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ACCELERATING THE SEARCH FOR THERAPIES: WHAT'S HAPPENING, WHAT'S NEXT

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Care and a Cure

To enhance the quality of life of people living with myotonic dystrophy (DM) and advance research focused on treatments and a cure







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CLINICAL RESEARCH and TRIALS

REGULATORY

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Laboratory experiments to understand basic biology

Use information from basic research to create tools or techniques to support and inform drug development

Research on normal healthy volunteers or patients

Government bodies that regulate drug development

Government agencies funding DM research; insurance and reimbursement stake-holders



Our Goal is to Accelerate the Development of Treatments and a Cure for Myotonic Dystrophy

Continue to eliminate or lower barriers to therapy development

Support researchers and companies already committed to DM



Increase number of companies working on myotonic dystrophy



Three Year Cure Research Plan Launched in 2015 (\$5M)

CURE Budget by Category (2015-2017)



MDF Research Programs Target All Aspects of the Drug Development Pathway

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- 19 Post-doctoral and Pre-doctoral Fellows Funded
- Population-based prevalence study
- Development of muscle MRI as a potential biomarker
- Development of RNA slicing in urine as potential biomarker
- iPS cell-lines for DM1 and DM2
- New Tg BAC Mouse model
 - DMCRN 500 Patient Natural History Study (US)
- PHENO-DM1 Natural History Study (UK)
 - International Muscle Endpoint SOP consensus developed
- Myotonic Dystrophy Family Registry
- CNS Patient voice workshop
- MDF FDA Workshop focused on DM
 - PFDD Workshop; Voice of the Patient Report
- FDA Educational meetings
- Burden of disease analysis
- MDF active participant on Muscular Dystrophy Coordinating Committee
- DM added to DoD Funded Diseases (PRMRP)
- CDM added to SSA list for reimbursement

Patient Registries are Important!





Myotonic Dystrophy Family Registry



(*) Includes subjects that selected "Other" or "I don't know" or left the question blank Data cut July 22, 2018



Demographics of Patients in MDF Registry



MDF Registry Collects Prevalence of Multiple Disease Symptoms



Prevalence of Symptoms (Adult DM1 vs DM2)



Prevalence of Symptoms (DM1 Subtypes)



Significant Use of Orthopedic Devices or Physical Therapy Observed in All Groups

	Congenital DM1	Juvenile DM1	Adult Onset DM1	DM2
	(n=211)	(n=119)	(n=689)	(n=250)
Use at Least One Orthopedic Device or Physical Therapy	68%	38%	48%	50%
Physical Therapy	36%	10%	12%	17%
Orthotics	22%	11%	7%	6%
Ankle/Leg Braces	38%	13%	12%	8%
Cane	7%	8%	21%	26%
Walker	9%	3%	8%	15%
Wheelchair	23%	11%	13%	17%

Education Status and Use of IEP Program

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Highest Level of Education Completed Used An Individualized Education Program (IEP) 21.0 % **Graduate School** 21.6 % in School College or 45.1 % 48.4 % **Technical School** 55% Congenital DM1 High School 23.3 % **Grade School** 23.0 % 67% **Juvenile DM1** 1.3 % 1.6 % Other 8.6 % 6.0% Adult Onset DM2 DM1 6% 5%

Adult DM1

DM2

Other Includes the following answers: I don't have any formal education, Not applicable-Participant is an infant or child, I don't know, Other-open text

What's Next? Plans for the Next 3-Year Initiative

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Post- & Pre-doctoral Fellows BASIC П **Genome Editing Program** RESEARCH Mouse Drug Testing Facility TRANSLATIONAL **Biomarker Development** RESEARCH iPS Cell-Line Characterization Tg Mouse Model SOPs **CLINICAL Expansion of Patient Registry** RESEARCH **CNS Natural History Study** П Continue FDA and EMA Interactions REGULATORY and Educational Meetings **PAYORS &** Continue to lobby for PRMRP Funding each year **ACCESS &** MDF Active Participant on Muscular Dystrophy **ADVOCACY Coordinating Committee**

What is Genome Editing?

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- Way to precisely make changes to the DNA of a cell or organism
 - Cut out pieces of DNA
 - Add pieces of DNA
 - Change sequence of DNA
- Genome editing can potentially be used to treat myotonic dystrophy
 - Cut out the repeat sequence
 - Delete the gene
- Much work is still needed to evolve the technology before it is transformed into an effective therapy for DM



MDF's Genome Editing Initiative to Accelerate Development for DM

- Workshop held on April 17th, 2017 with 14 experts from universities, NIH, FDA, MDF and donors
- Request for Applications was released July 27th 2018
- Fund 2 awards of up to \$250,000 to evaluate genome editing strategies for DM1 that target the DMPK gene



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Make Strategic Investments in For-Profit Companies (Small Biotech, Early Stage Drug Development)

- Prioritize Myotonic Dystrophy
- Bring new companies into DM drug development
- Transition promising drugs across the 'valley of death'



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