Abstract

The Autonomic Disorders Consortium (ADC) was established as a Rare Disorders Clinical Research Consortium (RDCRC) in August 2009. The team includes physicians, scientists, nurses, patients, and support groups dedicated to finding new therapies to treat and cure these diseases.

Mission

ADC’s mission is to study autonomic disorders to develop novel therapies aimed at not only improving quality of life, but also altering the course of the disease. ADC is multidisciplinary and draws strong support from its patients and their support organizations. ADC joins with patient support groups to harness the knowledge and energies of physicians and investigators in the major centers where these patients are cared for, so that they can discover ways to treat and to cure these diseases.

ADC plans to meet its goals through the following:
Consortium History

August 2009: ADC established as a RDCRC

Structure & Governance

This consortium is part of the Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN), an initiative of the Office of Rare Diseases Research, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS). The RDCRN is designed to advance medical research on rare diseases by providing support for clinical studies and facilitating collaboration, study enrollment, and data sharing. Through the RDCRN consortia, physician scientists and their multidisciplinary teams work together with patient advocacy groups to study more than 200 rare diseases at sites across the nation.

Funding and scientific oversight for the RDCRN are provided by NCATS and 10 National Institutes of Health (NIH) components: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; National Cancer Institute; National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research; National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; National Institute of Mental Health; National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; and Office of the Director. In addition, patient advocacy groups provide funds for many of the projects.

Links/Social Media Feed

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