



UMDF Mission

Our mission is to promote research and education for the diagnosis, treatment and cure of mitochondrial disorders and to provide support to affected individuals and families. We are committed to increasing funding for mitochondrial disease research now – to alleviate the suffering of thousands who have this debilitating and often fatal disease and to develop better understanding of and treatments for the many common illnesses and chronic conditions associated with it.

Research

Understanding mitochondrial disease has the potential to open a new world of knowledge, transforming medicine and cutting across all medical disciplines to uncover better treatments for a range of serious diseases. As the largest non-governmental funder of mitochondrial disease research, UMDF has already achieved tremendous success in marshalling resources for new research and improving awareness and understanding of mitochondrial disease. In the last decade, UMDF has awarded nearly \$12 million in grants to the most promising mitochondrial disease research proposals—leading to important new discoveries. To learn more about UMDF research efforts visit www.UMDF.org.

Family Support

UMDF creates caring, supportive communities across the nation for adults, children and families suffering from mitochondrial disease through our local chapters and affiliated groups and ambassadors. This allows UMDF members to network with other families and individuals to talk about mitochondrial disorders. UMDF keeps members updated with the latest treatment advances and information through a quarterly newsletter.

Information and Communication

UMDF is committed to answering patients', policymakers' and the medical community's questions about mitochondrial disease – including important details about diagnosis, wide-ranging symptoms and existing treatment.

Each year, UMDF hosts the largest international research symposium dedicated to mitochondrial disease where the world's leading researchers meet with doctors, patients and their families to exchange valuable knowledge and ideas. UMDF also strives to build awareness of mitochondrial disease among physicians and healthcare providers.

State and Federal Advocacy

UMDF advocates on the national level and empowers members to advocate on the local level regarding issues of medical funding and health-related issues that impact those who are affected and their families. In addition, UMDF provides information about local fundraisers and educational programs and maintains UMDF.org to provide the latest news and information about issues relating to mitochondrial disease research.