



CPAE

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)
 and
 Arkansas Children's hospital (AC)
**Childhood Post-infectious Autoimmune
 Encephalopathy (CPAE)
 Center of Excellence**
 Clinical and Research Updates



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- We are part of the PACE National Consortium of CPAE clinics including University of Arizona-Tucson, University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA), Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Stanford University.
- The CPAE center at UAMS/ACH has been identified as the **Regional Center of Excellence for the Southern United States.**
- Current Personnel with Child/Adolescent CPAE Center:
 - Aravindhan Veerapandiyam, MD - Pediatric Neurologist
 - Veronica Raney, MD - Pediatric Psychiatrist
 - Tiffany Howell, PhD - Psychologist
 - Anastasia Guthrie, LPN – temporary part-time nurse
 - **Sandra Bennett, RN –Nurse Coordinator starting June 14th**
- A full-time nurse coordinating the clinic will allow expansion from one day/month to one day/week clinics, improve communication with families and PCP's, and improve efficiency.

PACE Foundation Regional
 Center (Southern U.S.)

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Increased referral base

Increased clinic capacity



Increases ability of UAMS/AC CPAE clinic to **meet the needs of more families** affected by PANS/PANDAS and to participate in efforts to **increase the knowledge base for PANS/PANDAS**

- Research Updates:
 1. Panzyga IVIG trial – multisite, blinded, placebo-controlled clinical trial sponsored by OctaPharma. The clinical trial agreement is in the process of being finalized by our research team.
 2. PANS Incidence Study – multisite, 3-year, retrospective study in collaboration with University of Wisconsin and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center to better determine the exact number of individuals affected with PANS/PANDAS. The protocol has been approved by our IRB and we are moving forward with data collection.