

A French national network to improve organization and inclusion in clinical trials

Network creation : 2020
F-CRIN labeling: 2022

Since 2020 :
6 academic funded projects
13 industrially sponsored trials

Pooling clinical expertise

Capitalizing on active patient files

Developing national clinical trials

Collaborating at a European and international level

8/10 French ALS patients are quarterly followed-up in one of the network's centers
Harmonized treatment guidelines & clinical practices

Focus on MND-SMART trial

MND-SMART

- largest MND platform trial launched in UK
- Over 1000 participants randomized since 2020
- co-produced with patients
- co-designed with world leading statisticians
- structured to detect subtle neuroprotective effects of investigational drugs

Platform Design

- Simultaneous evaluation of multiple treatment arms
- Single contemporaneous randomized control group

→ Time, cost and sample size efficiencies

Extension across Europe

- Facilitated by decentralised trial delivery methods helping to overcome traditional barriers to participation
- No platform trials in France, Germany, and Belgium despite a clear unmet need for studies with broader, more inclusive eligibility criteria and decentralized models

→ ACT4ALS-MND supports MND-SMART's European expansion, fostering a harmonized research infrastructure for equitable ALS trial access.

Our Mission

To act as a one stop shop for national and international project developers

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

- Monitoring of calls for tender, sharing of information
- Dissemination of network news and projects (website, booklet, posters)
- National and European network access

EXPERTISE

- Thematic and scientific expertise (physiopathology, pharmacology, biomarkers, gene therapy, ...)
- Clinical and methodological expertise through a structured network (ALS expert centers, CIC)
- Trainings (GCP, disease)

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

- Support for budget grid
- Consulting and support for regulatory procedures

INVESTIGATION SUPPORT

- Feasibility assessment within the network
- Sites selection
- Study recruitment follow-up support

Challenge in trial set-up and patient inclusion

Speed-up administrative authorisations

Speed-up contracting and budgeting

Optimize site selection

Optimize / fasten patient's inclusion

Increase patient's awareness on CTs

Early identification of problems at recruiting sites

ACT4ALS-MND expertise and support

Regulatory expertise

Direct contact with sites administration staff
Expertise in budget grid requirements

Up-to-date knowledge of staff qualifications & equipment available in ALS expert centers

French database on ALS/MND

Frequent communication actions
Close links with patients' associations

Recruitment support and regular follow-up

Territorial coverage

22 national ALS expert centers
FiSLAN labeled

