

# Behavioral Health is Essential To Health



Prevention Works



Treatment is Effective



People Recover



# Introduction to National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP)

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# New NLCP Contract Award

- New NLCP contract award after full and open bid:
  - RTI International  
3040 Cornwallis Road  
P.O. Box 12194  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709
  - Base Year 9/2013 to 9/2014
  - Option year 1 to 4 from 9/2014 to 9/2018
  - Director: Dr. John M. Mitchell
  - Deputy Director-Inspection: Ms. Susan D. Crumpton
  - Deputy Director-Performance Test: Dr. Francis M. Esposito

# Role of the NLCP

- Manage the Mandatory Guidelines for the certified labs:
  - Inspection (twice yearly)
  - Performance testing (quarterly)
  - NLCP alerts (guidance for lab specific issues)
  - Lab investigations on FTR
  - Annual SOFT workshop for RP, Alt-RP, and Inspectors

# Special Studies 2013

- Single dose study:
  - Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Oxymorphone and Hydromorphone
    - Collect Oral Fluid, Urine and Blood specimens
    - Publication completed for Oxycodone and Hydrocodone in JAT vol. 37

# Special Studies 2013, cont'd

- Passive Cannabis Exposure
  - 3 session /condition
  - 6 active and 6 passive smokers
    - Condition 1- “high” potency MJ
    - Condition 2- “moderate” potency MJ
    - Condition 3- “ high” potency MJ with air circulation
  - Specimen Collected: Hair, Oral Fluid, Urine and Blood
  - Publication currently under draft

# Special Studies 2013, cont'd

- Oral Fluid Specimen:
  - Stability Study of THC and THCA in Neat Oral Fluid Transport Containers
  - Ingestion of Poppy Seeds Dosing Study
  - Effects of Vicks Inhaler (l-methamphetamine) Dosing Study
  - Publication currently under abstract for submission

# Information Sharing

- Laboratory Information / NLCP Guidance
  - Continued to maintain the list of HHS-certified laboratories testing for additional drugs, including Schedule I and II and adulterants
  - Sent out 14 NLCP Notices addressing issues from test requests for additional Schedule I or II drugs to NLCP status during the recent government shutdown
- Drug Testing Matters Newsletter
  - Methamphetamine Enantiomers series by Frank Esposito (Jan and June 2013)
  - Opioid series (Fentanyl) by Rich Hilderbrand (Nov 2012, Oct 2013) to be continued