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### **Congenital Muscular Dystrophy (CMD)**

Funding: One \$113,008 grant or Two \$56,504 grants available\*

Purpose: Promote the discovery of underlying disease mechanisms and the preclinical development of potential therapies, as well as the clinical translation of those efforts for Collagen VI Congenital Muscular Dystrophy. Areas of Interest: Including but not limited to,

- 1) understanding the cause of disease,
- 2) understanding tissue-specific phenotypes,
- 3) unraveling pathways involved in disease,
- 4) identifying novel drug targets or gene therapies
- 5) testing new strategies to treat disease or any of its incapacitating consequences (e.g. contractures, respiratory function decline).

We will also accept applications proposing to create or improve disease models (e.g. animal models, patient-derived cell models), and encourage applications on biomarker discovery or functional outcome measures to assess therapeutic impact in an effort to bring COL6-RD closer to Clinical Trial Readiness.

Preference given to the continuation of previously funded research projects.

\*Please submit a proposal for the total amount of \$113,008. The ODC may choose to fund two awards at \$56,504 each, at which point we will request a revised work plan and budget.