Holiday Greetings!

As you prepare for the holiday season, we would like to reflect on the exciting work that PSG members have been doing...

**PSG Active Trials**

- **STEADY-PD III** – Efficacy of Isradipine in early PD. Last subject completed study on 11/26/2018; close-out being planned for March 2019.

- **SURE-PD3** – A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Trial of Urate-elevating Inosine Treatment to Slow Clinical Decline in Early PD. Closed early based on a determination of futility for the primary outcome under the a pre-planned interim analysis. Last subject is now expected to complete the study in May 2019. All secondary and final analyses will be conducted following database lock in late 2019.

- **NILO-PD** – A Phase 2, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Study to Define the Safety, Tolerability of Nilotinib in Participants with PD. Recruiting.

- **SPARK** – A Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of the Safety, Pharmacokinetics, and Pharmacodynamics of BIIB054 in Subjects with PD. Cohort A complete; abstract presented at MDS on study design. Screening for Cohort B began October 2018.

- **RAD-PD** – Registry for the Advancement of DBS Therapy in PD. Joohi Jimenez-Shahed, MD, PI.

- **AT-HOME PD** – Assessing Tele-Health Outcomes in Multiyear Extensions of PD Trials (STEADY-PD III and SURE-PD 3); NINDS award initiated June 2018. Enrollment along with tele-visits, smartphone metrics and Fox Insight tracking began November 2018.

- **NoMoFA** – Non-Motor Fluctuations Scale: Clinimetric Study. Galit Kleiner, MD, PI.

- **WATCH-PD** – Wearables Assessing the Continuous Use at Home in PD. Jamie Adams, MD, PI.

**Upcoming Deadlines**

- Symposium regular abstracts are due on Friday, January 4, 2019. Forms are on the PSG website.

- This year with additional support from Sunovion Pharmaceuticals, we are able to award two Mentored Clinical Research awards of $50,000. Proposals are due on January 18, 2019.

- The next review cycle for datamining proposals or project planning proposals are due on April 1, 2019.

**Working Groups**

- **NEW WORKING GROUP!** Atypical Parkinsonian Disorders, chaired by Anne-Marie Wills and Irene Litvan. If interested in joining, please contact Anne-Marie Wills.

All working groups will meet at the annual meeting in April – research ideas always welcome!
Highlighting our Visiting Mentorship Teams

Chantale Branson, MD with Visiting Mentor: Marie-Helene Saint-Hilaire, MD.
Project Title: “Racial Disparities in the Diagnosis of Parkinson Disease”, Boston University Medical Center, Boston, MA.

Others not pictured are:

Lana Chahine, MD, MS with Visiting Mentor: Caroline Tanner, MD.
Project Title: “Design and Implementation of Research Studies on Prodromal PD”, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

Yonglu Lucy Huang MD, PhD with Visiting Mentor: Adolfo Ramirez-Zamora MD.
Project Title: “Correlation of Electrode Location and Outcomes of Axial and Gait Function in Parkinson’s Disease Patients with Subthalamic Nucleus-Deep Brain Stimulation”, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Chizoba Umeh, M.D. with Visiting Mentor: Gregory Pontone, PhD.
Project Title: “Development of a predictive model of cognitive decline in women with Parkinson’s disease”, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA.

This program is funded by a grant from Sunovion Pharmaceuticals. PSG will offer this program again in the Spring 2019.

Scientific Programs in 2019

Saturday, April 6, 2019: “Advancing Clinical Trials in PD and Neurodegenerative Disorders: Focus on Gene-Based Therapies”, 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Keynote speakers include Andrew West, PhD, Susan Bressman, MD, Brian Fiske, PhD, and Mr. Ofer Nemirovsky. Platform abstract presentations and a formal poster session will also be taking place.

September 7-8, 2019: PSG 7th annual Shaping the Management of Parkinson’s Disease to be held in New Orleans, LA.

PSG Charity Status

The IRS approved PSG’s 501c3 tax-exempt status in Dec 2018 (again!; long-story). You and your grateful patients are welcome to support your and the PSG’s good work through tax-deductible donations to the PSG as well as through your own institution’s programs. More information is on the PSG website.

Thanks to all of our committees who make it all happen and the members who volunteer to serve. A special thanks to all the hardworking investigators and coordinators who conduct PSG trials with exceptional skill and research rigor while providing superb care for their patient volunteers. May you all have the merriest of holidays and health and happiness follow you in the new year.

Best wishes,
The PSG Executive Committee

(Michael Schwarzschild, Hubert Fernandez, Cindy Casaceli, Kelvin Chou, Marie Saint-Hilaire, Karen Williams, Eric Macklin, Peter LeWitt, Brad Racette, David Simon, Roseanna Battista, Donna Moszkowicz, Karen Rabinowitz and Cindy Wan)