

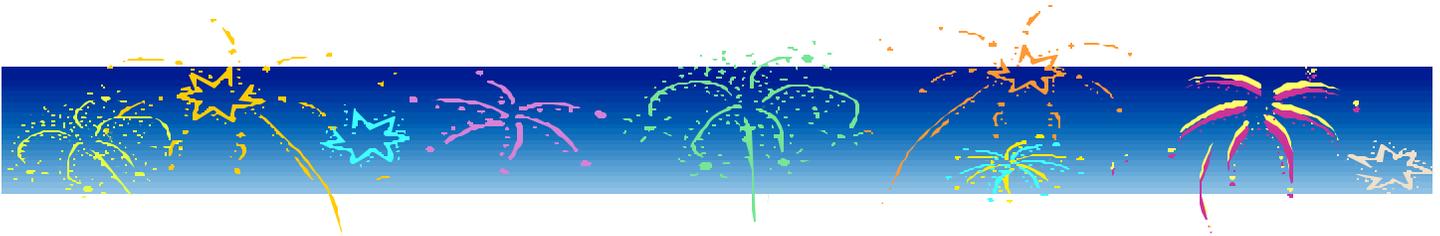


# COURAGE Chronicle

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## PATIENT ENROLLMENT BEGAN ON JUNE 28, 1999



# CONGRATULATIONS

**Dr. Alvin Blaustein and Cynthia Rowe**  
**Site 580- Houston VA Medical Center**

*for enrolling the first patient in the COURAGE Trial at 8:10 am EDT*  
*( 7:10 am local time)*

Sites that enrolled on the first day include:

580: Houston VA Medical Center	3 patients
671: Audie Murphy VAMC – San Antonio	1 patient
501: Albuquerque VA Medical Center	1 patient



Total Patients Randomized by site at the end of the first week:

202: London Health Sciences Centre	1
501: Albuquerque VA Medical Center	1
506: Ann Arbor VA Medical Center	2
558: Durham VA Medical Center	1
580: Houston VA Medical Center	4
663: Seattle VA Medical Center	1
671: Audie Murphy VAMC – San Antonio	4

First Week Total: 14 Patients

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## Study Drugs

number of drugs that are useful for COURAGE patients. These drugs will be provided to the patients enrolled in the study free of charge and have been suggested, but not mandated, in the protocol. All drugs that might be required for the care of a specific patient are not necessarily included among these donations.

The drugs that have been received and processed by the Albuquerque Pharmacy so far are: Aggrastat, Adenoscan, Cozaar, Hyzaar, Prinivil, Visipaque, and Zocor. These drugs have been shipped to all U. S. sites with completed regulatory paperwork. Due to the current status of our amendment to the Canadian IND, Adenoscan and Visipaque had to be withheld from the Canadian sites initially. Norvasc has just been received, is being processed and will be distributed in 3-4 weeks. Now that some miscommunications with the company have been addressed we expect that Toprol XL will be received by mid-August and distributed 3-4 weeks later. We are working on the conflicts that have surfaced for Imdur but resolution, unfortunately, could take several more months.

**TIP:** Contact your local rep for Pfizer and Astra and ask if they could provide your research pharmacy with some bulk sample Norvasc and Toprol XL in the interim.

## Helpful Tips

Re-fer to [Section 8](#) in the Operations Manual for instructions on completing [Case Report Forms](#).



Until we send out the triplicate CRFs, it would be helpful to do the following:

Before screening patients, place all the Master Copies of the CRFs you received in a separate binder clearly labeled "Master Copies." Make several copies of each of the case report forms. Use either a folder or binder for each patient and include one set of CRFs in each folder. Complete the CRF's for each patient and keep source documents with the appropriate patient folder. Make two copies of each completed form. Send the original to West Haven, keep one copy for your records and send one to your project coordinator, either Paul Casperson or Karen Potter.

### Randomization

HOURS FOR CALLS: 8:00am – 4:30pm EDT



#### NUMBERS TO CALL FIRST:

	Commercial	FTS
Ray Kilstrom	203-932-5711 X3793	700-428-3793
Liz Petrokaitis	203-932-5711 X3761 888-803-5560	700-428-3761

#### If busy call:

Joan Smith	203-932-5711 X3791	700-428-3791
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#### Next numbers to try:

Tassos Kyriakides	203-932-5711 X3760	700-428-3760
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#### PAGER: 203-390-5040

Pamela Hartigan	203-932-5711 X3773	700-428-3773
Tenya Economou	203-932-5711 X3762	700-428-3762

**Reminder:** If a patient is clinically eligible, has signed informed consent, and is scheduled to go to the cath lab, a call should be placed **IN ADVANCE** to alert of a possible randomization. The randomization envelopes should be used for these patients who will be randomized in the cath lab.

Additionally the envelopes should **ONLY** be used after hours, on holidays or in the event that West Haven personnel cannot be contacted.

Send completed forms to West Haven every two weeks by Fed Ex using the COURAGE study account number **235-317-516**.

## Contact Numbers for Eligibility



### Co-Project Coordinators:

Karen Potter, BSN Phone: 800-215-7330  
Paul Casperson, PhD Phone: 210-617-5288

## Refer questions about angiographic or medical suitability of patients for randomization to:

Dr. Robert O'Rourke Phone: 888-338-4936  
Pager: 210-715-9844

Dr. William Boden Phone: 800-215-7330  
or 315-477-4529  
Sky Pager: 800-759-7243 PIN# 501-0640

Dr. William Weintraub Phone: 404-727-4848  
Cell Phone: 404-307-4408