



The CURE Infantile Spasms Team Science Initiative

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If CURE were to commit 1/3 of its
annual research budget to one
topic, what should that be?



PROGRAM GOAL:

To support **collaborative, milestone-driven** efforts that advance the understanding of the underlying pathology of infantile spasms and lead to the development of a disease-modifying therapy or cure for infantile spasms.



The Team

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- Jeff Noebels, MD, PhD – Baylor College of Medicine
- John Swann, PhD – Baylor College of Medicine
- Libor Velisek, MD, PhD – New York Medical College **Animal models, mechanisms**

- Manisha Patel, PhD – University of Colorado Denver **Tool development**

- Doug Nordli, MD – Lurie Children's Hospital
- Elliott Sherr, MD, PhD – University of California, San Francisco **Human, clinical studies**

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Collaborate

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Critique



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Challenges

- Milestone-driven vs. discovery science
- “Outside” guidance
- Maintaining open communication



Thank you!

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Thank you!

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