



Country: USA

Organization: National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Program/Project: The NIH Undiagnosed Diseases Program (UDP) is a National Institutes of Health (NIH) clinical research initiative launched in May 2008 by the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), the NIH Clinical Center and the NIH Office of Rare Diseases Research. Its purpose is to provide answers to patients with mysterious conditions that have long eluded diagnosis and to advance medical knowledge about rare and common diseases. Individuals whose conditions have eluded medical diagnoses may apply to become UDP participants; if accepted, they will be examined by a multidisciplinary medical team at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Md. The NIH UDP is part of the Undiagnosed Disease Network (UDN), an NIH Common Fund initiative launched in 2012 that focuses on the most puzzling medical cases. The UDN aims to bring together clinical and research experts from across the United States to solve the most challenging medical mysteries using advanced technologies. The UDN is made up of a Coordinating Center, Clinical Sites, additional research sites and Core Facilities. The Coordinating Center is based at the Department of Biomedical Informatics at Harvard Medical School, and collects data on UDN patients to be shared by the entire Network. The NIH's clinical site, part of the UDN, is the NIH Clinical Center, and the NIH site is administered by the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI).

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Website of the NIH UDP: www.genome.gov/27544402/the-undiagnosed-diseases-program

Website of UDN: <https://undiagnosed.hms.harvard.edu>