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## World-class Precision Medicine Centers: Catalysts for Change in Nano-rare Disease Care

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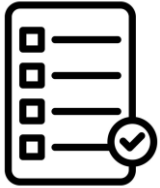
# Treating Nano-Rare Patients Requires a Specific Regulatory and Clinical Approach

- Individual patients are treated under FDA ‘authorized’ Individualized ASO Research INDs
- n-Lorem is the regulatory sponsor of each IND
  - Not the same as a commercial drug development pathway
- Physicians are highly motivated, but most institutions are unfamiliar with n of 1 research studies
- Trial design pioneered by n-Lorem is a modified cross-over design which allows patients to be their own control
  - Compares baseline to on-treatment data within the same patient

# Individualized ASOs: Funding Challenges Require Creative Solutions

- n-Lorem commits \$1.2M for every patient's ASO program
  - n-Lorem must fundraise to support ASO program costs for all patients
  - As a non-profit, >88% of our funds go to patient costs
  - ASO Design and Discovery is rapid and cost effective; the majority of costs are incurred during ASO Development and Manufacturing
  - n-Lorem cannot fund the activities associated with carrying out the treatment protocol - different than commercial trials
- Institutions and physicians are responsible for finding approaches to fund the treatment administration and associated costs
  - Novel and unique operational, financial and risk-related challenges
  - Funding paths include:
    - Philanthropic / Research funds, Grants, Insurance, Patient support of fundraising, Federal/ State aid

# Objectives



Raise awareness to the community of the requirements for institutions and physicians



Highlight key barriers and challenges for Institutions and Patients / Families with potential solutions



Share best practices and recommendations





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## I. Requirements of each Physician and Institution

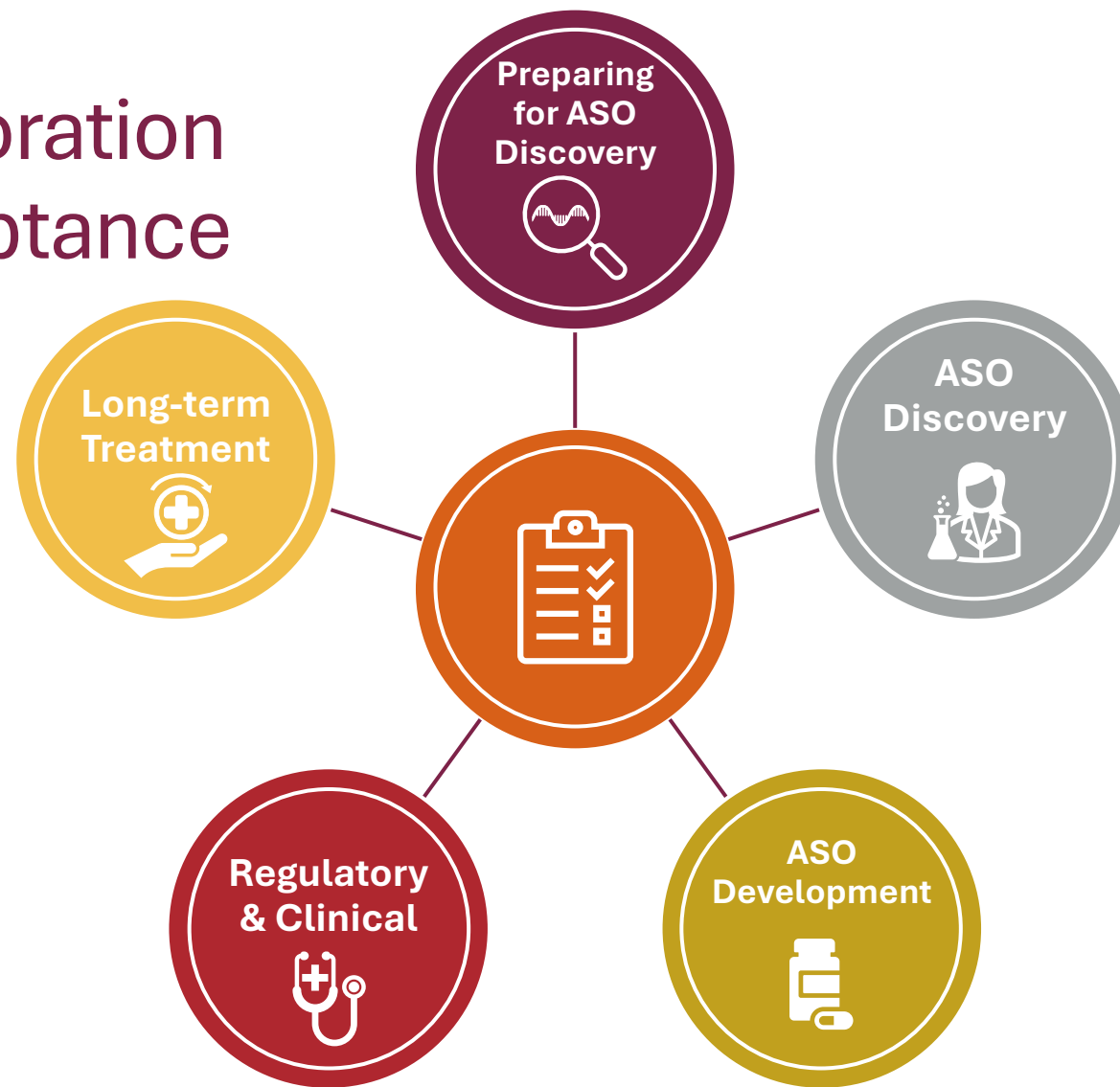
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Raise awareness to the patient community of the requirements for institutions and physicians

# Physician and Institution Requirements for Collaboration Begin Upon Patient Acceptance

- Physician submits application
- Progress at every step by all parties as well as funding impacts **overall program timelines**



# Pre-ASO Discovery Activities Set the Foundation for the Collaboration between the Institution and n-Lorem

Consent patient to research protocol, collect samples, **generate required cell line for ASO discovery**

Maintain clinic visits with patient to **collect pre-treatment data**



Develop and obtain **IRB approval** for a research protocol to collect patient cells

Execute **Material Transfer Agreement** for data and sample sharing with n-Lorem

**Meet semi-annually** with n-Lorem and communicate progress to the patient

# As ASO Discovery Advances at n-Lorem, Parallel Activities at the Site are Initiated





# Initiation of ASO Development Means a Clinical Candidate has been Identified: One Step Closer to Patient Dosing



# The FDA is Supportive: Detailed Logistics are Finalized to Enable Patient Dosing

Complete **REDCap training** and attend remote **site initiation visit**

**Meet bi-weekly** with n-Lorem and communicate progress to the patient



Submit research study for **IRB approval**

**Fully execute TEA** to enable drug shipment

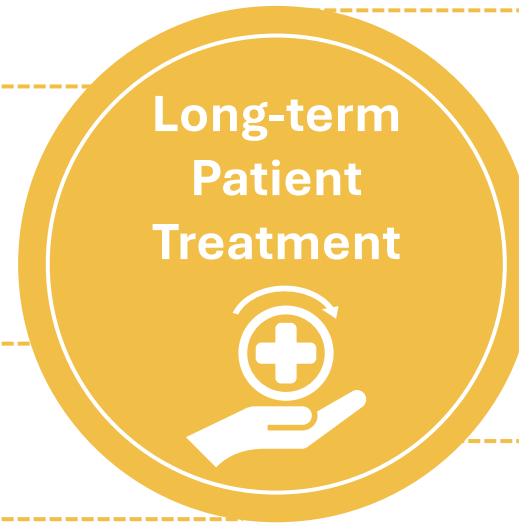
Schedule **patient's first and subsequent doses** and surrounding assessments

# Meeting Long-term Regulatory Requirements and Supporting the Ongoing Treatment Decision

**Provide data to n-Lorem** and resolve queries in a timely fashion through **REDCap**

**Maintain IRB approval** and continuing review throughout life of study

**Meet with n-Lorem monthly**



**Carryout treatment** in accordance with protocol

**Report safety data and adverse events** to n-Lorem in accordance with regulatory guidelines

Provide **drug accountability** records to n-Lorem



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## II. Key Barriers and Challenges

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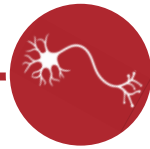
# Compelling Evidence for Consistent Challenges Across Institutions

- Obtained input from 26 investigators and co-investigators across 26 unique clinical sites who are actively working with n-Lorem at various stages
  - 14 / 26 respondents are physicians are treating patients currently
  - 12 / 26 respondents are supporting programs at various stages of Discovery and Development
- Key challenge areas assessed: Process, Funding, Patient Management, Institutional Support





# Key Challenges Facing Physicians and Institutions



## Obtaining the required cell line for n-Lorem's Discovery process:

- Requires an IRB approved research protocol which many physicians do not have
- Requires patient consent to sample collection which includes a blood draw or skin punch biopsy
- Timeline to generate cells can take between 3 to 12 months
- Cost to generate cells can be upwards of \$10,000

**Delays to the cell line generation process can significantly impact n-Lorem timelines**

**60% cite  
process-related  
challenges  
obtaining cells or  
IRB approvals**

# Key Challenges Facing Physicians and Institutions



## Securing necessary funding for treatment:

- Physician Time
- Pharmacy Costs
- Coordinator Time / Costs
- Treatment Costs (ex. Intrathecal administrations, hospital stays)
- Assessment costs

**Collective goal to limit costs to patients**, but physicians are limited by the constraints of their institution's infrastructure and policies

- Ability to use Philanthropic / Research Funds
- Ability to bill insurance

**88% cite funding challenges**  
study coordinator  
and treatment  
administration

# Key Challenges Facing Physicians and Institutions



## Securing institutional support for working with n-Lorem:

- Data Ownership
- Publication Rights
- General support for n of 1 research studies which are unique

These terms are included in the Treatment Evaluation Agreement and **negotiation to date has taken between 3 months to 2 years** and significantly delay treatment timelines

### 70% cite patient management challenges

patient travel/logistics; new patients they don't know; adequate pre-treatment data

85% cite institutional support challenges  
funding, n of 1 studies, contracting



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Despite these challenges, the number of physicians and institutions collaborating with n-Lorem to treat patients continues to grow.



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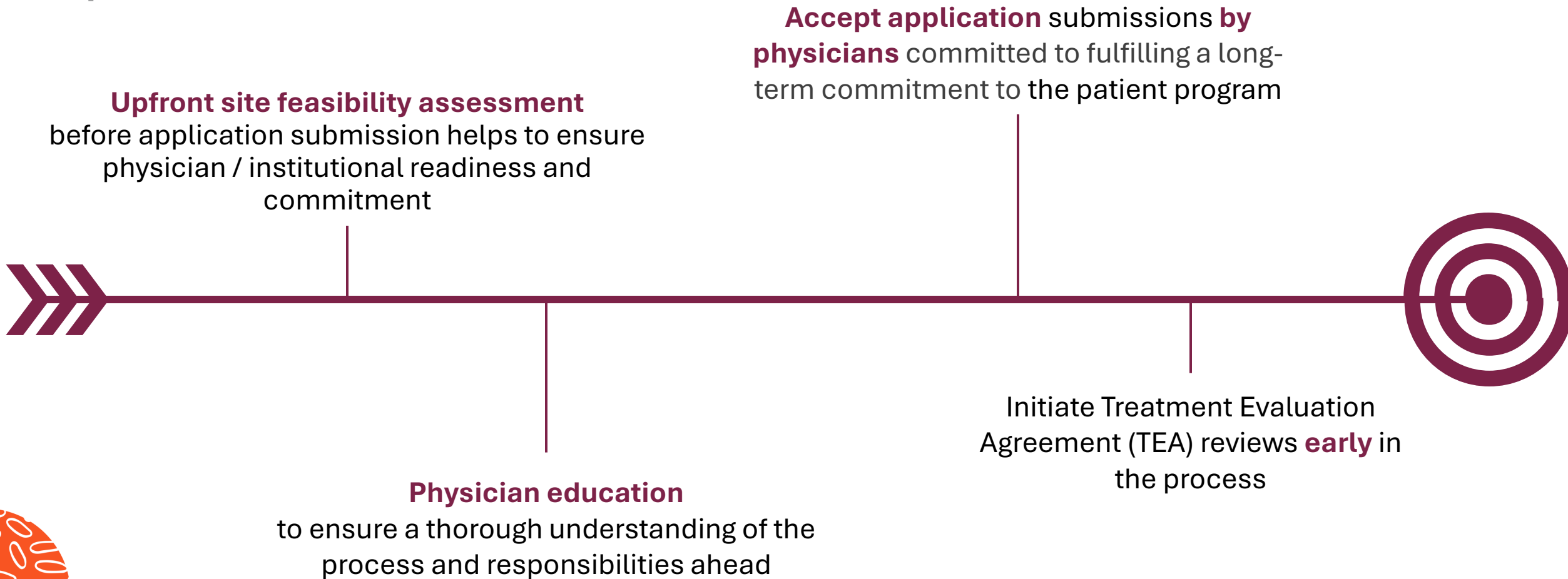
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## n-Lorem Efforts to Enable Success Across Institutions

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# Setting New Physicians and Institutions up for Success



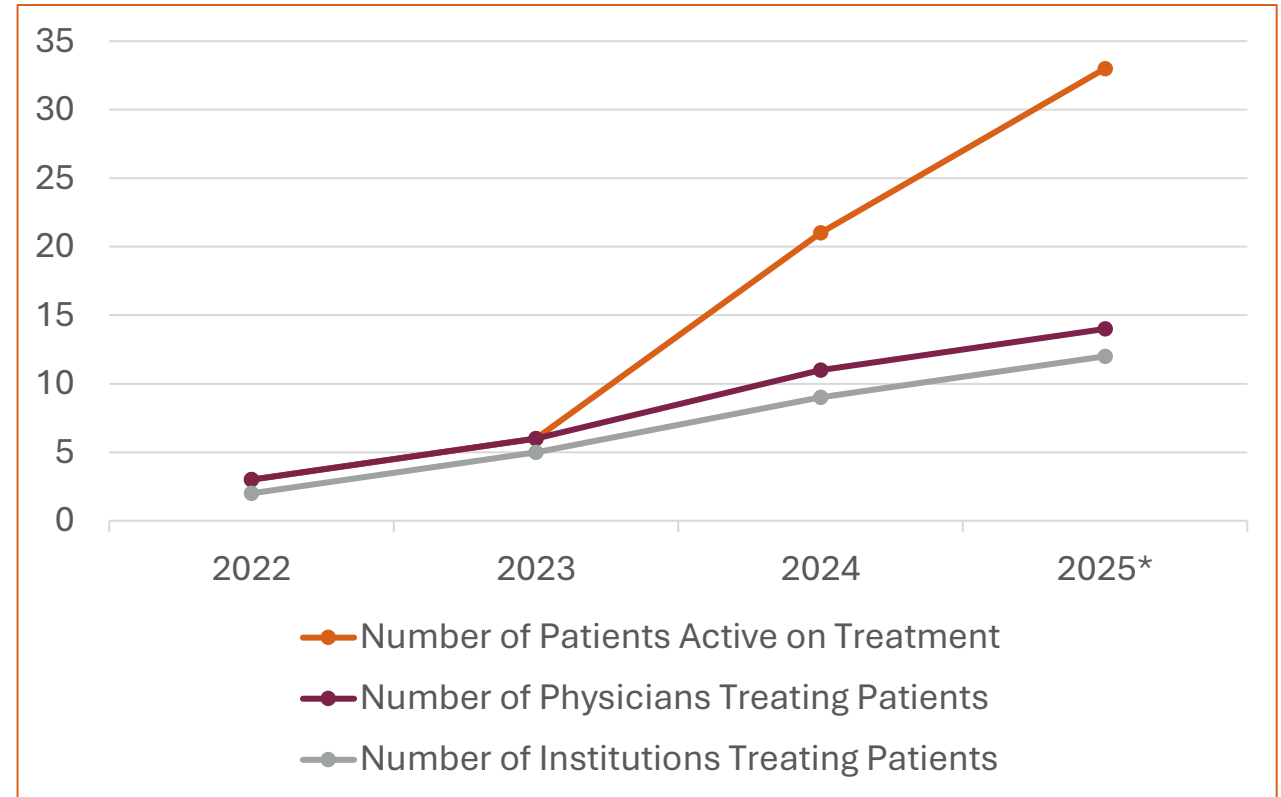
# Setting Physicians and Institutions up for Success: Addressing the Resource Challenge

- **Reduce physician and institution workload** by:
  - Authoring, submitting, and maintaining every IND
  - Building a custom REDCap for every patient
  - Facilitate all drug storage, shipment and treatment logistics to the greatest extent possible
- Provide support to physicians **applying for grants** to fund treatment costs
- Continue to research **insurance coverage** and better under landscape; pursue and participate openly
- Explore the **use of CROs** / centralized clinical trial units
- Explore supporting institutions using **other financial approaches**

# An Increasing Network of Physicians and Institutions have Become Early Adopters

Year	# of Patients Active on Treatment	# of Physicians Treating Patients	# of Institutions Treating Patients
2022	3	3	2
2023	6	6	5
2024	21	11	9
2025*	33	14	12

\*As of September 30, 2025



# Expanding Distribution of Institutions Engaged with n-Lorem

★ Active patient treatment locations

★ Locations with initiated sites (ready to treat)





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## V. Best Practices and Recommendations

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## Physicians / Institutions Considering Collaborating with n-Lorem



- ✓ **Start early:** Institutional administration, legal approvals, sources of funding
- ✓ Ensure **commitment of patients and institution** to treatment at your institution prior to application submission
- ✓ **Clear and consistent communication** with patients and / or n-Lorem, our commitment is to do the same
- ✓ Incorporate **n-Lorem's timelines** into your patient's overall treatment plan
  - disease progression and/or alternative treatment options considered against timelines

# Share best practices and recommendations

## Patients / Families Seeking Treatment and a Committed Physician



- ✓ Identify a physician/ institution that you / your family could **routinely visit and maintain continuity of care**
  - Many pre-treatment and on-treatment clinic visits required in person, some overnight
  - Moving institutions after program acceptance can significantly delay or prevent ability to receive treatment
- ✓ When seeking a physician, ensure they can **support long-term treatment** with n-  
Lorem ASO treatment
  - Not all physicians currently treating patients can treat additional patients
  - Each new patient and new ASO requires individual level funding and support from institution

# Share best practices and recommendations

## Patients / Families Preparing for Treatment or Actively Being Treated



- ✓ Obtain clear understanding of **patient financial responsibilities** early in process
- ✓ **Participate fully** in required clinical outcome assessments as described in protocol
  - These have been authorized by the FDA and approved by the IRB
- ✓ **Share openly with your physician** any clinical observations, even if outside of protocol assessments
  - Unexpected improvements may necessitate the addition of novel assessments

# Conclusions



Institutions and physicians tackle a broad range of tasks that are a) new to them and b) required to pursue patient treatment.



While there are barriers for Institutions and Patients / Families, progress is exemplified by the number of patients successfully being treated today.



Best practices enable more efficient on-boarding and broader interest in treating the nano-rare.

# Treating Nano-Rare Patients with Experimental Medicines is Achievable

- We **applaud the pioneer physicians and institutions** who are treating or are committed to trying to treat
- We are **all early adopters** and are navigating a field that is rapidly evolving together
- **Early engagement** by all parties with institutional stakeholders adds efficiency and higher likelihood of success to the process
- The network of physicians working with n-Lorem **continues to increase** each year
- We look forward to enhancing existing and forging new institution collaborations in the coming year!





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# Thank you!