The National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (CTN) provides a means by which the National Institute on Drug Abuse, treatment researchers, and community-based service providers cooperatively develop, validate, refine, and deliver new treatment options to patients in Community Treatment Programs (CTPs). This unique partnership between community treatment providers and academic research leaders enables the following:

- Studies of behavioral, pharmacological, and integrated behavioral and pharmacological treatment interventions in rigorous, multisite clinical trials to determine effectiveness, practicality, and feasibility across a broad range of treatment settings and diversified patient populations; and

- The transfer of research results to physicians, clinicians, providers, and patients.

The CTN infrastructure consists of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, multiple Nodes, or Regional Research and Training Centers (RRTCs)—each linked with several CTPs—together with a Clinical Coordinating Center and two Data and Statistical Centers. This framework allows the CTN to rapidly test and disseminate science-based treatments to communities nationwide.
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