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Dear Colleague:

**Huntington's Disease Care Resource:**

The North Carolina Center for the Care of Huntington’s Disease (NC-CCHD) is a collaborative, non-profit organization that helps bring together HD patients and family members with interdisciplinary clinics of HD experts at Wake Forest University, Duke University and UNC-Chapel Hill. It also helps provide critically needed social services such as crisis intervention, social work services, and streamlined access to expert clinical care, genetic testing, and research opportunities.

**How to make a Difference in Huntington's disease:**

Patients with HD often have complex behavioral and motor problems. Families face difficult problems with finances, patient care, and placement. The NC-CCCHD can help get them the care and medications they need. It also can get your patients and families with HD linked up with clinical trials that study the natural history of HD and offer treatment options not otherwise available. HD is currently the focus of intense research as scientists hone in on the exact cause and pathogenic mechanisms of disease. The pipeline for promising therapy is growing and helping patients to get involved early in clinical trials will speed drug discovery.

**We would like to help**

We welcome your referrals for consultation, comprehensive care, or enrollment in clinical trials. Please contact Sarah Dawson, LCSW at (919) 803-8128 for urgent referrals or to facilitate clinic visits for diagnosis and treatment. These services are available at no additional cost to your patients. Please fill out the very brief survey and mail it back to our office in the enclosed stamped envelope. This will help us understand more about your practice with HD patients.

Sincerely,

 

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