1. Order the CES devices for the study.
   1. Contact Electromedical Products International Incorporated about their cranial electrotherapy stimulation (CES) devices.
      1. If necessary, establish a CRADA Agreement with the company; this step is required for Veterans Affairs Healthcare Systems and other federal entities.
   2. Send the company a proposal for the research project requiring the CES devices. The company requires a research proposal before they send products.
   3. Establish a loan agreement with the company.
      1. Specify via the loan agreement that the devices are for research purposes.
      2. Determine the duration of the loan and the number of devices needed (1 device per participant). Order half of the devices as active devices and half of the devices as sham devices.
         1. [NOTE] Randomization will be performed at the manufacturer, who will assign each device a study number and keep a record of whether they are receiving active or sham CES. The company will send a key to that record in a sealed envelope inside the package.
   4. Discuss with the company and make sure that the level of stimulation of the active CES devices is preset at the factory so it cannot be altered, ensuring no deviation across participants.
      1. The active CES devices should be preset to deliver a maximum of 60 minutes of modified square-wave biphasic stimulation at 0.5 Hz and 100 μA.
   5. Order all required additional materials.
      1. The materials you will need for each device are: 1) 15mL plastic solution bottle, 2) 250mL conducting solution, 3) earclip electrodes, AID, 4) earclip electrode pads, 5) lanyard, white, AID, 6) case, soft, AID, and 7) 4PK, AAA Lithium 1.5V battery.
   6. Determine a shipping location and an individual to receive the devices and materials. Discuss shipping parameters with the company.
   7. When the devices arrive, locate the sealed envelope with the serial number key for active and sham devices. This envelope should only be opened by the individual handling study unblinding.