

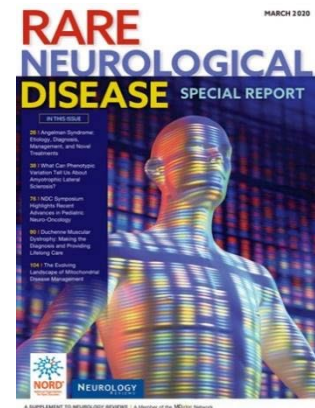
## ***Neurology Reviews & NORD publish their annual Rare Neurological Disease Special Report***

***The 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the annual report highlights the significant role of the rare community in compiling critical information, sharing connections, and the resulting benefits***

**Parsippany, NJ** – March 30, 2020 – Frontline Medical Communications (FMC) and the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)<sup>®</sup> announce the release of the 6<sup>th</sup> annual [Rare Neurological Disease Special Report](#). As the largest [Rare Neurological Disease Special Report](#) published to-date, this year's issue features a unifying theme of the critical nature of multi-national, real-time collaboration that bolsters the burgeoning diagnostics, treatment, and patient advocacy advances within the universe of rare diseases.

Several key articles focus on the value of crowdsourcing, consortia, and patient registries in laying the foundation for clinical trials, while myriad media platforms, such as Netflix's docu-series "Diagnosis," add to the general knowledge base and connect patients to experts and forge social support systems.

The search for biomarkers and clinical phenotyping to differentiate disorder subtypes in mitochondrial diseases and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is further emphasized in the **NIH's Rare Disease Clinical Research Network (RDCRN)** summary. Now in its fourth 5-year funding cycle, the RDCRN provides insight to gains made and future goals of its member consortia.




**NORD and FMC** were instrumental in conducting knowledge gap surveys this past year that underscore the vital responsibility this publication and larger networking has in disseminating clinically sound evidence to practitioners. One survey highlighted in the issue found that most physicians are self-educating on the topic of cannabis and cannabinoids rather than receiving formal training, while another survey identified areas where education and awareness about rare diseases can be improved in certain subspecialties.

Peter Saltonstall, president and CEO of NORD, said, "Sharing information about new discoveries and treatments with clinicians has long been a priority at NORD, and we are committed to doing more to support their work." *Neurology Reviews* vice president and group editor, Glenn S. Williams, adds, "It is gratifying to know that we are part of the rare disease community and witness to some of the exciting developments that are transforming this field." Further, Mr. Williams wishes to thank his staff, publisher Elizabeth Katz, and the members of the NORD team for their diligent work on this publication.

To learn more about the rare disease initiatives of **Neurology Reviews** and the NORD partnership, contact Elizabeth Katz at 973-224-7951 or [ekatz@mdedge.com](mailto:ekatz@mdedge.com). Details and information on all FMC/MDedge digital brands, print publications, and custom programs are available at [www.mdedge.com/neurology](http://www.mdedge.com/neurology); visit weekly for the latest innovative programs and multimedia initiatives.



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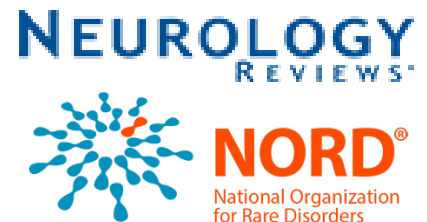
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