**Clinical Assessment Core**

**People**

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**Services**

**1. We provide clinical assessments to pilot projects and R01s.**

* Assessment of psychiatric diagnoses (e.g., SCID and other interview methods)

and Clinical Rating Scales (e.g. HAM-D)

* We provide these services to pilots at **NO CHARGE**
* We have trained diagnosticians/clinical evaluators on staff.
* Note: all pilots are mandated to include the Center’s core battery in their data collection. This battery includes the BASIS-24, the QIDS, the Risk Assessment Battery, and SF-12. Please contact Paul Crits-Christoph for a description of these instruments for your pilot proposal.

**2. Consultation with HIV experts:**

**Robert Gross, MD:** Co-Director of the Clinical Core of the Penn Center for AIDS Research (CFAR). Trained in both Infectious Diseases and Clinical Epidemiology. He is an expert in the assessment and analysis of antiretroviral adherence data, risk factors for non-adherence/barriers to adherence, including clinical trials to assess novel adherence interventions

**Pablo Tebas, MD:** Directs the adult AIDS Clinical Trials Unit (ACTU) at Penn and the CFAR Developmental Core. His main research interests are the treatment of HIV infection and the study of the metabolic complications associated with HIV infection and its treatment.

**Dennis Kolson, MD:** Neurologist with expertise in HIV Associated Neurocognitive Disordesr. His own research is focused upon pathogenesis of HIV-1-infection of the central nervous system as a model for neuroimmune-mediated neurodegeneration.

**3. Consultation on Assessment Issues**

**4. Consultation on recruitment**