

CLINICAL TRIALS FOR RARE METABOLIC DISORDERS AND IEM POSE UNIQUE CHALLENGES THAT DEMAND THE EXPERTISE OF AN EXPERIENCED PARTNER WITH COMPREHENSIVE CAPABILITIES.

PPD has the capabilities to overcome these challenges and drive success in clinical trials for both inborn and acquired rare metabolic disorders. With our **patient-centric approach, extensive experience, and innovative solutions,** we offer a comprehensive suite of services tailored to rare metabolic disorders.

# RARE METABOLIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

With over 150 rare metabolic/IEM studies to date, PPD has a proven track record in tackling complex metabolic disorders. As a leader in IEM research, we leverage our deep understanding of these disorders to develop novel solutions to enhance patient outcomes. Our expertise extends to a wide range of inherited and acquired conditions.

#### Our expertise at a glance:

- Lysosomal storage disorders (LSD)
   i.e. Fabry disease, Gaucher disease
- Glycogen storage disease type I/II
- Ureal cycle disorders
- Organic acidurias
- Fatty acids oxidation disorders
- Mitochondrial disorders
- Electrolytes and mineral metabolism
- Hypoparathyroidism
- Ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency

#### Our experience at a glance:



150+ Rare Metabolic Studies



Rare Disease and Pediatric Expertise



Genome Sequencing Technology



Genetic Therapy
Experience



Laboratory Capabilities for Biomarkers in IEM



Registries and Observational Studies



Consulting for IEM Clinical Trials and Development



# PATIENT SERVICES THAT DRIVE TRIAL SUCCESS AND POSITIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES

Our team recognizes the unique challenges patients with rare metabolic disorders face in participating in clinical trials. To address this, we offer **robust patient outreach** services that enhance participant engagement and retention, providing **consistent and proactive support** that reduces the burden on patients and caregivers. Our services ensure patients can easily access and participate in metabolic disorder clinical trials, resulting in **higher retention rates and better health outcomes**, including:



Full-service booking and transportation coordination



Flexible reimbursement options in 150+ currencies



Home health care partnerships



Flexible protocols for digital and decentralized trials



### **NOVEL SOLUTIONS FOR SITE AND PATIENT ACCESS**

When you partner with PPD, you gain access to **agile solutions for site and patient access**, addressing the unique challenges posed by rare metabolic disorders. Due to the fact that the majority of IEM are expressed in early childhood, our **Rare Disease and Pediatric Center of Excellence** — staffed by experienced pediatricians — has conducted over **240 pediatric studies**, providing seamless collaboration and specialized expertise.

We partner with geneticists and rare disease experts to understand unique medical and logistical issues related to each diagnosis and trial. We also engage with key opinion leaders in rare metabolic space, as well as community and patient advocacy groups, **incorporating the patient perspective into protocols**, **enhancing community awareness**, and **connecting you with decision makers**.

Our teams can remove participation barriers by **maximizing study decentralization**, **utilizing remote data collection and procedures**, **and supporting cross-border patient travel**. Moreover, we are well-versed in cutting-edge gene therapies, ensuring you have access to the latest advancements in the field.

Partnerships with Geneticists and Rare Disease Experts Seamless Collaboration with PPD Pediatricians Engagement with Patient Advocacy Groups

Support for Cross-border Patient Travel

## HARNESSING FEASIBILITY TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

PPD leverages powerful feasibility tools that tap into our extensive database, enabling us to design **efficient and effective studies tailored to your needs.** With our in-depth knowledge and comprehensive capabilities, we guide you towards success in the development of treatments for rare metabolic disorders, using data such as:



**Patient Locations** 



Numbers and Types of Providers



Analysis of the Competitive Landscape



# PPD IN ACTION: GLYCOGEN STORAGE DISEASE STUDY

PPD's ability to navigate complex trials is exemplified by our Phase I-II Glycogen Storage Disease Type IA trial. This study required a meticulous schedule of assessments, including overnight stays, home health care visits, and continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) for patients involved in the study. Our strategic approach enhanced CGM compliance among participants, ensured trial enrollment remained on track throughout its lifecycle, and ultimately achieved 100% study retention. By leveraging our expertise and patient-focused services, we were able to effectively optimize trial outcomes to deliver high-quality data for advancing the development of life-changing treatments.

#### **OPTIMIZING TRIAL OUTCOMES**





### PARTNER WITH PPD

The complexities of rare metabolic trial logistics shouldn't hinder your progress. PPD offers many innovative methodological approaches in conducting clinical trials for rare metabolic disorders/IEM and strong partnerships with end-users and stakeholders involved in their development, application, and evaluation to ensure access to the many new therapies for rare diseases in the near future. Secure a partnership with PPD, the industry leader in rare disease research, to unlock the full potential of your clinical trials.

Find out more.

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