TOP TEN ADVANCEMENTS IN NF RESEARCH 2022

1. NF2-INTUITT clinical trial expands with a second drug, neratinib, following the progress of its first drug, brigatinib.

2. CTF funds major MPNST study on innovative biomarker blood test for earlier diagnosis of cancer predisposition in NF1 patients.

3. NFI and NF2 gene therapy/editing projects advance quickly to non-human primates.

4. Nutraceutical clinical study on curcumin and high phenolic extra virgin olive oil focuses on a combo of nutritional supplements for cutaneous and plexiform neurofibromas.

5. Partnership with FUSF explores non-invasive ultrasound treatments for NF2 patients to reduce the need for surgery, chemo, or radiation.

6. CTF sponsors two adult care clinics in Los Angeles, CA, and Little Rock, AR, to improve adult access to knowledgeable medical expertise.

7. NF2 and schwannomatosis diagnostic criteria updated, with all NF manifestations now up-to-date for more accurate diagnosis and improved care for patients.

8. CTF Europe launches INFER: Masterclasses in NF and mentoring programs for all medical professionals by the world’s leading NF experts.

9. The NF Registry grows and diversifies through availability in 5 languages: English, Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese.

10. Inaugural NF Summit is held as the largest ever educational gathering for all patients, caregivers, volunteers, and advocates in the NF community.

At the Children’s Tumor Foundation, we’re dedicated to bettering the lives of the over 2.5 million people living with NF: all forms of neurofibromatosis and schwannomatosis. We want to end NF as fast as we can by connecting the unconnected, leading the way with a strategy that applies innovative and inventive approaches to scientific advancement and improved patient care.

This pioneering approach attracts the brightest minds in research and industry to NF, revamps systems to accelerate the pathway from discovery to treatment, and includes the voice of the patient every step of the way.

Read about the important things that happened in NF research in 2022, which are laying the groundwork for even greater scientific advancements in the near future.

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