



SOUTHWEST
CLINICAL TRIALS NETWORK

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National Institute on Drug Abuse Clinical Trials Network: Southwest Node

A collaboration of
clinics and researchers
to address the opioid
epidemic in the
Southwest region



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Drug Abuse**



Overview of Southwest Node of the CTN

What is the NIDA Clinical Trials Network?

The National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (CTN) brings together medical and specialty treatment providers, treatment researchers, participating patients, and the National Institute on Drug Abuse cooperatively develop, validate, refine, and deliver new treatment options to patients. This unique partnership enables the following:

- Conducting studies of behavioral, pharmacological, and integrated behavioral and pharmacological treatment interventions of therapeutic effect in rigorous, multisite clinical trials to determine effectiveness across a broad range of community-based treatment settings and diversified patient populations; and
- Ensuring the transfer of research results to physicians, clinicians, providers, and patients.

Innovation in Clinic-Based Research

With traditional research models, it takes an average of **17 years** for clinical research results to impact community clinical settings. That's a long time!

CTN is shortening this gap with clinic-based research - by bringing research into community clinics. The benefits of this approach include:

- Testing interventions in communities which need them most
- Development of interventions within the context of a community's unique cultures and populations and based on community-specific needs
- Providers are actively involved in the research process based

Southwest Node of the CTN

NIDA's CTN is comprised of several Nodes across the United States, with the Southwest Node including New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado.





How we benefit clinical practice:

- Allow innovative research to come in and access clinical care
- Empower clinics: By conducting research with you in your clinic, best practices are developed which fit your unique clinical population AND you know about the results as soon as the project ends.

How we help communities:

CTN allows innovative clinical research to access communities. Community-based research allows for evidence-based practices to be developed FOR and WITH the communities which need them. This ultimately leads to best practices that work for communities.

How can we help YOU participate?

Busy clinicians may be hesitant to participate. However, your level of participation is adaptable and up to you! Southwest CTN can work with you to adapt and work with challenges to participation in clinical research.

Services we can provide to your clinic:

- Support your research interests
- Propose and lead research with your clinic participating
- Bring evidence-based practice to your clinic
- Training/education/mentorship around research
- Lunch and learns
- Tell us what you need!