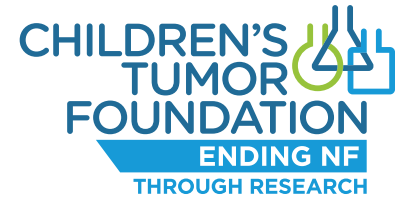


THE PEOPLE OF SYNODOS



SYNODOS FOR SCHWANNOMATOSIS brings together neurology, neurosurgery, genetics, and neurofibromatosis experts from institutions spread across four different countries. These scientists work together to perform an extensive molecular analysis of schwannomatosis tumor samples in order to identify new therapeutic targets, and advance the understanding and management of the disease, with a special focus on pain. Schwannomatosis is the rarest and least studied form of neurofibromatosis, and schwannomatosis patients often suffer from intractable pain.



“THIS TEAM-SCIENCE INITIATIVE IS FOCUSED ON THE ISSUES THAT ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO SCHWANNOMATOSIS PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. PATIENTS ARE AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO.”

—ANNETTE BAKKER, PHD,
President and Chief Scientific Officer

Led by Dr. Gelareh Zadeh from University of Toronto and Dr. Laura Papi from University of Florence, Italy, this one-of-a-kind study will:

- 1) develop a clinically annotated schwannomatosis biobank
- 2) develop a comprehensive pain registry for schwannomatosis patients
- 3) establish the genomic and epigenomic landscape of schwannomatosis to identify disease-driving alterations
- 4) correlate the molecular findings with key clinical parameters, including pain

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For more information, go to ctf.org/synodos.



“THE DIFFERENCE THIS PROJECT IS CAPABLE OF MAKING FOR SCHWANNOMATOSIS PATIENTS CANNOT BE UNDERESTIMATED....BY HELPING PEOPLE GET OUT OF THEIR CHRONIC PAIN AND FINDING TREATMENTS THAT WORK, WE’RE MAKING LIVES IMMEASURABLY BETTER FOR THE AFFECTED COMMUNITY.

—RICHARD A. HORVITZ, Chair, Children’s Tumor Foundation Board of Directors

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