

In this meeting, we discussed some recent literature on apathy, and introduced our newly approved study, “Validation of a brief assessment tool for apathy in neurocognitive disorders” which has begun recruiting participants at the Sunnybrook Research Institute. We also presented the data collected so far regarding the mapping of validated apathy scales onto the diagnostic criteria for apathy in neurocognitive disorders, and discussed a caregiver questionnaire that we will be adding to the study. We have four additional sites worldwide and are looking for more collaborators. In our previous meetings, the Diagnostic Criteria for apathy (DCA) checklist was proposed by our apathy expert panel based on the NPI-C apathy domain and is currently being validated. Future directions in apathy (and other BPSD) may focus on the diagnosis of neurocognitive disorders and related biomarkers. We welcome input from the ISCTM workgroup as we decide on next steps.