

An Expanding Network

The PCD Foundation Path to Clinical Trials initiative launched in 2012 to create PCD centers of excellence and registry.

There are now more than 40 clinical and research sites across North America and growing.



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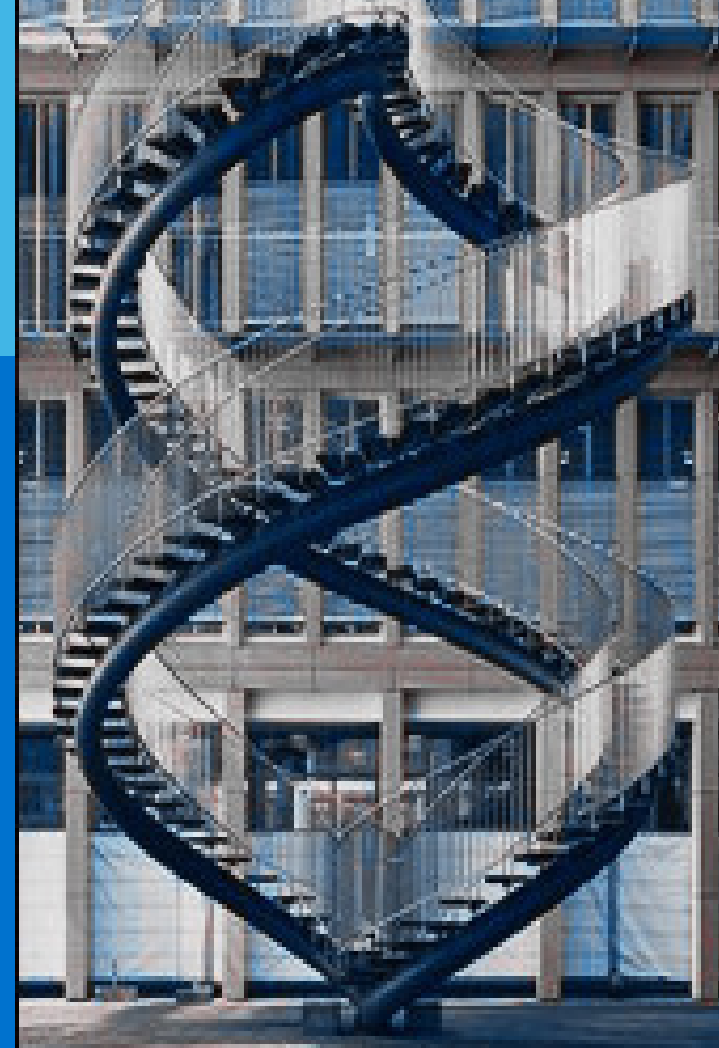
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Path to Clinical Trials

On the Path to a Cure



Preparing for the Journey

Access to high-quality diagnostic and treatment services for individuals with primary ciliary dyskinesia (PCD) is a primary goal of the PCD Foundation. Ongoing research has helped us understand the complex genetic picture of PCD and related disorders, expanding our view of PCD and improving options for early, accurate diagnosis. Now is the time to translate what we have learned into effective therapies, and ultimately, a cure for PCD.

The Path to Clinical Trials (PTCT) Program

Better outcomes require research and successful research requires a plan. The PCDF Path to Clinical Trials (PTCT) program is based on successful similar research acceleration models in other disorders.

Steps Along the Path

The PCD Foundation Path to Clinical Trials will provide resources and support to get to a cure for PCD by integrating two critical components of successful rare disease research:

● PCDF Clinical & Research Centers Network (CRCN)

CRCN centers offer state-of-the-art diagnostic and care services for PCD based on the best evidence and expert consensus.

In addition to expert care, CRCN centers serve as central resource and access sites for individuals who wish to participate in clinical research trials for PCD.

● PCDF Registry

Our data 'ecosystem' will include a natural history and genetic registry to provide insights and guide therapeutic development in PCD.

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Path to Clinical Trials in the Community

Rare disorders present clinical trial challenges because the population eligible to participate in research is small and often geographically dispersed.

By expanding the PCDF Clinical & Research Centers Network to support community physicians with diagnostic and consultation services, the PTCT program will provide opportunities for individuals with PCD to be part of the PTCT program even if they are not located near a PCD center.

These two initiatives - clinical specialty centers, and rigorous data collection efforts - will put PCD firmly on a Path to Clinical Trials.