

# Update from the NPC Newborn Screening Initiative

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## Key Initiatives Linked to Meeting Recommended Uniform Screening Panel Criteria

### **RUSP Criteria**

- → Validated screening test acceptable sensitivity, specificity
  - →Labs' ability to perform test
- → A public health problem, without easily identified symptoms at birth
  - →Significant risk if babies not treated promptly
- → Benefits outweigh risks and burdens of screening and treatment

## Firefly Fund Initiatives

- →NBS Pilot Study
  - → Supporting ScreenPlus
- →Clinical Roundtable
  - → Demonstrating that treating earlier is better for health outcomes
- → Public Health Benefits
  - → Identifying how intervening earlier can benefit public health ........



## A Comprehensive, Flexible, Multi-Disorder Newborn Screening Program

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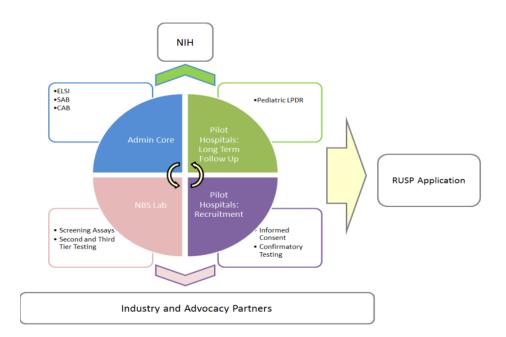






#### **Goals of ScreenPlus**

- Evaluate the analytic and clinical validity of multi-tiered newborn screening assays, and define disease incidence in a diverse population
- Determine the impact of NBS on clinical outcome through longitudinal follow up of true positive infants
- Examine the ethical, legal, and social issues (ELSI) associated with screening newborns for complex disorders





## **Anticipated Recruitment and Timing**

- ~ 175,000 babies from 8 high birth rate, ethnically diverse pilot hospitals over 5 years will be enrolled, assuming 73% consent rate\*
- One-on-one e-consenting model
  - We are making contingency plans for virtual recruitment in case of COVID-19 resurgence
- Initial start date for live recruitment (May 2020) delayed until fall 2020 because of COVID-19





### **ScreenPlus Disorders**

- Criteria to be on ScreenPlus Panel
  - A DBS screening assay that can be multiplexed, and that is high-throughput, reasonably priced, and has had positive baseline validation studies;
  - Significant morbidity or mortality if untreated;
  - A pediatric phenotype; and
  - FDA approved treatment(s), or treatment(s) currently in clinical trial.
- Panel is fluid; disorders may be removed if added to RUSP, or added if meet criteria

ScreenPlus Panel				
ASMD	Acid sphingomyelinase deficiency			
CLN2	Ceroid lipofuscinosis type 2			
СТХ	Cerebrotendonous xanthomatosis			
Gaucher	Gaucher disease			
Fabry	Fabry disease			
LAL-D	Lysosomal acid lipase deficiency			
MLD	Metachromatic leukodystrophy			
MPS II	Mucopolysaccharidosis type II/ Hunter			
MPS IIIB	Mucopolysaccharidosis type IIIb/ Sanfilippo IIIb			
MPS IVA	Mucopolysaccharidosis type IVa/Morquio IVa			
MPS VI	Mucopolysaccharidosis type VI/ Maroteaux Lamy			
MPS VII	Mucopolysaccharidosis type VII/ Sly			
NPC	Niemann Pick C			



## Using ScreenPlus to Enhance the Accuracy of Screening

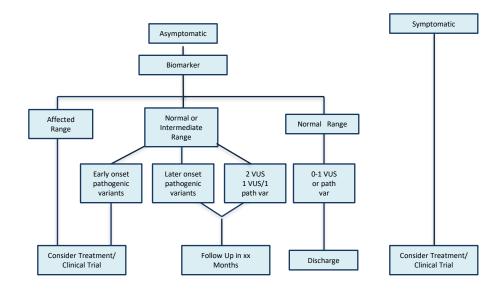
	Disorder	First Tier	Second Tier	Third Tier
	ASMD	ASM	Lyso SM	DNA
	CLN2	TPP1	-	DNA
	CTX	Bile tetrol glucoronide	-	DNA
	Fabry	GLA	Lyso Gb3	DNA
	Gaucher	GBA	Lyso Gb1	DNA
	LALD	LAL	-	DNA
	MLD	Sulfatides	Enzyme	DNA
	MPSII	12S	DBS GAG	DNA
	MPS IIIb	NAGLU	DBS GAG	DNA
	MPS IVa	GALNS	DBS GAG	DNA
	MPS VI	ARSB	DBS GAG	DNA
_	MPS VII	GUSB	DBS GAG	DNA
	NPC	Bile Acid B	СОТ	DNA

- Screening assays will be performed at the NYS Department of Health using samples from the alreadycollected NBS filter paper
- We will use at least two tiers per disorder in an effort to
  - Reduce false positives?
  - Predict phenotypic severity?



## **Long Term Follow Up**

- We will establish standardized follow up protocols and data collection forms for each disorder
  - These are being developed with help from ScreenPlus advisory boards
  - Algorithms will include guidelines for treatment referral or access to clinical trials
- Longitudinal data on affected and indeterminate children will be collected uniformly across sites, used to evaluate impact of early diagnosis on outcome





### In Conclusion

- ScreenPlus is largest multi-disorder, consented, NBS pilot program in US
- It is a comprehensive program that extends from screening assay development to long term follow up and treatment
- The multi-tiered approach may improve NBS accuracy
- It includes uniform data collection that may be used to support RUSP applications



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## NPC Clinical Roundtable – Consensus Building Regarding Timing for Treatment Initiation Following NBS



- Successful RUSP applications require research to support need for NBS
  - → Why is earlier intervention a clinical benefit for patients?
  - → How soon after birth must treatment be initiated to be effective?
  - → How will earlier intervention benefit public health?
- → Initial 2019 meeting prompted initiation of a "Sibling Study"



## "Sibling Study" to Demonstrate Significance of Intervening Earlier for Improved Health Outcomes



- → Leading NPC experts believe families with multiple affected children may show differences in outcomes based on earlier intervention
  - → One child diagnosed *following* onset of symptoms
  - → Diagnosis triggers NPC testing of another child
    - → Diagnosed before onset of visible symptoms
- Possible evidence demonstrating differential outcomes based on timing of intervention
- → Proving importance of screening for NPC at birth, and criticalness of earlier intervention



## Partnership with RDMD Can Accelerate NPC Research



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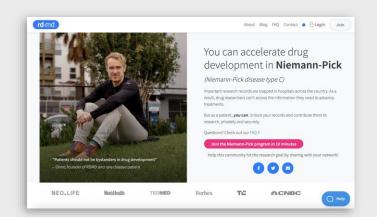
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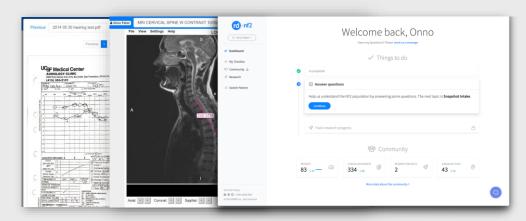
RDMD hosts an online platform for the NPC community, at no cost to patients & families.

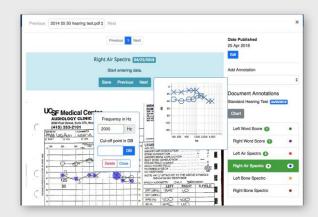
Parents accept RDMD's consent & authorize RDMD to retrieve their children's records from healthcare facilities.

RDMD retrieves all records on patients' behalf. Each family can easily access all their records in a secure account.

RDMD extracts deidentified medical data in a structured way to speed research.









## NPC Experts Will Analyze De-Identified Data



- Led by Newborn Screening Working Group Clinical Leaders: Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, Rush University Medical Center; Marc Patterson, Mayo Clinic; Denny Porter, NIH
- → Analysis to help determine
  - → How closely course of disease is similar
  - → What affect timing of intervention has on disease progression
- → Examples of clinical variables for possible analysis (if available)
  - → Diagnosis and symptomatic onset
  - → Genetic testing and labs
  - → Seizure history
  - → Swallowing
  - → Cognitive functioning
  - → Hearing loss
  - → Medications



#### NOTE: This slide **NOT** shown at NNPDF. Hope to include in future presentations.

## Participating in NPC Sibling Study: Involving Families with Multiple Children Affected with NPC



- → Recruitment goal: 30 sibling pairs/groups in the US and Canada
- → Sign-up process:
  - → Visit rdmd.com/npc
  - → 10–15 minutes per child to enroll
  - → Parents can sign up multiple children under one master account
- → Families can access their children's medical records and participate in research at no cost

Note: Families of all individuals with NPC in the US & Canada can contribute to other research efforts through the broader RDMD NPC Research Program

## 2020 Expanded Stakeholder Support

#### **Industry Supporters**















#### **NPC Community Supporters**























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## Continuing to Generate Awareness

- →World Orphan Drug Conference August, Virtual
- →NPC NBS Clinical Roundtable November, Virtual
- →NPC NBS Annual StakeholderMeeting November, Virtual

→ Check Out: RARE Daily column on parallels between testing for covid-19 and NBS testing for NPC





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