# International Rare Diseases Research Consortium (IRDiRC)



# IRDiRC Vision, by 2027

► Enable all people living with a rare disease to receive an accurate diagnosis, care, and available therapy within one year of coming to medical attention





#### IRDiRC Goals, by 2027

- All patients coming to medical attention with a suspected rare disease will be diagnosed within one year if their disorder is known in the medical literature; all currently undiagnosable individuals will enter a globally coordinated diagnostic and research pipeline
- ▶ 1000 new therapies for rare diseases will be approved, the majority of which will focus on diseases without approved options
- Methodologies will be developed to assess the impact of diagnoses and therapies on rare diseases patients



## IRDiRC – Basic Principles

 International level cooperation to stimulate, better coordinate & maximize output of rare disease research efforts around the world



- ► Teams up public and private organizations investing in RD research
- ► Research funders with relevant programs >\$10 million over a 5-year
- Each organization funds research its own way
- Funded projects adhere to a common framework



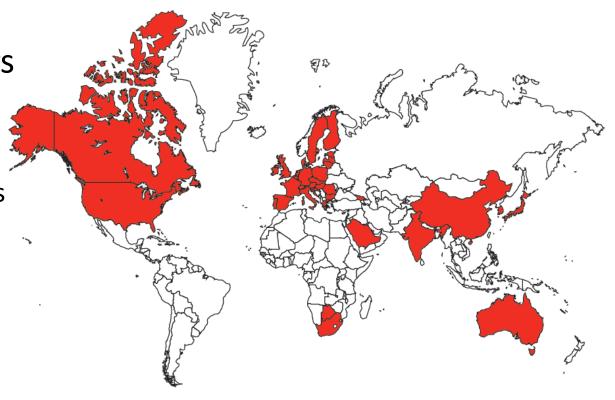
#### **IRDiRC's Members**

▶ 58 IRDiRC members

31 funders

14 companies

13 patient advocates organizations





#### **Patient-Centered Outcome Measures**

- ▶ To boost the development and adoption of patientcentered outcome measures
- Explore to whether, how and to what extent these initiatives can be expanded to target rare disease research in order to improve feasibility and quality of trials
- Post-workshop report and recommendations available on IRDiRC website



## **Small Population Clinical Trials**

- Contribute consensus about non-conventional statistical methods used for small population clinical trials
- Contribute to the acceptability of new statistical methods and coordinate with the different agencies; EMA, FDA, industry, IDEAL, INSPIRE, ASTERIX
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# Solving the Unsolved

Identification of the genetic basis of rare conditions presently intractable to existing approaches

▶ Based on exome sequencing requires development of innovative approaches for discovery

The objective is to bring together the community addressing this challenge to share best practices regarding approaches



# Patients Advocacy Constituent Committee (PACC)



#### **PACC** members



Sharon Terry (Chair)
Genetic Alliance, USA



Yukiko Nishimura (Vice-Chair)
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Nicole Millis Rare Voices Australia, Australia



#### **Mission**

- ► Brings together representatives from the umbrella patient advocacy organization members of IRDiRC
- ▶ Highlights the importance of patient involvement in rare diseases research, with a strong emphasis on the inclusion of patients' needs and perspectives in all relevant aspects of research and the need for worldwide representation

