



What does the
FUTURE hold?





Patient Registries



RARE DISEASE REGISTRIES (RDRs)

- Inform the natural history of a disease
- Capture the variability of the patient population
- Seek to understand the 'patient experience'
- Connect those affected by a rare disease with researchers who study them
- Central resource for researchers to recruit research participants
 - > Accelerate research
- Inform researchers about the effectiveness of certain treatments
- Develop Standards of Care



Euromac

- EUROMAC is a registry of patients affected by McArdle Disease and by other forms of rare neuromuscular glycogenosis where exercise intolerance is the main symptom
 - International Registry
 - Clinician and patient entered data
- Given the ongoing CHALLENGE of registering patients, lamGSD has researched alternative solutions



- A non-profit research organization that is part of Sanford Health, an integrated health system headquartered in the Dakotas.
- Sanford Health is one of the largest health systems in the nation with a presence in 26 states and nine countries
- With a team of more than 250 researchers, Sanford Research supports basic, translational and clinical research in diverse areas including [RARE DISEASES](#)



CoRDS Registry

Coordination of
Rare Diseases at Sanford



CoRDS

- A centralized international PATIENT REGISTRY for all rare diseases
- Work with patient advocacy groups (IamGSD), individuals and researchers
- Capture (de-identified) health information from individuals with a rare diagnosis, undiagnosed patients, unaffected carriers or at-risk patients
- Connect researchers and patients
- Notify participants of upcoming clinical trials.
- Participants can enroll for free and researchers can access deidentified data for free
- Similar to the EUROMAC but only captures patient entered data



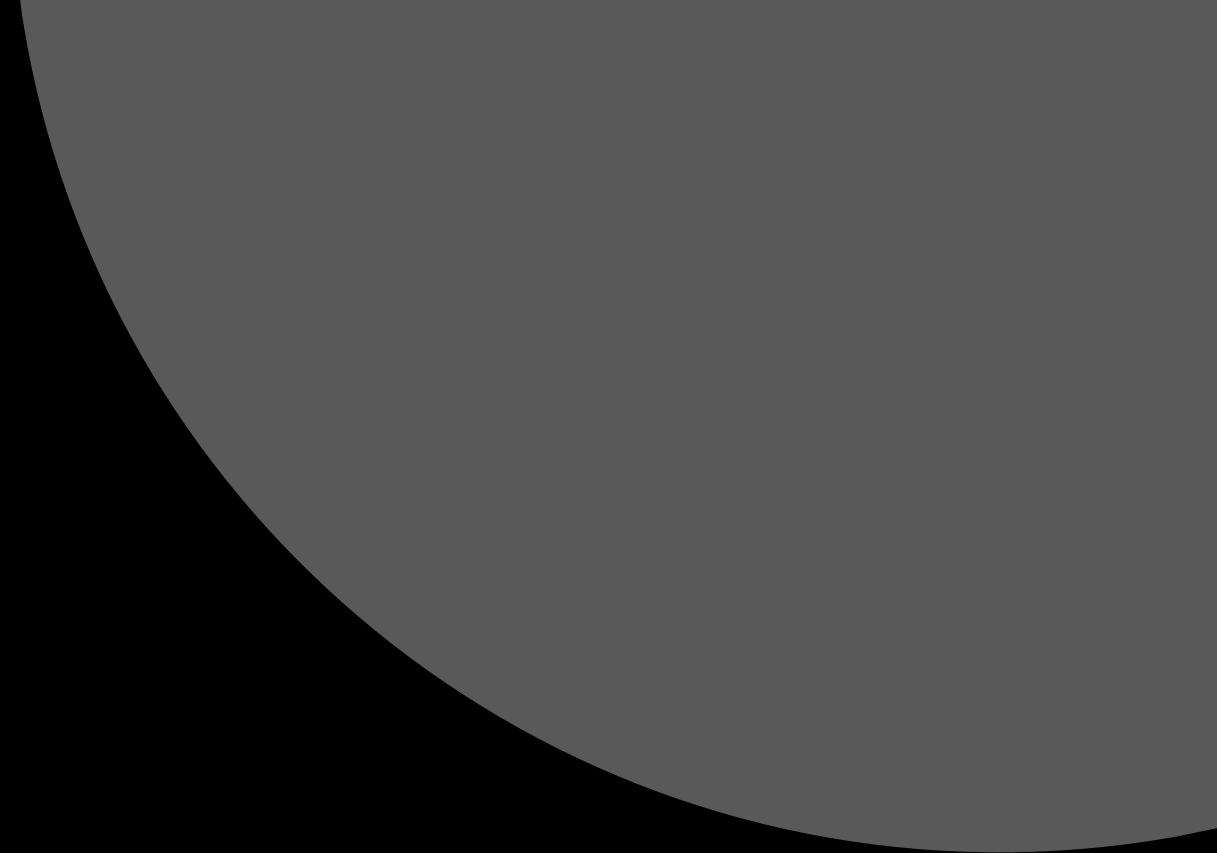
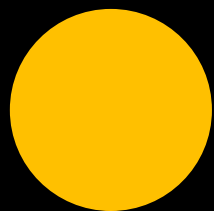
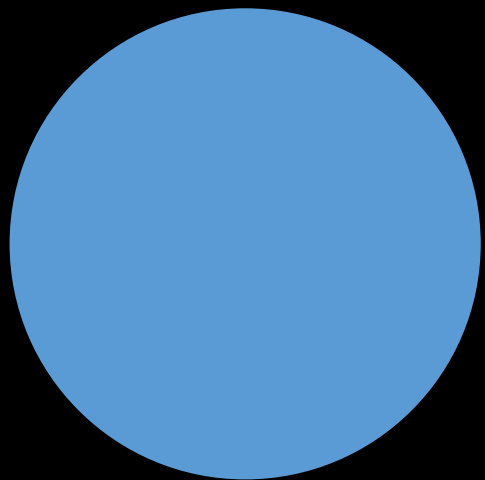
CoRDS

- IamGSD is in the beginning stages of developing questions for a PATIENT REGISTRY for muscle GSDs
- Supplement EUROMAC registry
- Plan to launch a RDR for muscle GSDs in early 2020
- Updates will be available at iamgsd.org and on McArdle Disease FaceBook group

To learn more about how CoRDS

<http://bit.ly/CoRDS-FAQs>








Gene Therapy



McArdle Disease

- Goal of gene therapy is to repair the defective gene so that enzyme is produced in affected tissues
- Proof of concept studies in animal models
 - Charlois cattle 
 - Merino sheep 
 - Mouse 



McArdle Disease

- Ovine GSDV model has been used to test gene therapy and pharmaceuticals (valproate)
- Adenovirus 5(Ad5) and AAV vectors expressing myophosphorylase were both used with some efficacy in sheep
- Recombinant adeno-associated virus serotype 8 (rAAV8) to treat mouse model -> intraperitoneal injection of rAAV8-Pygm 1-3 days postnatal, resulted in PYGM expression at 8 weeks of age and improved skeletal muscle architecture, reduced accumulation of glycogen, and restoration of voluntary running wheel activity -> next step to test in ovine large animal model





Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs)

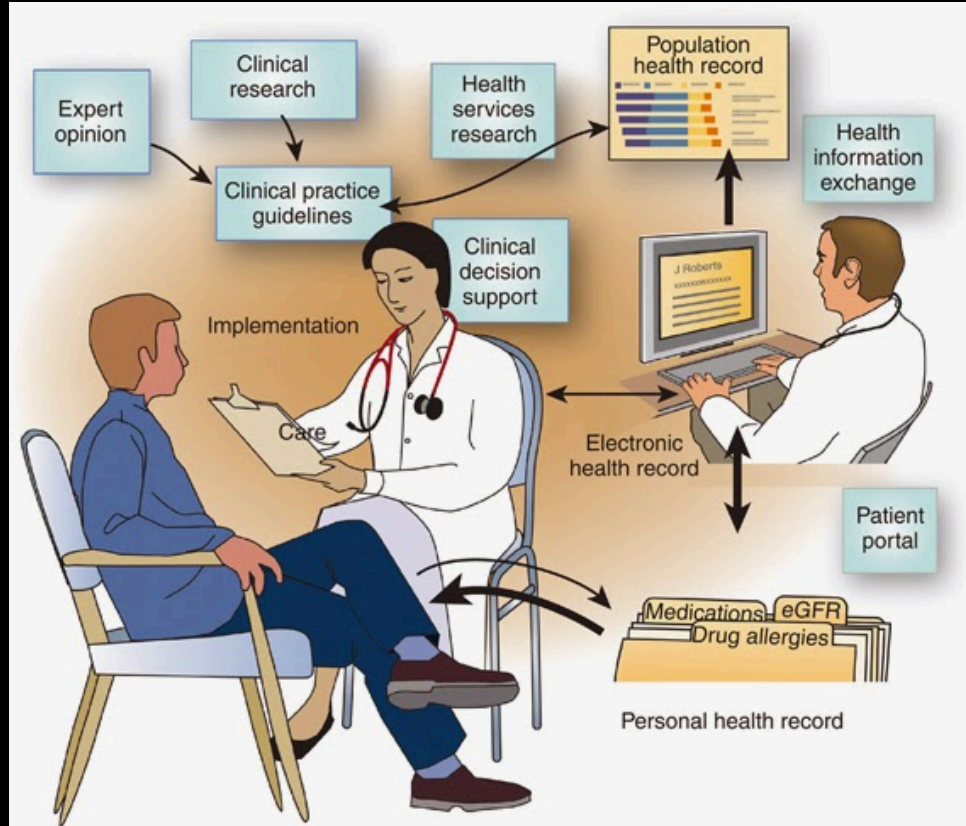


Clinical practice guidelines (CPGs)
are statements that include
recommendations intended to optimize
patient care.

They are informed by a systematic
review of evidence and an assessment of
the benefits and harms of alternative
care option



CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

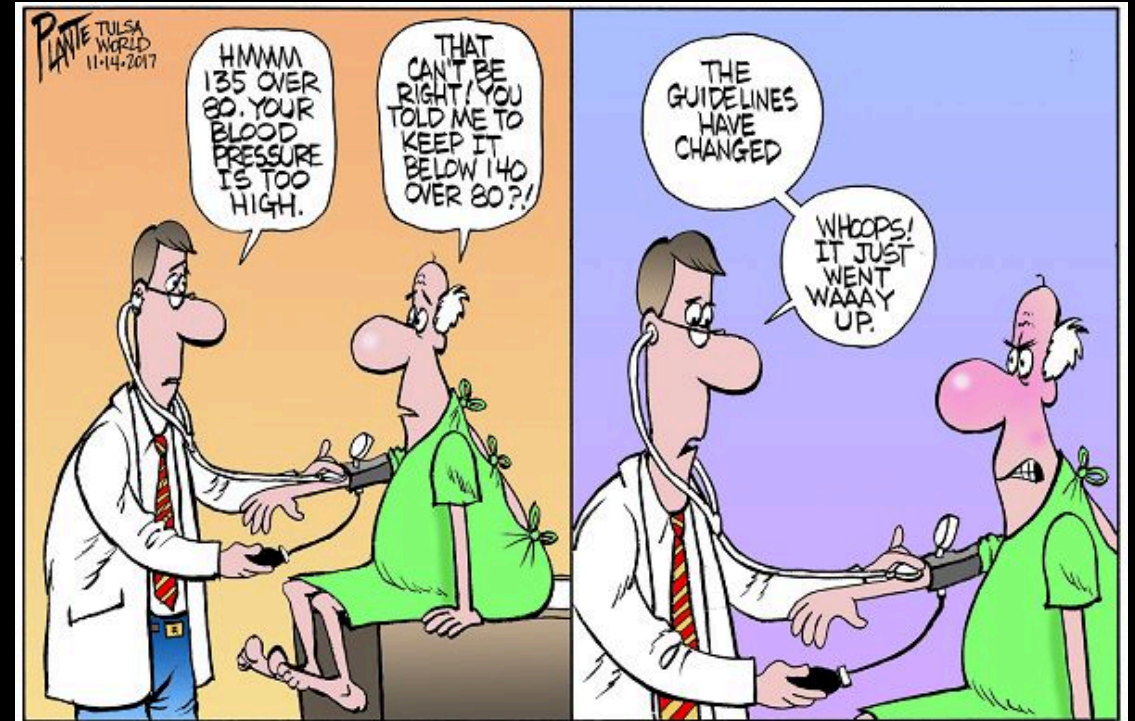


- SUPPORT the diagnostic process (mis-diagnosis/late diagnosis)
- Provide a BLUEPRINT for evidence-based care
- INCREASE quality of care
- IMPROVE health outcomes (reduce morbidity and improve quality of life)
- PROMOTE consistency of care
- EMPOWER patients to make informed healthcare decisions
- INFLUENCE public policy – i.e. Centre of Expertise
- Research opportunities - address gaps in evidence



CONSIDERATIONS

- Guidelines may be wrong or not applicable to ALL patients (clinical heterogeneity)
 - Limited research in RD
- Guidelines should be flexible in order to accommodate ALL patients -> options, shared decision making
- Patient perspective should be incorporated
- Need to balance cost/limited resources/patient needs/evidence based research



CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

EXAMPLE - MCARDLE DISEASE

CPGs may include the recommendation to improve aerobic capacity

CPGs should not include dietary recommendations (at this point) as there is not enough clinical evidence to support a specific dietary strategy



- Patient Registries
- Gene Therapy
- CPGs
- US Walking Courses
- US Strength Training Sessions
- Updated Website
 - Comprehensive Online Resource
- Nutrition Workshop Paper (2018)
- North American versions
 - 101 Tips & Medical Overview



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