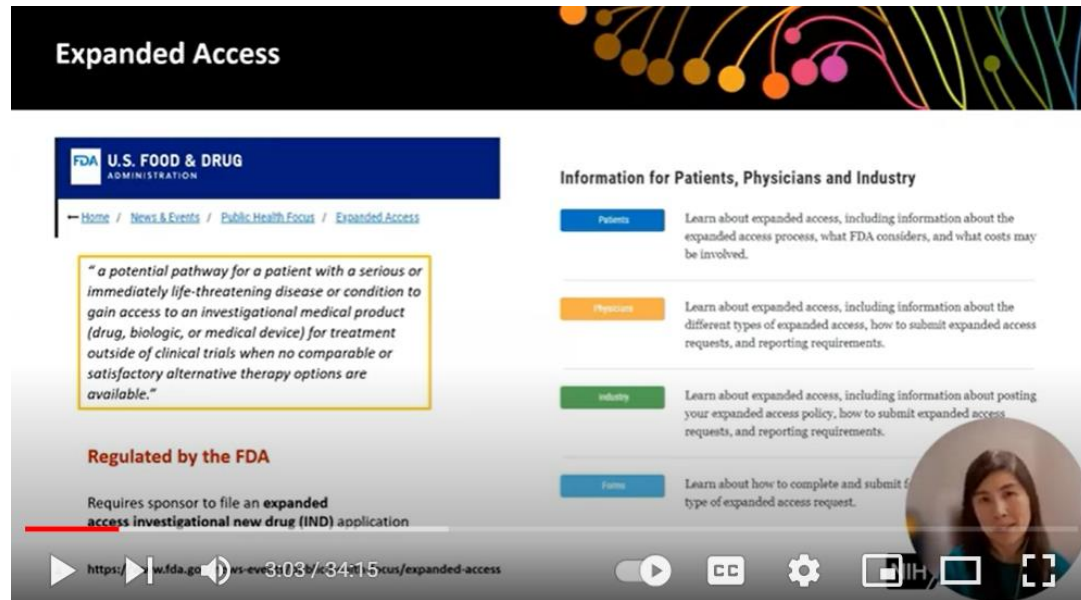
Survey–

Q: If you have participated in an EAP or tried to get into an EAP, what was your experience like?

10 respondents - all people living with ALS



Monthly Expanded Access Q&A Webinars



The screenshot shows the FDA's Expanded Access webpage. At the top left, it says "Expanded Access". Below that is the FDA logo and navigation links: Home / News & Events / Public Health Focus / Expanded Access. A quote in a yellow box reads: "a potential pathway for a patient with a serious or immediately life-threatening disease or condition to gain access to an investigational medical product (drug, biologic, or medical device) for treatment outside of clinical trials when no comparable or satisfactory alternative therapy options are available." Below the quote, it says "Regulated by the FDA" and "Requires sponsor to file an expanded access investigational new drug (IND) application". On the right, there is a section titled "Information for Patients, Physicians and Industry" with four sub-sections: Patients, Physicians, Industry, and Forms. Each sub-section has a brief description of the information provided. At the bottom, there is a video player interface with a play button, a progress bar, and various control icons.

January 11, 2024 –
EAP Discussion with the NIH
Recording: <https://bit.ly/3HvfJCz>

December 14, 2023 –
EAP Update with Dr. James Berry (MGH)
Recording: <https://bit.ly/3UfCAJU>

November 9, 2023 –
EAP Update with Dr. Suma Babu (MGH)
Recording: <https://bit.ly/48HAE0y>



March 14, 2024 – Thurs 5:00-5:30 EST
EAP Update with Dr. Jinsy Andrews (Columbia)

Expanded Access Resources and Webinar Opportunities

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The ALS Association/Northeast ALS Consortium Educational Webinar

ALS Treatments: Riluzole, Radicava, and Relyvrio



Monday,
March 18th
4:30pm EST

Moderator: Senda Ajroud-Driss, M.D., Northwestern University

Register Here:



<https://bit.ly/3HyYobW>

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ALS Link sign-up:



<https://bit.ly/3o2Ds3m>

Upcoming Webinars:

February 15th- Weekly Q&A and Platform Trial Update

February 22nd- Genetics Discussion with Dr. Mark Garret (MGH)

February 29th- Weekly Q&A with Dr. Kouros Rezania from UChicago



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