Core A: Administration SPECIFIC AIMS: The components of the Dominantly Inherited Alzheimer Network (DIAN) include its Steering Committee (SC), eight Cores (Administration, Clinical, Biostatistics, Neuropathology, Biomarker, Genetics, Imaging and Informatics), research subcontracts (for research operations and quality control) and 14 clinical performance site agreements. The Administration Core acts as the Administrative Coordinating Center for DIAN. Figure 1 below shows the DIAN organizational tree. Specific aims of the Core are to:

1. Organize and coordinate activities and communication of the Cores, subcontractors and clinical performance sites toward achieving the stated goals of DIAN, to include administrative, and budgetary support and monitoring, and problem solving on a continuous basis.
2. Organize and support the DIAN SC, the Resource Allocation Review Committee to include arranging meetings, communication and execution of their decisions and recommendations to DIAN components. With Core B: Clinical, Core A will organize/coordinate clinical training opportunities as needed.
3. Following SC direction, and with all DIAN Cores and the Alzheimer’s Disease Coordinating Study (ADCS), maintain and update protocols; coordinate and monitor participant recruitment and retention; oversee and monitor data and tissue collection and storage.
4. With the SC, establish policies and procedures regarding: protection of research participants; resource (data, images and tissue) sharing and dissemination; publications; future expansion of DIAN to include other sites and languages (including the accompanying agreements); and potential new research directions.
5. Arrange for annual external review and advice concerning DIAN goals and progress
6. Generate payments to clinical performance sites for DIAN evaluations; arrange and finance genetic counseling/testing services when desired, translate protocol-consents-testing materials, and participant travel.
7. Ensure smooth transition of the leadership of DIAN from Dr. Morris, current Principal Investigator, to Dr. Bateman, Current Leader of the Clinical Core. Dr. Bateman will assume the position of Principal Investigator of DIAN in years 2 of the next budget period and will relinquish his role as Clinical Core Leader; Dr. Morris will become Associate Director of DIAN and Clinical Core Leader.