

Clozapine Education and Consultation Program

- Education
 - Essential Papers on Clozapine
 - Lunch Meetings with each facility in VISN
 - VTEL Series
- Consultation
 - Live Case conferences at each site
 - Real-time Phone consultations from MIRECC

Clozapine Usage

	Total	Bronx	HV	NJ	NY	NP
Jan 01	63	7	13	27	8	6
July 01	67	9	17	27	10	6
Nov 01	83	8	31	27	9	8
Dec 01	90	7	37	27	11	8
Sept 02	89	7	28	31	13	10
Sept 03	94	7	37	25	10	15
Aug 04	91	7	37	23	8	16

Clozapine Usage

- 112 New Clozapine Trials
- Clozapine Usage via Monitoring
 - Clozapine Alone
 - Clozapine Polypharmacy

New Initiatives

- New Survey of Attitudes towards Clozapine usage
- Intensify existing Clozapine Clinics
- Simplify Local Rules for prescription
- Education program to certify majority of psychiatrists as Clozapine prescribers
- Case Finding
- Direct involvement with Bronx Clozapine Clinic
- Working with V22, QUERI, SMI Committee, and NCC to simplify National Policy.

Next Steps

- Try out case finding approach in BxClozC
- Telemedicine initiative: can telemedicine make Clozapine easier to use for clinicians and veterans.
- New Publicity Drive tied to Certification Program
- Continue Consultation and potential Collaboration with VISN 11
- Suggestions?