



National Institute of  
Neurological Disorders  
and Stroke

Improving the Identification of Disease Modification  
PD Targets and Their Testing in Early Phase Clinical Trials

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Over the last few decades results from Phase III Parkinson's trials have been uniformly negative despite ever increasing knowledge about Parkinson's biology and progressively solid premises for moving agents to large trials. The community, therefore, feels that a reassessment of our approach to disease modification in Parkinson's is needed. This workshop aims to address this need by providing a forum to exchange experiences, learn from past mistakes, discuss ideas about the extent of data needed prior to clinical testing and rigor that needs to be observed, and, hopefully, generate insight about changes the field needs to implement.

## AGENDA DAY 1

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- 8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Walter Koroshetz, Director, NINDS  
Codrin Lungu and Beth-Anne Sieber, Program Directors, NINDS
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### SESSION I: EXPERIENCE TO DATE

- 8:30 a.m. Karl Kieburtz, Director, Clinical & Translational Science Institute, University of Rochester  
History of disease modification efforts in PD
- Lessons from Specific Trials**
- 8:50 a.m. Debra Babcock, Program Director, Division of Neuroscience, NINDS  
NET-PD
- 9:05 a.m. Michael Schwarzschild, Professor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School  
SURE-PD
- 9:20 a.m. Tanya Simuni, Chief of Movement Disorders, Dept. of Neurology, Northwestern Medicine  
STEADY-PD
- 9:35 a.m. [Audience Q&A](#)
- Lessons from Other Fields**
- 9:55 a.m. Robert Fox, Vice Chair for Research, Neurological Institute, The Cleveland Clinic  
Multiple Sclerosis
- 10:15 a.m. TBD  
Spinal Muscular Atrophy

10:35 a.m. [Audience Q&A](#)

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10:55 a.m. **Break**

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### SESSION II: INCREASING THE CHANCES OF IDENTIFYING EFFECTIVE TREATMENTS

- 11:10 a.m. Ted Dawson, Professor of Neurodegenerative Diseases, Johns Hopkins University  
Basic science
- 11:30 a.m. Amir Tamiz, Director, Division of Translational Research, NINDS  
Rigor and target validation
- 11:50 a.m. Andrew West, Consulting Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology and Cancer Biology, Duke University  
Biomarkers: patient selection, disease progression, target engagement, and proof of principle
- 12:10 p.m. Christopher Coffey, Director, Clinical Trials Statistical Data Management Center, University of Iowa  
Clinical trial readiness and early trial design - population selection, outcome measures, platform design, best relevance to pathophysiology
- 12:30 p.m. [Audience Q&A](#)

12:50 p.m. **Lunch**

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## SESSION II: CONTINUED

### Agent Selection for Phase II Studies

- 1:50 p.m. Marie-Françoise Chesselet, Emerita Distinguished Professor of Neurology and Neurobiology, UCLA  
What data from animal models is necessary and/or useful?
- 2:05 p.m. Kevin Biglan, Medical Fellow at Eli Lilly; Adjunct Clinical Prof. of Neurology, University of Rochester  
Interpreting epidemiologic intervention effect data on PD risk
- 2:20 p.m. Patrik Brundin, Associate Director of Research, Van Andel Research Institute  
Linked Clinical Trials (LCT) initiative approach
- 2:35 p.m. Brian Fiske, Senior Vice President, Research Programs, Michael J. Fox Foundation  
Michael J. Fox Foundation approach
- 2:50 p.m. Clinton Wright, Director, Division of Clinical Research, NINDS  
NINDS approach
- 3:05 p.m. James Beck, Senior Vice President, Chief Scientific Officer, Parkinson's Foundation  
Parkinson's Foundation approach
- 3:20 p.m. Jesse Cedarbaum, Head, Coeruleus Clinical Sciences  
Industry approach
- 3:35 p.m. [Audience Q&A](#)
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**
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## AGENDA DAY 2

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### SESSION III: CONSIDERATIONS OF IMPORTANCE FOR PHASE III STUDIES

- 8:00 a.m. Howard Federoff, CEO, Aspen Neuroscience; Professor of Neurology, UC Irvine  
Evidence of target engagement or proof of principle from Phase II
- 8:20 a.m. Eric Macklin, Biostatistician, Biostatistics Center, Massachusetts General Hospital  
How to design Phase III trials
- 8:40 a.m. Bernard Ravina, Chief Medical Officer, Praxis Medicines  
NIH vs Industry Phase III trials
- 9:00 a.m. Alberto Espay, Endowed Chair, Center for PD and Movement Disorders, University of Cincinnati  
Population selection. One disease vs. many.
- 9:20 a.m. Rachel Saunders-Pullman, Associate Professor of Neurology, Mt. Sinai Beth Israel  
Genotypes and phenotypes
- 9:40 a.m. Ray Dorsey, Director, Center for Health and Technology, University of Rochester  
New tools and technologies to be leveraged
- 10:00 a.m. **Example of Synergy Opportunities: Nilotinib and other c-Abl inhibitors**  
Ted Dawson, Professor of Neurodegenerative Diseases, Johns Hopkins University  
Andrew Goldfine, Medical Director, Sun Pharma  
Fernando Pagan, Vice Chairman, Dept. of Neurology, Georgetown University  
Tanya Simuni, Chief of Movement Disorders, Dept. of Neurology, Northwestern Medicine  
Milton Werner, Founder, President, & CEO, Inhibikase
- 10:30 a.m. [Audience Q&A](#)
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### 10:55 a.m. SESSION IV: NEXT STEPS DISCUSSION

- I. Developing a Collaborative Roadmap for Future Disease Modifying Trials
  - II. Articulating a Standard Structure Approach to Drug Selection for Phase II Studies
  - III. Building a Framework for Moving Candidates from Phase II to Phase III Testing
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### 11:40 a.m. CONCLUSIONS AND ACTION ITEMS