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- Fundraising
- Collaboration
- "How can DEBRA groups work together with small amounts of funding and make big achievements?"

Phyllis Hilton



What is Fundraising?

- Raising awareness by telling true stories
 - Pain and disfigurement
- Asking for help
 - It is a compliment
- Thanking
 - Genuine Gratitude
- Networking
 - Who else could help me?

Fundraising for nothing

- Events underwritten by a sponsor
- Create an attraction Pull people in
- CSR
- Foundations, Trusts
- Challenges Run, Walk, Swim
- Do something different

Volunteer inspired / Employment driven

Successful Fundraising models

- Direct Mail Austria
- Small network of affluent donors SRF \$3m
- Joesph family \$5m
- Charity Retail 4 DEBRAs now active
 - Large numbers of people giving small amounts
- High net worth individuals. Golf, shooting, gala events
 - Small number of people giving large amounts
- Cry and Inspire, entertain
- Images, Easy messaging, case for support
 - Nothing more powerful than the EB voice

Sir Timothy John Berners-Lee OM KBE FRS FREng FRSA FBCS



Are we at this stage yet?





Why have we historically collaborated?

- Very lonely on your own.
- Nonsense not to share information.
- It is a global challenge. Invest in best Research world wide.
- Current clinical understanding needs to be shared
- Best practice understanding is applied everywhere

Why will Big Pharma invest?

- ▶ EB affects the few, we are unknown, cost of research enormous.
- BUT
- Governments set aside big \$ for rare conditions
- Orphan drugs easier to gain regulatory approval extended exclusivity
- As so severe hospital ethics approval for experimental trials is easier
- Once they specialise they are likely to re-invest

Big Pharma hunting for treatments / patients will gravitate to DI

- Amicus Zorblisa Topical cream -\$847m buyout. "Market worth \$1 billion dollars-plus"
- Abeona Theraputics Gene Therapy "Phase II clinical trial in 3Q2016"
- Fibrocell Science Inc Fibroblasts "enrolment in PI clinical trial Q22017"
- Repositioning drugs. Losartan, Rigersertib, Diacerein
- Shire Acquired Lotus intravenus protein replacement
- Amryt Pharma Episalvan "The global EB market is estimated to be worth approximately US\$1.5 billion per annum" "faster healing over 14 days of treatment for recent wounds and 28 days of treatment for chronic wounds" \$14m raised to fund a trial. Chairman is exfounder of Shire
- World Biotech is USA centric; Patient enrolment becoming harder with over \$500m invested for EB

Collaboration

Andrew Triggs Hodge. Triple Olympic Gold and quadruple world champion



Research Collaboration

- Regular DEBRA conferences
- Sharing the specialist knowledge
- Calls for papers done in partnership
- Patient Panels
- Keep asking our researchers for QOL improvement
- Cystic Fibrosis Trust . \$40m invested. Sold for \$2.3billion
- Linking our investments to Biotechs gives access to progress

Colloboration!











The Cystic Fibrosis Trust Registry is a secure collection of data about people with CF in the UK, collected with consent and used to improve care and to monitor new treatments.





59.3%

of people with cystic fibrosis are aged 16 or older



Depair how their genotype muurded



transplants in 2014, compared with 57 the previous year





2 months

is the median age of diagnosis



70.1%

of adults with cystic fibrosis are in employment or study

Small funding - Big Impact

- ▶ EB Registry
- Best Practice papers
- Conferences, EB-Clinet, International
- Sharing Research understanding

Give Hope