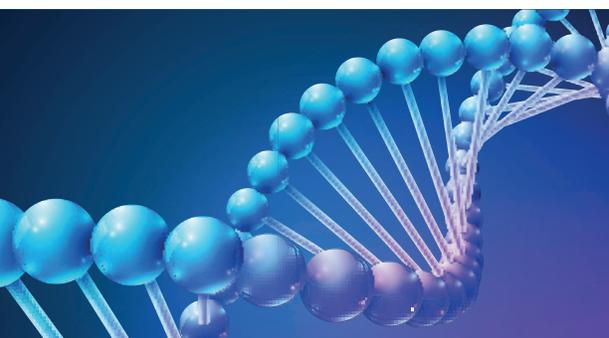


## STRATEGY TO ACCELERATE RESEARCH (STAR)

**What is STAR?** Launched in 2008, STAR is the driving force behind CMT research, bringing together best-in-class researchers, biotech companies, and patients to find treatments for CMT.



### What progress have we made?

The CMTA has invested over \$17M since launching STAR, making us the largest charitable funder of CMT research. Our strategy outlines investments of another \$10M in the next few years to accelerate bringing CMT drugs and therapies to the community.

- Our strategy now covers all subtypes of CMT. We currently have over 50 active research projects with the top labs around the world, all vetted through our STAR advisory board, comprised of 30 of the top CMT scientists from around the globe.
- The CMTA is actively working with more than 30 biotech and pharmaceutical companies, and research labs. They are leaders in the latest genetic and neurological technologies (such as CRISPR, gene therapy, gene silencing, axon and muscle regeneration). We are working together to develop treatments for the 3 million patients living with CMT.
- We are actively planning for clinical trials in CMT. As the only organization with a national network of branches dedicated to supporting the CMT community and with the largest network of CMT Centers of Excellence and a partnership with the Inherited Neuropathy Consortium (INC), the CMTA is best positioned to help build patient registries and outcome measures for our pharmaceutical and biotech partners to aid in fast and effective clinical trials.

The CMTA was founded by a patient in 1983, and to this day is powered by a dedicated community of patients who are all rallying behind our mission to cure CMT. With the largest constituency of CMT families around the world, the CMTA actively works with the patient community in the drug development process to ensure patients are our partners every step of the way.

The CMTA's overhead and financial management are best in class; more than 90 cents of every dollar goes directly to support our mission. We are also very proud that the CMTA has earned the top rating, 4 stars, by Charity Navigator and has a perfect 100% score for governance and transparency.

**This is why STAR is the brightest beacon of hope in achieving our vision of a world without CMT.**

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