# **HEALEY ALS Platform Trial**

Weekly Q&A – Oct 13, 2022

















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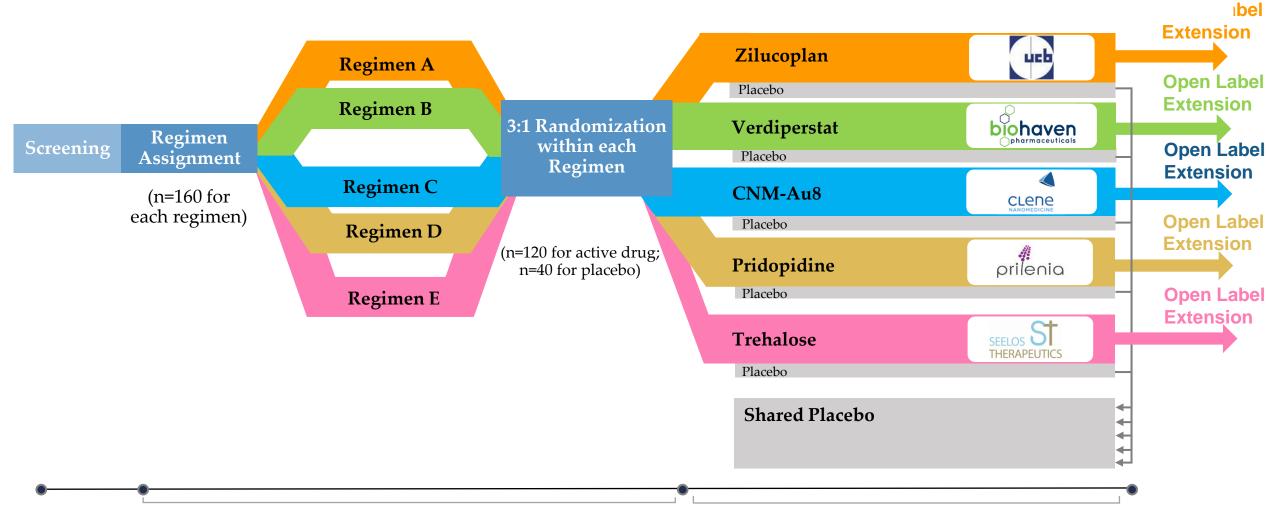




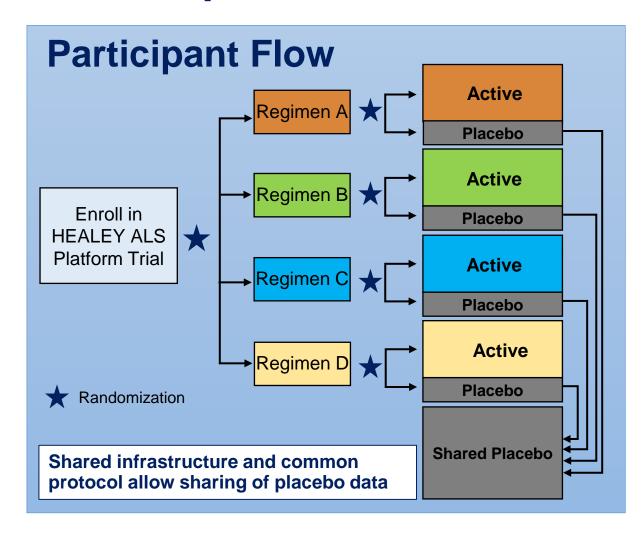


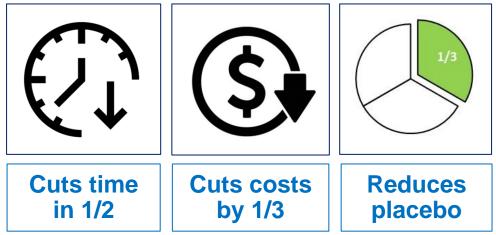


# The goal of the HEALEY ALS Platform Trial is to screen drugs rapidly and efficiently, get solid answers, and determine next steps

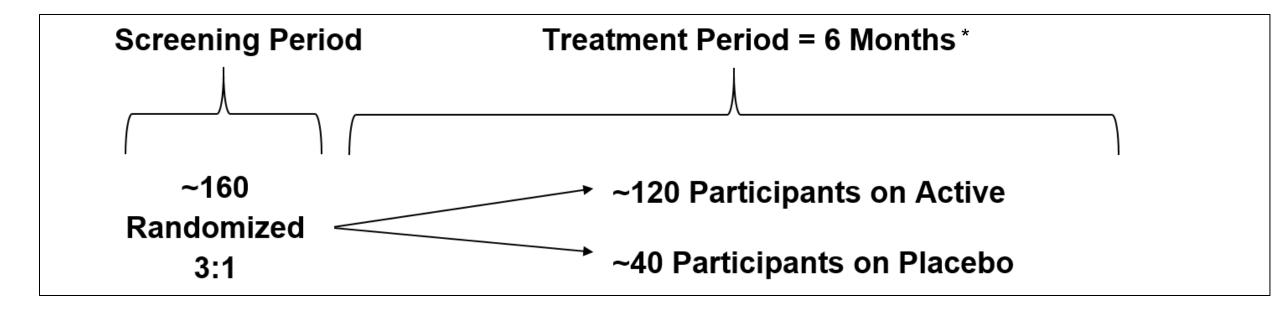


## Shared Infrastructure and Common Protocol Allow for Operational and Scientific Efficiencies





# Common Protocol – Schema for Each Regimen



<sup>\*</sup> Randomized Placebo-Controlled Treatment Period followed by Open Label Extension

# **Common Protocol – Endpoints**

## **Primary Endpoint**

- Change in disease severity through 24 weeks
- ALS Functional Rating Scale-Revised (ALSFRS-R) + Mortality
- Potential to provide confirmatory evidence with overall type I error of 5%

# **Secondary Endpoints**

- 1. Change in respiratory function slow vital capacity (SVC)
- 2. Change in muscle strength hand held dynamometry (HHD)
- 3. Survival

## **Safety Endpoints**

## Biomarkers and Exploratory Endpoints (DNA, NfL,

Speech app, Home Spirometry)

## Assessing emerging biomarkers/outcome measures



**DNA** – genetic analysis in progress for all regimens



Neurofilaments – NfL analysis in progress for all regimens



**Biomarkers** (Blood, Urine, CSF) – several drug-specific and MOA biomarkers are being analyzed in each regimen



**Speech Analysis** – data collected for regimens A-D; results expected in the coming months



**Home Spirometry** – critical during the pandemic for regimens A-D

Additional biomarkers/outcome measures being considered for upcoming regimens (PBMCs, ROADS)

## **HEALEY ALS Platform Trial**

Initial Regimen Updates – trial gave clear answers and direction, efficient execution (time, resources, less placebo)

- February 2022: Regimen A stopped early for futility
- September 2022: Regimen B top line results announced
  - \* Did not meet the prespecified primary endpoint and there were no statistically significant benefits on key secondary measures; full study results, including data on biomarkers and exploratory measures, are expected in the coming months
- October 2022: Regimen C top line results announced
  - \* While the primary endpoint was not met, a secondary endpoint analysis of survival demonstrated a significant reduction in risk of death or permanently assisted ventilation when adjusting for baseline risk imbalances in the CNM-Au8 regimen for the 30 mg dose; full study results, including data on biomarkers and exploratory measures, are expected in the coming months

# Weekly Recordings Available on Website

## Webinar Recordings

#### Science & Mechanism of Action Series



#### Weekly & Monthly Updates



October 6, 2022: Weekly Q&A featuring discussion of Regimen C/CNM-Au8 results

Merit Cudkowicz, MD, MSc and Sabrina Paganoni, MD, PhD presented this week's updates on the HEALEY ALS Platform Trial and answered questions from the audience. We were joined by the co-lead investigators for Regimen C and representatives from Clene Nanomedicine, Inc. to discuss the trial results for CNM-Au8.

Watch recording

## September 29, 2022: Weekly Q&A featuring discussion of Regimen B/Verdiperstat results

Merit Cudkowicz, MD, MSc and Sabrina Paganoni, MD, PhD presented this week's updates on the HEALEY ALS Platform Trial and answered questions from the audience. We were joined by the co-lead investigators for Regimen B and representatives from Biohaven Pharmaceuticals to discuss the trial results for Verdiperstat.

Watch recording

#### Visit the Website:



https://bit.ly/3g4kzfv

## HEALEY ALS Platform Trial Ongoing and Upcoming Regimens



Regimens D: ongoing

Regimen E enrolling new participants now

- Regimens F&G in start-up (Calico-AbbVie; Revalesio)
- ➤ Three additional Regimens selected for inclusion; working on contracts

# Regimen E TREHALOSE (SLS-005)

- Trehalose is a disaccharide composed of 2 glucose molecules
- Humans do not make trehalose, but can metabolize it
- Oral trehalose is not absorbed due to breakdown by gut trehalases (<0.5%)</li>
- Therefore, it is administered IV to bypass the gut trehalase enzymes
- Trehalose penetrates muscle and brain
- When tested in vivo, treatment with trehalose resulted in preservation of motor neurons in the ventral horn of the spinal cord, improved muscle strength, and prolonged survival in SOD1 mouse models of ALS<sup>1-3</sup>



<sup>1.</sup> Castillo et al, 2013

<sup>2.</sup> Zhang et al, 2014

<sup>3.</sup> Li et al, 2015



The ALS Association/Northeast ALS Consortium Educational Webinar

Update on Healey ALS Platform Trial Regimen E: Trehalose for ALS



## **Recording Available!**



https://bit.ly/3dhQvff

Recording available under "educational webinars" on neals.org

# Enrollment Updates (as of Oct 13, 2022)

• 148 individuals have signed informed consent

107 individuals have been randomized within Regimen E



This breakthrough trial would not be possible without your participation

Your **partnership** in research is what keeps us filled with passion, dedication, and the commitment to uncover new promising treatments for ALS

**Every research participant, whether on the active drug or placebo, plays a critical role** in making the hope of finding a cure for ALS a reality

# 51 Sites Currently Activated for Regimen E



(as of 10/13/22)

Sites in blue participated in previous regimens. Sites in green (underlined to the side) are new additions to the Platform Trial!

	Lehigh Valley Health Network	V	UC San Francisco
V	Mass General Hospital	V	Mayo Rochester
V	University of Kansas	V	University of Washington
V	University of Maryland	V	Vanderbilt University
V	California Pacific Medical Center	V	<u>UPMC</u>
V	Northwestern University	V	Indiana University
V	Virginia Commonwealth University	V	Augusta University
V	University of Nebraska	V	<u>University of Utah</u>
V	Washington University	V	Holy Cross Hospital
V	Wake Forest University	V	Penn State Hershey
V	Hospital for Special Care	V	University of CA, Irvine
V	Saint Alphonsus Regional	V	Cedars Sinai Medical Center
V	University of Massachusetts	V	University of Pennsylvania
V	Duke University	V	Nova Southeastern University
V	Barrow Neurological Institute	V	Johns Hopkins University
V	Georgetown University	V	Columbia University
V	Texas Neurology	V	Stony Brook University
V	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center	V	Kaiser, Los Angeles
V	SUNY Upstate		
V	Spectrum Health		
V	Henry Ford Hospital		

Essentia Health

University of Iowa

Swedish Medical Center

Thomas Jefferson University

Ohio State University
University of Cincinnati

University of Southern California

University of South Florida University of Colorado

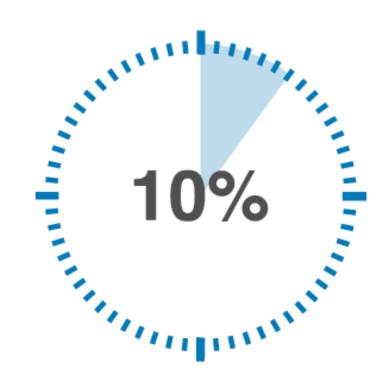
Providence Brain and Spine University of Minnesota Loma Linda University

### Site Map & Contacts:



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# Only 10% of people living with ALS participate in clinical trials



# Expanded Access

### **FDA Definition:**

- Sometimes called "compassionate use"
- Potential pathway for a patient with an <u>immediately life-threatening or</u> serious disease or condition
- Allows access to an <u>investigational</u> <u>medical product</u> outside of clinical trials
- Used when no comparable or satisfactory alternative therapy available

https://www.fda.gov/news-events/public-health-focus/expanded-access

# Categories of Expanded Access Protocols (EAPs)

Individual Patient, including emergency use

Intermediate -size Patient Populations

Treatment
Protocol
(large patient population)

## Requirements for All EAPs

- ➤ Patient has a **serious** or **immediately life-threatening** disease or condition; no comparable or satisfactory alternative therapy
- ➤ Potential benefit justifies potential risk; potential risk not unreasonable in context of disease or condition
- ➤ Providing drug will **not interfere with clinical trials** that could support marketing approval of the expanded access use or otherwise compromise the potential development of the expanded access use

# **EAP Companion To HEALEY ALS PLATFORM TRIAL**

### 2021- present

- -3 study drugs (Regimens B,C,D)
- -10 sites
- -85 participants
- -Funded by philanthropy (study drug donated by manufacturers)
- -Safety and clinical data; biomarker data













# **Community Support to EAPs**

### **EAP COMPANION PROGRAM SUPPORTERS**

- Healey Center for ALS
- Clearing Corporation Charitable Foundation
- Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Family Foundation
- Richard Stravitz Foundation
- I AM ALS
- Biohaven
- Clene
- Prilenia
- Elliott & Frantz, Inc.
- **Community Fundraisers** 
  - Tackle ALS Team Change ALS
  - Ellen Corindia's Fundraiser
  - o 2019 Olson Cornhole Tournament
  - 2019 Worthington Fore ALS
  - o 2020 and 2021 Fishing for ALS Warriors
  - o 2020 and 2021 sALSa For a Cure Pick Your Own Path Walk

- 2020 and 2021 Lori's Shoes "Hope Is In the Bag"
- 2021 and 2022 MLB Lou Gehrig Day 4-ALS
- 2021 Russ Pallesen Fundraiser for EAP
- o 2021 Voices for ALS Golf Tournament
- o 2021 The Martha Olson-Fernandez Foundation Golf Tournament
- o 2021 Gwendolyn Strong Walk
- TechVs.ALS
- Big thanks to countless individual contributors









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## **ACT for ALS**

Signed into law on Dec 23, 2021

Section 2: Grants for Research on Therapies for ALS via Intermediate-Size EAPs

PUBLIC LAW 117-79—DEC. 23, 2021

135 STAT. 1533

Public Law 117–79 117th Congress

#### An Act

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to support research on, and expanded access to, investigational drugs for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and for other purposes.

Accelerating

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALŠ Act".

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Sean M. Healey & AMG Center for ALS awarded NINDS UO1 Grant to support Expanded Access for Trehalose (SLS-005)

The Sean M. Healey & AMG Center for ALS at Massachusetts General Hospital has been awarded a grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) to conduct an intermediate size Expanded Access Protocol (EAP) in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). The grant is supported by the ACT for ALS (Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act). This EAP will

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## **Intermediate Size EAP - Trehalose**

- -In start up now
- -Expected to enroll first participants in

Q1 2023

- -25 sites
- -70 participants
- -NIH-funded (PIs: Babu, Berry,

Paganoni)

-Happening in parallel to Regimen E of the HEALEY ALS Platform Trial







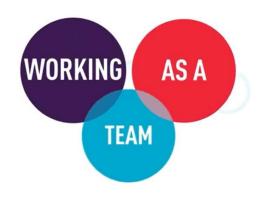
#### View Press Release:



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### **Outcomes:**

- -Long-term safety in a broad population
- -Biological impact (as measured by neurofilament light levels)
- -Clinical efficacy signal (as compared to natural history cohorts)



# Summary

Clinical trials are essential to develop new treatments for all people living with ALS

Expanded Access Protocols (EAPs) provide access to new investigational products to people who are **not eligible** for clinical trials while clinical trials are ongoing

Data collected in EAPs can help **supplement** clinical development programs by providing **safety**, **clinical**, **and biomarker data** in **broad populations** that are typically not evaluated in clinical trials

The ALS community has created mechanisms to run EAPs in parallel to clinical trials