NIH Clinical Center Pediatric Research Strategic Plan Working Group

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CCGB Pediatric Strategic Plan Working Group Charge

To identify the most impactful scientific areas of pediatric research in which the NIH can play a major role to substantially improve child health. Using this horizon scanning, to perform long-term, strategic planning for intramural trans-NIH clinical pediatric research to occur over the next decade and beyond



Scientific Priorities

- Expanding the scope of natural history studies to support research on the continuum from diagnosis to treatment throughout disease trajectory
- Building a foundational clinical and scientific infrastructure to support gene therapy, CAR-T, and other cell and precision therapy studies in young children with inherited or acquired rare, serious, and refractory diseases of unmet need
- Evaluating the efficacy of precision medicine interventions in rare, nonmalignant childhood diseases
- Increasing the number of pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic studies to improve rational medication use and proper dosing in children



Scientific Priorities (continued)

- Performing metabolic phenotyping across a variety of pediatric conditions, as well as linking metabolic phenotyping on nutrition studies and assessing the impact of diet on immune phenotypes and metabolism
- Developing a cohort of all pediatric patients at the CC to measure physical and mental health and disease across disorders, along with a deeply phenotyped pediatric cohort of healthy volunteer children to establish a standard control group that can be used across studies
- Increasing support for research studies in pregnant and lactating people



Enhancement to Infrastructure and Resources

- Workforce training (e.g., Grand Rounds, directory of pediatricians)
- Create a pediatric section of the IRB (potentially including pregnancy as well)
- Establish a core focused on protocol development for pediatric clinical research studies
- Pediatric natural history concierge
- Modular case report forms
- Common data elements
- Pediatric-friendly imaging resources and environment
- Data management and sharing



Relative Financial Investment Needed to Implement CC Pediatric Research Strategic Plan Priorities (1 of 3) MINIMAL Financial Investment

Strategic Plan Priority

- Add a specific pediatric section to the IRB
- Develop a directory of CC pediatric researchers
- Establish Grand Rounds focused on child health



Relative Financial Investment Needed to Implement CC Pediatric Research Strategic Plan Priorities (2 of 3) LOW/MODERATE Financial Investment

Strategic Plan Priority

- Pediatric pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic (PK/PD) studies
- Lactation studies (including PK/PD)
- Infant/pediatric metabolic studies
- Phenotyping pediatric All of Us participants that are identified as having genomic variants
- Core for pediatric protocol development
- Unified clinical research form
- Developing pediatric common data elements
- Pediatric-friendly imaging/scanning protocols and facilities
- Establish a natural history study concierge



Relative Financial Investment Needed to Implement CC Pediatric Research Strategic Plan Priorities (3 of 3) MAJOR Financial Investment

Strategic Plan Priority

- Clinical infrastructure to support gene therapy, CAR-T, and other cell and precision therapy studies in young children
- Deeply phenotyped pediatric-specific healthy control cohort
- Cohort study including all CC pediatric patients at the CC across multiple disorders





Questions?