



MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS update

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A Meaningful Encounter: Participating in the Accelerated Cure Project Repository

With nine collection sites open for enrollment and a tenth in the planning stages, the opportunity to participate in the Accelerated Cure Project Repository is more attainable than ever. If you are diagnosed with MS, TM, ADEM, NMO, or ON, or have experienced a clinically isolated event consistent with a demyelinating disease, and you live or plan to travel near one of our collection sites, please consider joining the 1,725 others who have enrolled in the Repository and whose samples and data are being used by researchers to determine the causes of MS and these related diseases.

Head to one of our Massachusetts locations (Boston and Worcester), visit the Big Apple (NYC), take a trip to The Ohio State University (Columbus), explore Maryland (Baltimore), head south (Atlanta and Dallas), go west to Arizona (Phoenix) or visit our newest site in the Mile High City (Denver). The tenth site, which we hope will open in California in the coming months, establishes the coast-to-coast connection, and facilitates the chance for our west coast supporters to become part of this ever-growing critical resource for scientists.

Your participation begins with a phone call to the study coordinator at the site of choice (<http://www.acceleratedcure.org/repository/contact.php>). He or she will ask a few questions to ensure eligibility and schedule your study appointment.

Within a few days you will receive an information packet, most notably our extensive questionnaire, which packs a lot of information into 40 pages – questions about your family, health history, environmental exposures (where you have lived, worked, hobbies, etc.), and other topics.

At the study appointment you’ll be given a detailed overview of what your participation entails, and if you agree to participate you will have your blood drawn, you will be interviewed (using the questionnaire), and your medical records will be reviewed. Your samples and data are all anonymized prior to storage to protect your privacy. Researchers who receive your samples only know “you” by a barcode, and never by your name.

Participation in the Repository is an opportunity to be a catalyst – to be part of a resource that is changing the way MS research is conducted, and to accelerate progress in diagnostic tools, treatments, causes, and ultimately a cure. Read more about the studies being done on Repository samples (see page 4 of this issue) and you’ll realize how valuable your involvement can be.

Interested? To learn more about participating, visit the repository section of our website at www.acceleratedcure.org/repository or call Accelerated Cure Project’s repository director, Sara Loud, at 781-487-0032.

A Message from Carolyn Cronin, Chief Executive Officer



Accelerated Cure Project continues to “Open Doors” to identify the causes of multiple sclerosis that will lead to a cure.

I am pleased to announce our new collaboration with Fast Forward, a subsidiary of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society that has an objective of accelerating commercial development of

innovative MS research. Through discussions with the Fast Forward team, we learned that many of the research groups that they support need access to samples such as those maintained in our MS repository. Because our two organizations share a common goal of improving the lives of people with MS through research, we will be working together to stimulate the use of our repository by their research groups and generate new research results that benefit people with MS. Please look to our Organization Profile on page 2 to gain a better understanding of who Fast Forward is and what they do.

Our biggest concern still remains the downturn in the economy and the effect this has had on our fundraising efforts. People with MS cannot wait for the environment to be “perfect” to ask for support. We need to identify the causes of multiple sclerosis that will lead to a cure *now*, regardless of the economic climate.

In an effort to continue to fund our mission for the next three years, I would like to announce that Accelerated Cure Project is launching an aggressive **comprehensive campaign effort to raise a minimum of \$10 million**. The campaign will significantly ramp the expansion of the MS Repository, research projects, and collaboration programs. Go to www.openingdoorscampaign.com if you would like to find out more.

As you read this newsletter, you will see the value Accelerated Cure Project brings to those with MS. We present the studies that are taking place using our samples and how they are helping move research forward. We introduce our new volunteer and young professionals group as well as ways to shop and give to our cause at the same time. We also continue to update you on the repository and our upcoming and recently run events. Don’t forget to check out the t-shirt photos. We hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission!

Best regards,
Carolyn Cronin

Organization Profile: Fast Forward

By Timothy Coetzee, President

With someone in the U.S. receiving an MS diagnosis virtually each hour of the day, the need to focus efforts to speed the delivery of new treatments to people with MS has never been greater. Fast ForwardSM, a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, was founded specifically to focus on speeding these essential treatments through the drug pipeline to people with MS.

Innovative university research that will change people’s lives is often disconnected from commercial drug development because of a lack of critical funding, a gap that Fast Forward aims to bridge. Fast Forward partners with emerging biotechnology companies to advance the development of promising therapies, diagnostics, medical devices, and related technologies for MS in order to speed them to market as quickly as possible.

Fast ForwardSM
Speeding Treatments To People With MS

The Fast Forward business model is one that is beginning to see success in other disease areas, and just since its launch in 2007, Fast Forward has already evaluated more than 60 proposals and developed collaborative partnerships to leverage its own funding of emerging biotech research projects.

Fast Forward’s partnerships now include: 1) Investment in Apitope International, to fund a proof of principle clinical trial for a peptide therapeutic vaccine, which led to a follow-on partnership between Apitope and Merck Serono to develop and commercialize the prospective MS therapy, 2) investment in Provid Pharmaceuticals, to develop a novel compound intended to redirect abnormal immune response, and 3) investment in Amplimmune, Inc. to support the development of a unique proprietary biological molecule designed to target and prevent abnormal immune responses.

These all build on Fast Forward’s \$19 million collaborative partnership with EMD Serono to accelerate innovation and commercial development of MS therapies through mutually agreed upon seed-to-early stage projects.

Emerging biotechnology companies face many challenges in the current economy, and Fast Forward is determined to deploy its resources to spearhead the continued development of promising MS therapies. Visit www.fastforward.org to learn more about Fast Forward.

Young Professionals Accelerating the Cure



Accelerated Cure Project has launched a young professional networking group, Young Professionals Accelerating the Cure (YPAC). YPAC is dedicated to promoting our mission through fun and unique social fundraising events.

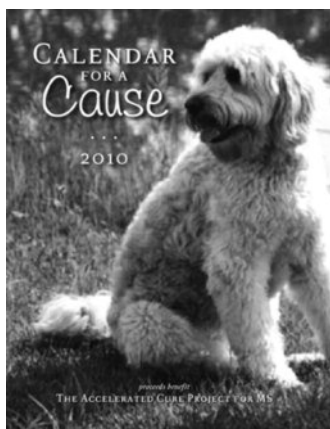
The group currently has a small Board of Directors who operate on a volunteer basis to plan fundraising events that are engaging to young professionals. While they aim to educate others about Multiple Sclerosis and the efforts being put into finding a cure, their primary objective is to create a brand identity for YPAC that is defined by well-organized, enjoyable fundraising events.

YPAC is actively recruiting new members to join this dynamic group. No experience in fundraising or event planning is

required. All you need is enthusiasm, creativity, and a sense of humor! The Board meets every few weeks at a member's residence in the Boston area, where they eat pizza and brainstorm ideas. The group just hosted their kickoff event, the first annual Life's a Pitch...Strike Out MS Wiffle Ball tournament. The tournament was held on Sunday, September 27th at Moakley (Columbus) Park, and was a huge success.

The benefits of joining YPAC, beyond learning about and helping a great cause, are social networking, skill development, and having a great time. YPAC is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, get hands-on experience with fund-raising, promoting, advertising, coordinating and facilitating charitable events. To learn more about how you or someone you know can get involved, visit the YPAC website at www.acceleratedcure.org/ypac/

Calendar for a Cause – Get a Beautiful 2010 Calendar AND Support Accelerated Cure Project at the Same Time!



Cover

Cincinnati area volunteers have created a unique date book/calendar just in time for the holidays. Beautiful photographs of dogs are displayed on each calendar month and additional dog photos are on each and every page. There are almost 100 photographs in all. Several of the dogs' owners suffer with MS and have shared their story about their relationship with their calendar canine. Of course, 100% of the proceeds are gladly donated to Accelerated Cure Project.

This calendar is beautiful and will make a great

holiday gift! The pages are sprinkled with charming quotes and canine horoscopes. A professional photographer was used, and the calendar is artfully executed in sepia tones.

The calendar measures a full 8½ x 11 and is wire bound for easy use. We suggest that you order several for friends and family. The calendar is available with a minimum \$20.00 donation. Shipping outside the Cincinnati area is by USPS (book rate). 1 or 2 day delivery is also available.

To order your calendar or to see your special dog in next year's edition, please visit www.acceleratedcure.org/CalendarForACause



Note Spread

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are a precious resource! These generous folks have been giving their time to Accelerated Cure Project in recent months:

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LET'S BAG MS

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MS SCHOLARSHIPS 2009

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MUSIC TO CURE MS 2009

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NEW MEXICO JAZZ CONCERT 2009

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Linda Kanner
Lori Hannay
Mary Blohm

The MS Repository: How the Samples and Data You've Contributed are Being Used To Conquer MS

By Hollie Schmidt

Many readers of this newsletter have participated in our MS sample and data repository by donating blood samples as well as providing medical and personal information. Those blood samples and data are collected to be shared with scientists conducting research that can help us better understand MS and other demyelinating diseases.

With the help of our nine sites, enrolling new subjects into the repository has gone very well so far. We now have over 1,725 participants! But collecting samples and data is only part of what needs to happen – we also need to send them out to scientists so that these resources can contribute to new and better treatments, prevention strategies, and cures for MS and the other diseases included in the repository. We're pleased to say that this aspect of our mission is gaining momentum too, and would like to tell you about the research we are supporting.

A snapshot of our research support efforts

Here are a few facts about the studies using our samples and data:

- As of August 2009, we have sent samples and/or data to 21 research groups, and are making the necessary arrangements for supplying other approved projects.
- So far, over 7,000 individual samples have been shipped to our users, including DNA, RNA, and serum samples. (Plasma and lymphocytes are also available and ready to be sent out.) The number of samples requested per project has ranged from 5 to 1,259. Because we want to see studies succeed in terms of producing a conclusive result, we encourage users to request as many

samples as they need. For users who have had a difficult time acquiring sufficient numbers of samples in the past, this philosophy has been a welcome surprise.

- As information about our repository spreads throughout the scientific community, we are seeing an increasing level of interest in the repository and increasing numbers of requests coming in by email. Our current rate is one to two complete requests per month.
- Our users work at a variety of institutions such as academic centers, research institutions, and commercial ventures including start-up companies. Even the federal government is using our samples – NASA has a strong interest in medical research and is using our samples in a research project, which is described below.
- Our users also work all over the world! While most of the studies are based in the US, we have also sent samples and data to Israel, Australia, Germany, and the United Kingdom.

From cause to progression to diagnosis, and beyond

Even more important than how many projects we're supporting are the advances being made through analysis of the samples and data. The 23 projects we have approved so far fall into the four categories in this table:

Category	Number of studies
Determining the causes of MS and other demyelinating diseases	11
Investigating disease mechanisms involved in MS and other demyelinating diseases	6
Developing techniques to diagnose and classify MS and other demyelinating diseases	5
Developing data analysis tools for better understanding MS and other demyelinating diseases	1

Unfortunately, there isn't enough space in this newsletter to describe each of these 23 projects individually, but here is an overview of the studies we are supporting:

Uncovering the genetic basis of MS:

Inherited genetic factors contribute at least partially to the development of MS, and after years of searching for MS genes, scientists now believe that there are many genes that make at least a small contribution to MS risk. Our ability to find these genes has been enhanced by recent advances in technology, including the development of gene "microarrays," which are chips that can give information about hundreds of thousands or millions of genetic variants in a person's DNA at once. Several studies using these chips have produced preliminary results, and now a major international consortium funded by the Wellcome Trust in the UK seeks to confirm and validate these results through a very large-scale study. Working with Dr. Philip De Jager from Brigham and Women's Hospital, we've provided 574 DNA samples from MS subjects to this effort which will involve 21,000 MS samples overall and will provide a wealth of data on the involvement of common variants in MS. While this approach covers the widest range of territory in terms of number of variants analyzed, our repository is also supporting other, more focused,

genetic studies that analyze in greater detail selected genes, such as genes involved in mitochondrial function or signaling between immune cells.

Investigating the role of viruses and bacteria in MS: While genetic background is an important component of MS risk, other factors are also required to “trigger” the disease. Infectious organisms such as viruses and bacteria may serve as this type of trigger. We’ve supported two studies on this topic so far, one at NASA and the other at Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation (OMRF). The NASA project, conducted by Dr. Viktor Stolc, is developing advanced technology to thoroughly screen DNA samples for evidence of infectious agents, and is also testing RNA samples for evidence of a response to these agents that may contribute to MS. The OMRF project, led by Dr. Judith James, has detected a unique immune response in people with MS to the Epstein-Barr virus, a virus which several other studies have also linked with MS.

Understanding disease activity and progression in MS: In addition to trying to understand what causes or triggers MS, scientists are working on determining the “downstream” disease mechanisms as well. Findings from this research area may someday lead to new treatments, which could be particularly important for people with progressive forms of MS. Dr. Julius Birnbaum from Johns Hopkins University is leading one such project, using our serum samples to see whether damage to blood vessels contributes to neuron damage in people with secondary progressive MS. And at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Australia, Dr. Gilles Guillemin is analyzing serum samples to see whether abnormalities in tryptophan metabolism leads to increased toxicity to neurons and decreased protection of these cells in people with MS.

Developing new products for diagnosing and classifying MS: The process of diagnosing MS has historically been a process of ruling everything else out that might be responsible for a person’s symptoms. Use of MRI has helped greatly, since it can show the presence of lesions that are characteristic of MS.

However, even with MRI, diagnosing MS can still be a lengthy process that is not completely accurate. Having a blood test to help diagnose MS could therefore be of great benefit. Also useful would be tests to determine the clinical course of MS, provide predictions of future disease activity, and guide the choice of treatments for people with MS. Through our repository, we are supporting five different companies working to develop these types of products: DioGenix, Glycominds, ArthroChip, Protagen, and MSDx. These companies have developed different approaches to diagnosing and classifying MS, for example by using gene expression or antibody levels. We hope that before long, there will be new blood tests on the market to help diagnose, manage, and treat MS. In addition, the data that these companies generate through the development process will also be valuable for understanding the biology of MS and may therefore spur further advances for people with MS.

NMO studies: In addition to enrolling people with MS and healthy controls, we are also enrolling people with other demyelinating diseases: transverse myelitis, neuromyelitis optica (NMO), ADEM and optic neuritis. Although most of the studies we have supported have focused on MS, three of the 23 are investigating NMO. These studies have each received financial support from the Guthy-Jackson Charitable Foundation, an organization that funds research into NMO and has given us funding to enroll people with NMO into the repository. Each of the NMO studies is exploring some aspect of the involvement of aquaporin-4 (AQP4), a protein that is expressed by a type of cell called an astrocyte and that seems to be targeted by antibodies in people with NMO. One study, conducted at the Mayo Clinic, explored whether mutations in the AQP4 gene were associated with NMO. Two other studies, being conducted at UCSF and Scripps Research Institute, are investigating the biological effects of AQP4 antibodies and developing a mouse model of this disease. We have not yet received any requests from scientists

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Boston 2009 – Jeff Shapiro

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Recent Events:

Detailed information about all of our recent and upcoming events can be found on our web site at <http://www.acceleratedcure.org/events>



Challenge: Team member frisking a uniformed police officer

May 30, Waltham, MA: Thank you to all who participated in and/or supported our 8th Annual Hunt to Cure MS. This year’s clues made for some extremely hilarious pictures, and it was great to have David Brown of Channel 5 News kick off the event as our emcee. Together, we raised over \$16,000! For a laugh, visit our website to check more team photos.

Volunteer Highlight



Name:

Jane Vernon Harter

Hometown:

Cincinnati, OH (Born/raised Knoxville, TN)

ACP Volunteer:

4 months...a newbie!

Current Project:

Jane introduced, and is producing, the very first "Canine Calendar for a Cause", a gorgeous sepia-toned planning binder and calendar for 2010. (See the write-up on Page 3!)

In partnership with our other dedicated volunteers in Cincinnati, Ohio, who form the Greater Cincinnati Cure Project (GCCP), Jane began this project on a wing and a prayer. However, as soon as she started introducing the concept to businesses and vendors, the response was overwhelming. "It never hurts to ask" was the lesson learned in this project. In just a matter of days, ALL printing, binding, graphic design, and photography were *given* to the group for a total donation of \$8,000! Jane's explanation of Accelerated Cure Project's mission was so compelling that it struck a chord with many people who, in turn, were thrilled to help and be a part of this new project.

Over the past few months, Jane and the GCCP have been reaching out to dog lovers all over the country to find canine celebrities to fill the calendar. Again, Jane was pleasantly surprised by the demand. So many people were itching to make a donation to Accelerated Cure Project to have their favorite furry friends featured, that Jane had to create a waiting list for the *2011 calendar* - which guarantees this will be an annual project. All of the calendar's gorgeous canines and their sponsors gleaned a profit of roughly \$3,600!

Despite the quick success Jane and the GCCP have already had with this project, their next step will prove to be the biggest challenge: promoting and selling 750 calendars. With each calendar being valued at a minimum donation of \$20, this 'wing-and-a-prayer project' has the potential to bring in over \$15,000 by 2010!

We asked Jane what motivated her to get involved with Accelerated Cure Project (ACP).

Her response was, "I have been diagnosed with MS for 10 years. What better than to combine my love for dogs with a way to reach out to the community and help fight this disease. My brief time volunteering for Accelerated Cure Project has, in turn, brought me new experiences and introduced new friends that inspire me. I am proud to be associated with the tireless, passionate volunteers in the Greater Cincinnati Cure Project."

Shop to Support

Do you like to shop? Do you want to support Accelerated Cure Project? Now you can do both at the same time! We have partnered with two online shopping networks, **Dubli** and **Glyde**, which allow you to shop and support a great cause all at once.



Dubli offers merchandise through a Reverse Auction and Online Shopping Center. The Reverse Auction is a fun spin on a typical auction, and it's very addictive! For as little as \$0.80, you could win an item worth hundreds of dollars by making the lowest unique bid. Test out your luck and walk away with a steal.

Or you can take the traditional route, the Online Shopping Center, which offers merchandise, gift cards, gift certificates, and online catalogs from over 1,000 national merchants. Items can be purchased for up to 60% off or with rebates of up to 20%.

Visit us at dubli.acceleratedcure.org to join an auction and shop around! Accelerated Cure Project receives 30% of every \$0.80 "credit" you purchase.

glyde

Glyde allows you to not only shop for items, but sell them as well! Funds are raised for Accelerated Cure Project through the sale of donated DVDs, CDs, video games, and books. The program works as an online media drive, and you can:

1) Donate unwanted DVDs, CDs, video games, and books by listing them for sale on glyde.com and directing the sale proceeds to Accelerated Cure Project.

Donate now at www.glyde.com/how_to_donate

2) Shop the online media store of donated DVDs, CDs, video games, and books. Sale proceeds benefit Accelerated Cure Project.

Shop now at

www.glyde.com/charities/Accelerated_Cure_Project

If you are looking for a reason to shop, here it is! Get online, start shopping, and support Accelerated Cure Project.

MS Repository: How the Samples and Data Are Being Used

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who are primarily interested in investigating ADEM, transverse myelitis, or optic neuritis, but we hope that we will start making connections with these researchers as well.

If you're interested in learning more about the individual projects we are supporting, just go to our web site: www.acceleratedcure.org/repository/research.php

Sharing and re-sharing of data to enable new discoveries

An important aspect of our repository is that all scientists who use our samples and data must return their experimental results to us, so that we can in turn share them with future sample users and other investigators. Through this policy, we hope that data sets from different experiments can be combined and analyzed jointly, potentially leading to new findings connecting the original experiments. We're pleased to announce that we have received data sets from two users who have found genetic associations with MS, Dr. Phil De Jager and Dr. Bernadette Kalman. We can now share their results with new users requesting the same samples that these two scientists analyzed. In addition, their findings have also been published in scientific journals, where they can be accessed by others doing work in this field. The results of the NMO genetic study conducted at the Mayo Clinic have also been presented at a conference and are in the process of being published. We're looking forward to further studies contributing data to our results database and disseminating their findings through publication.

If you're one of our repository participants, chances are excellent that your samples and data are in a lab right now, being analyzed to help us learn about MS or other diseases. And if you've supported us financially or in other ways, that support has also helped us make all of these research efforts possible. We look forward to bringing you new updates on our progress in this area as new studies are launched, and as existing studies bring new findings to light.

Upcoming Events

More information can be found at <http://www.acceleratedcure.org/events/calendar.php>

Washington, DC: We have received 25 charity numbers for the October 25th Marine Corps Marathon. Cheer on our team as they run one of the most beautiful marathons in the country while raising funds for a great cause!

Derry, NH: Join us for the 3rd Annual Dance to Cure MS at Brookstone Events Center on November 7th! Enjoy a fabulous night of socializing, prizes, and dancing, but, most importantly, giving hope to those who have MS by raising money for Accelerated Cure Project.

Cambridge, MA: The MIT/Wellesley Toons present their 4th annual Multiple Sclerosis Benefit Concert on Saturday, November 7th. Come join the Toons along with several other performing groups from MIT and the greater Boston area for a memorable concert in support of MS Research.

Chicago, IL: On November 20th, get dolled up for the Hello Stiletto "Shoe Ball" at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza. It will be a fabulous evening, for women and men, of footwear, fashion, and fun to benefit Accelerated Cure Project!

Waltham, MA: Please note the date change for Accelerated Cure Project's Ninth Annual Year in Review to March 6, 2010. We will be returning to the Doubletree Guest Suites in Waltham to celebrate another year of great progress in accelerating the cure!

Accelerated Cure Project T-Shirt Pictures



Mike and Dave in China



Tracey and her kids in Brazil



Kraig and Mark at the Grand Canyon



Ernie and Melissa in Waltham, MA for Melissa's birthday lunch



Teehans (Toronto) and the Bolands (Naples, Florida) at Disney



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ABOUT MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic demyelinating disorder of the central nervous system that often results in severe disability including the inability to walk, blindness, cognitive dysfunction, extreme fatigue and other serious effects. MS affects over 400,000 people in the US and 2 million individuals worldwide. The disorder occurs twice as often in women as in men. The cause is not known and there is no known cure.

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