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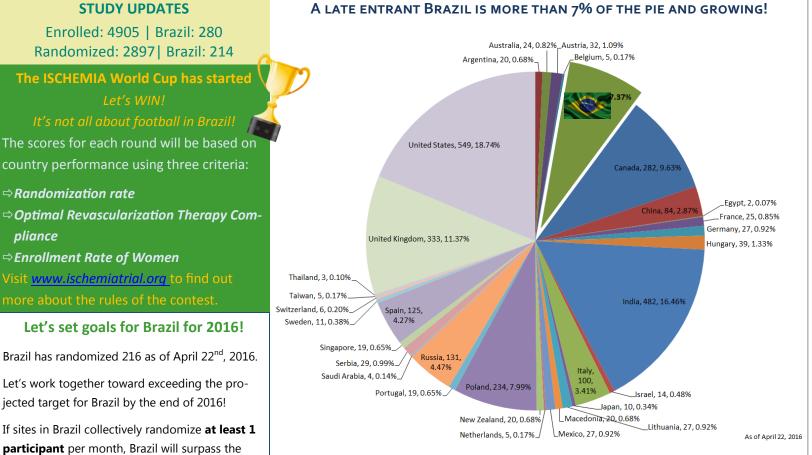
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INTERNATIONAL STUDY OF COMPARATIVE HEALTH EFFECTIVENESS WITH MEDICAL AND INVASIVE APPROACHES

NYU Cardiovascular Clinical Research Center

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Thank you to all sites in Brazil for their continued hard work and dedication to the ISCHEMIA trial



# CONEP HAS APPROVED THE ISCHEMIA-CKD AND **THE CIAO-ISCHEMIA ANCILLARY STUDIES!**

What can you do now to set you up for success in these studies:



Expands the pool of potential enrollees to include those with chronic kidney disease (eGFR <30 or on dialysis).



Enrolls participants excluded from ISCHEMIA due to no obstructive disease on the study CCTA, with a qualifying stress ECHO.

Patients with CKD tend not to present with chest pain and are frequently under tested and under treated. Identifying a nephrologist will help improve referral of patients for stress testing and maximize enrollments.

To facilitate future enrollments in CIAO, we recommend that you ask ISCHEMIA trial enrollees to complete the baseline QOLs at the time of enrollment or at the CCTA visit. By doing this, once you have approval for CIAO enrolling these patients will be

The BCRI team will be working with you to help you with local ethics committee submissions. A training webinar for ISCHEMIA-CKD and CIAO-ISCHEMIA will be offered for sites in Brazil.

Together we can do it!

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If you have questions, please contact us:

randomization goals for the ISCHEMIA trial for

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# **DRUG DONATIONS**

Randomized ISCHEMIA Brazilian participants now have free access to *Vytorin 10/40mg* (Ezetimibe and Simvastatin) and *Zetia 10mg* (Ezetimibe).

Please contact the ISCHEMIA CCC for more information on how to order these medications.

# 📃 Data Quality Awards 🔵

Congratulations! 3 sites in Brazil have been recognized for superior data quality during the past 6 months. In appreciation for study coordinator efforts, each site will receive a Certificate of Excellence and an Amazon.com gift eCertificate!

Dr. Joao Vitola Sandra Zier **Quanta Diagnostico e Terapia** 

### Dr. Jose Marin-Neto Diego Franca da Cunha Ana Silva **Hospital das Clinicas FMRP-USP**

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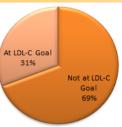
# Congratulations

To Dr. Paola Smanio, study coordinator Leonardo De Pizzol and their study team from *Instituto Dante Pazzanese de Cardiologia in Sao Paulo* for randomizing their 50th participant.

# LET'S IMPROVE BRAZIL'S PERFORMANCE IN OPTIMAL MEDICAL THERAPY

Only approximately 31% of ISCHEMIA randomized participants in Brazil are at the trial's primary lipid goal of LDL-C <70mg/dl.

Please remember that the most efficient way to get participants to goal is by prescribing maximum dose high intensity statins, either rosuvastatin 40 mg or atorvastatin 80 mg. Then add ezetimibe if not at goal.



#### **How to IMPROVE OPTIMAL REVASCULARIZATION THERAPY (ORT) ADHERENCE?**

#### MAXIMIZING ADHERENCE TO ASSIGNED STRATEGY IS <u>CRITICAL</u>!

#### **REMINDERS TO IMPROVE CATH ADHERENCE**

#### **BEFORE RANDOMIZATION:**

- Remind participant (and family members) that both strategies are standard of care. Do not randomize until all doubts are resolved.
- Randomize close to the time that cath/revascularization can be scheduled/performed.

#### **AFTER RANDOMIZATION:**

- <u>Schedule cath as soon as possible after randomization</u> and within a 30 day target. Ideally the time from rand to cath should be 1-2 days.
- If a participant refuses the protocol-assigned cath, engage their personal physician to help. Cath and revascularization performed late is much better than not performed ever.

#### **REMINDERS TO MAXIMIZE REVASCULARIZATION ADHERENCE**

### TO INCREASE % UNDERGOING PCI & CABG

- For non-obstructive disease, perform FFR
  - If patient refuses CABG, offer PCI with the goal of complete ischemic revascularization

#### **TO INCREASE % WITH COMPLETE REVASCULARIZATION**

Use FFR liberally

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- Favor CABG for high SYNTAX score and/or CTOs
- Revascularize territories with severe stenosis causing ischemia
- Revascularize other areas with severe stenosis or abnormal FFR even if the non-invasive testing did not show ischemia
  - Revascularize viable areas supplied by CTO (even if collaterals are robust)

## **BRAZIL'S TOP RANDOMIZERS**

ΙΝSTITUTION	<b>PRINCIPAL</b> INVESTIGATOR	ISCHEMIA Randomizations	ISCHEMIA RANDOMIZATION RATE
InCor-HCFMUSP   Sao Paulo	Dr. Whady Hueb	69	3.38
Instituto Dante Pazzanese de Cardiologia   Sao Paulo	Dr. Paola Smanio	50	2.31
Instituto de Cardiologia de Porto Alegre   Porto Alegre	Dr. Alexandre de Quadros	22	0.95
Hospital das Clinicas FMRP-USP   Ribeirao Preto	Dr. Jose Marin-Neto	16	0.70
Quanta Diagnostico e Terapia   Curitiba	Dr. Joao Vitola	15	0.64

