Hello!

Kindly share the following announcement with others and within your organization's newsletter. Also, let us know if we can present ProTECT study findings at one of your meetings or schedule a meeting with your group.

Results of the Progesterone for the Treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury (ProTECT™ III).

Since your group kindly participated in our pre-trial community consultation process, I am writing to share results from the <City> area ProTECT study, conducted between July 2009 and November 2013. ProTECT was a research study designed to see if progesterone, a hormone normally found in our bodies, was able to limit the amount of brain damage from TBI.  <Institution> Institutional Review Board approved the study in accordance with FDA regulations for exception from informed consent for emergency research. Participants gave consent after emergency treatment because they were unable to do so before treatment due to their medical condition.

Results published in the December 10, 2014 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine show that the treatment of acute traumatic brain injury with the hormone progesterone provides no significant benefit to patients when compared with placebo. The results are plainly disappointing as traumatic brain injury is a huge problem; an estimated 52,000 people will die every year from one and TBI costs Americans tens of billions of dollars a year between treatment and disability. Scientists have not been able to come up with a drug treatment that works for TBI in over 30 years. The preclinical data on progesterone’s brain protective effects are compelling, but we were not able to show this in a large trial with human traumatic brain injury.

<Institution> Department of Emergency Medicine will be broadly disseminating these results across our community. You are likely to hear radio announcements, see announcements on websites, and in various publications. We would be honored to have you attend a meeting. To learn more about the ProTECT trial results, please call XXX-XXX-XXXX, email XXXX.edu, or visit the ProTECT study website [www.protectiii.com](http://www.protectiii.com)

Thank you for your interest in the ProTECT study.

Sincerely,