

A RARE APPROACH TO A RARE DISEASE

GUTHY JACKSON
Charitable Foundation





THE GUTHY-JACKSON
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION,
WHERE SCIENCE IS
CULTIVATING NEW HOPE
IN THE CURE FOR NMO

ABOUT US

The Guthy-Jackson Charitable Foundation is dedicated to funding basic science research to find answers that will lead to the prevention, clinical treatment programs and a potential cure for Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO) Spectrum Disease.



The decision to create our Foundation came from a personal family crisis. Our daughter was officially diagnosed with NMO in June 2008. Since that time, we have met with many clinicians and researchers in order to understand what this means for our beautiful daughter and our family. Additionally, we have gathered and read every piece of information and NMO research article that is available on the Web. We are now beginning to understand that NMO is not only considered an “orphan” disease, but that very little research is available.

We met with the All Greater Good Foundation in early July 2008 when it became clear that there is little-to-no funding available to research this rare and often misunderstood disease. We joined hands with the All Greater Good Foundation to immediately begin our work, and thus, The Guthy-Jackson Charitable Foundation was born.

The Guthy-Jackson Charitable Foundation is dedicated to funding biomedical research in the search to understand the pathophysiology and biochemistry of NMO Spectrum Disease. It is our greatest hope that together we will reverse the effects of NMO and eventually cure this disease.

Sincerely,
Bill Guthy and Victoria Jackson, Founders





FUNDING AND DONATIONS

FUNDING METHODS

Our method of funding derives from our mission to fund biomedical research specific to Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO) Spectrum Disease. We are committed to enhancing the knowledge base of NMO by funding innovative research approaches for studying and advancing the understanding of the pathophysiology and biochemistry of NMO.

In the United States, our funding is focused on, but not limited to researchers who are affiliated with U.S. 501(c)(3) or other tax-exempt organizations. The Guthy-Jackson Charitable Foundation does not fund individuals or organizations who do not meet our funding criteria and eligibility.”

CURRENTLY FUNDED NMO RESEARCH SITES

Harvard Medical School

*Funding Pending

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Mayo Clinic

Stanford University School of Medicine

The Scripps Research Institute

University of California at San Francisco

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US IN THIS
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“As we collaborate on this journey, we have the opportunity to fund basic science research to find answers that will lead to prevention, clinical treatments, and an eventual cure for NMO Spectrum Disease.”

BILL GUTHY AND VICTORIA JACKSON, FOUNDERS
THE GUTHY-JACKSON CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

OUR MISSION

1. The Guthy-Jackson Charitable Foundation is dedicated to funding research in the search to understand the pathophysiology and biochemistry of NMO Spectrum Disease. Our Foundation is passionate in its support of providing opportunities to develop programs for prevention, clinical treatments, and an eventual cure for this rare and often misunderstood disease.
2. We are committed to providing an online community for those who have been diagnosed with NMO, as well as providing centralized information resources for individuals who want to learn more about this rare disease.
3. For those who want to donate to the cause of this misunderstood and often misdiagnosed disease, The Guthy-Jackson Charitable Foundation will dedicate 100% of all funding gifts to basic science research centers.



THE GUTHY-JACKSON REPOSITORY FOR NMO

Mr. Bill Guthy and Ms. Victoria Jackson announce the establishment of The Guthy-Jackson Charitable Foundation Repository for NMO at the Accelerated Cure Project (ACP). Based upon successful results in the Foundation's initial funded ACP project dedicated to collecting and storing NMO patient samples, The Guthy-Jackson Charitable Foundation invited ACP to join with the University of Texas Southwestern (UTSW) to submit a proposal to participate in a Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO) samples repository project. Following review by their scientific and medical advisory board members, the Foundation approved a philanthropic gift to form The Guthy-Jackson Charitable Foundation Repository for NMO. The NMO Repository will exist as a project within the organizational structure of ACP, and is dedicated to enrolling subjects into its samples and data collection process solely for the purpose of advancing its NMO samples collections, and making them available to researchers who are conducting research in NMO.

THE COLLABORATION

In this joint venture, ACP will promote the continued enrollment of NMO subjects into the NMO Repository, and provide samples from the NMO Repository to qualified scientists whose proposed research will contribute to the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and/or cure of NMO.

PATIENT ENROLLMENT

The NMO Subjects are primarily enrolled through the efforts of a study nurse employed by UTSW who will work with ACP to identify NMO Subjects and invite them to participate in the repository, either by visiting one of the ACP repository sites, or by accepting an enrollment visit from the UTSW Nurse.

RESEARCHERS AND INSTITUTIONS

The request process is straightforward. Researchers are asked to submit a written proposal using the ACP Samples Request Form. The proposal is reviewed at Accelerated Cure Project and ultimately submitted to an oversight committee for review. Researchers are encouraged to make application im-

mediately upon discernment of need. A response will be forthcoming upon review and recommendation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

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