# Welcome to the 2019 University of Iowa Wellstone Center Dystroglycanopathy Conference

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  - Marriott\_ Conference
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- Translators
- Life Hacks
- Information Tables
- Concurrent Sessions
- Ponies ~2:30 pm (weather permitting)
- Group Photo 4:30 pm
- Thank you to Advisory Board members!
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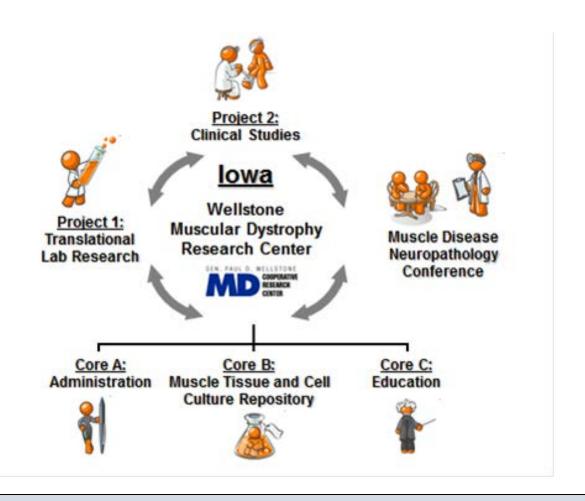




Sorry about the rainy weather but it could be worse!

#### Iowa Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Center





Overall goal: Improve treatment for patients now and in the future

#### Acknowledgements to key people

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- Please visit tables in the hallway to get more information and thank these people for their support.
- Britt Bergquist from U of Iowa Foundation





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- 1. THANK YOU!
- 2. If interested in discussing philanthropic support, contact Britt below:



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## Wellstone Dystroglycanopathy Project Updates

Katherine Mathews
June 2019

#### 2018 Iowa Wellstone Center Dystroglycanopathy Family Conference



2014 Family conference



#### Iowa Wellstone enrollment continues to grow



+ Canada, Brazil, South Africa, France and Mexico

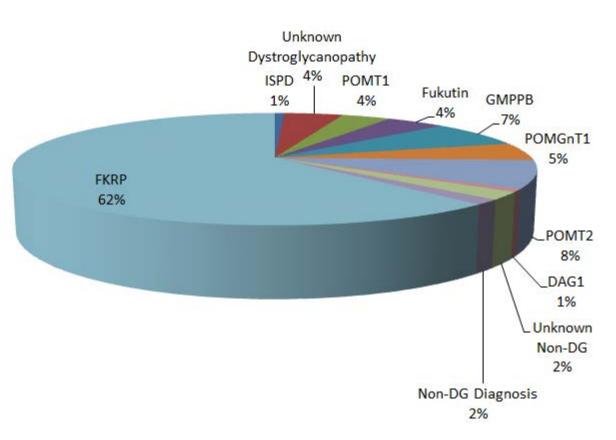
136 subjects consented

#### **2019 Conference Trivia**

- 163 Registrants
- 18 States
- 3 Countries
- 2 Continents
- 50 Research Exams

# Distribution of Wellstone enrollees by genotype

- 84 subjects have FKRP mutations (62%)
  - 48 (57%) are homozygous for the common mutation, c. 826C>A
- 41 subjects have mutations in other dystroglycanopathy genes
  - POMT1 & 2 (12%)
  - GMPPB (7%)
  - POMGNT1 (5%)



### Big picture in neuromuscular and genetic disease therapy

- FDA approved genetic modifying treatments for Duchenne muscular dystrophy and spinal muscular atrophy
- FDA approved gene replacement therapy for young children with spinal muscular atrophy
- Rare and ultrarare diseases are viewed as potential treatment targets by the pharmaceutical industry
- Treatments are evolving: interesting and novel approaches in coming to the clinic

### High level view of therapeutic options in LGMD2I

- Myostatin inhibitor (K. Wagner talk)
- Tamoxifen ?
- Ribitol
  - A human preparation is in development
- Corticosteroid
  - Deflazacort trial has started (see PTC table)
- Gene replacement
  - At least 4 companies are exploring gene replacement in LGMD2I
  - Expect human trials in the next 1-5 years
- What does this mean for other genotypes?
  - It depends on what works, but progress in related diseases is always good.

### The data you have helped to generate about your diseases is being used

- Up to 13 years of data from the Iowa Wellstone Dystroglycanopathy project
- We are able to describe the variation between people and between years in one person
- This information helps companies design studies or determine if their treatment is feasible
- Small and large companies have used this information

### Can retinal function be used as an outcome measure for future trials?

- Glycosylated alpha dystroglycan is found in the retina
- In Duchenne muscular dystrophy, abnormal retinal function can be seen on electroretinogram (ERG), even though vision is normal.
- We wanted to determine if dystroglycanopathy patients also have abnormal ERGs.
  - If so, ERG might be a non-invasive biomarker that could show change with certain therapies.
- We tested 7 subjects and got an ERG report on one additional subject
- No consistent or significant variation in ERGs seen in dystroglycanopathy subjects.

### Are corticosteroids beneficial in patients with dystroglycanopathy?

- Corticosteroids are beneficial in related forms of muscular dystrophy (Duchenne muscular dystrophy)
- Mechanism of action is predicted to be similar in dystroglycanopathies
- Corticosteroids have significant side effects and require careful weighing of risks and benefits.
- We reviewed what we know about people in the study who have taken corticosteroids continuously for >1 year
  - Limited this analysis to those with FKRP mutations
  - 14 people's experience reviewed

### Are corticosteroids beneficial in patients with *FKRP* mutations?

- 12/14 subjects report specific improvements while on steroids
- 7 subjects noted increased weakness with decrease in steroid dose (due to side effects), and increased dose again as a result
- 7/14 subjects experienced specific negative side effects
  - 5 subjects with 2 or more negative side effects

Benefits:	Side effects:
Improved functional strength	Decreased bone density/fractures
(transfers, fewer falls, more energy)	
Stabilized function	Weight gain
Reduced muscle soreness	Mood change (lability or hypomanic)
Improved appetite	Cataracts
	Prediabetes, amenorrhea

Katie Laubscher, Karen Eilers, Kimberly Kroeze

### Are corticosteroids beneficial in patients with *FKRP* mutations? Limitations of this review

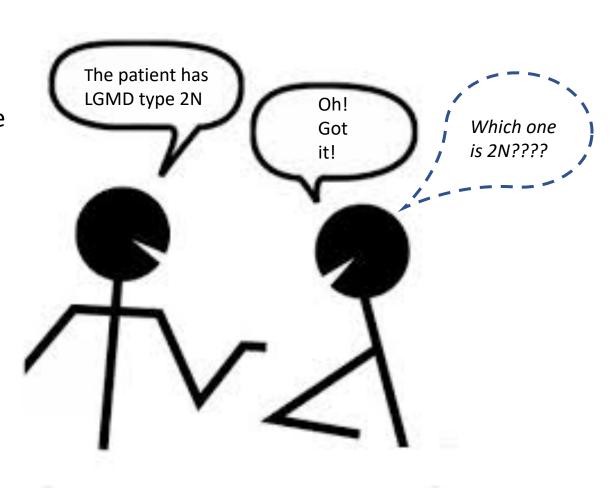
- Highly selected population--a small subset is taking a steroid
- Mixture of FKRP genotypes
  - Only 2 of 14 are homozygous for common c.826C>A mutation
- Different doses and dosing regimens
  - 3 daily
  - 3 weekend only
  - 8 every other day
- Started at different ages
  - 3-42 years at start
- Data is subjective (few patients with before/after formal testing)
- Conclusion: Individual balance of risks and benefits

### What other things have we learned about symptoms of care of patients with dystroglycanopathies?

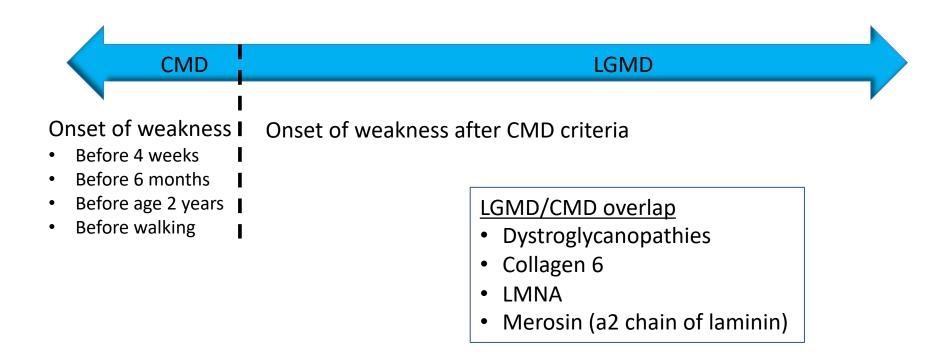
- Rhabdomyolysis, myoglobinuria are common in LGMD2i
- GI/GU symptoms can be problems for some patients
- Heart disease (cardiomyopathy) typically occurs in adulthood in patients with LGMD2i
  - Genotype impacts age at onset
- Raised awareness of brain MRI findings in congenital muscular dystrophy patients and showed relationships with function.
- Level of childhood exercise doesn't impact adult motor function in LGMD2i
- There is a syndrome of illness associated weakness in children with dystroglycanopathy across genotypes
- While patients with *GMPPB* mutations can have a myasthenia gravis-like syndrome, other dystroglycanopathy patients do not
- Most people with dystroglycanopathy don't have significant osteoporosis in the absence of other risk factors

#### Nomenclature in muscular dystrophy

- The way we name disease reflects the way we organize disease for communication and remembering
- Nomenclature for LGMD is in evolution....



#### Limb Girdle and Congenital Muscular Dystrophies



#### Limb girdle muscular dystrophy

JUNE, 1954

#### BRAIN

VOL. 77, PART 2.

#### ON THE CLASSIFICATION, NATURAL HISTORY AND TREATMENT OF THE MYOPATHIES

ΒY

#### JOHN N. WALTON AND F. J. NATTRASS

(From the Department of Medicine, King's College, University of Durham and the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne)

In this paper a new classification of the myopathies is proposed, based upon a review of the clinical features and natural history of the disease in 105 cases of myopathy of various types.

#### LGMD history, the genetic era

- 1986: DMD identified by positional cloning
- 1991: linkage of a form of LGMD to chromosome 15 (now LGMD 2A)
  - Beckmann, J.S.. et al
- 1992: 50kD dystrophin-associated glycoprotein (now  $\alpha$ -sarcoglycan) is the cause of severe childhood onset autosomal recessive muscular dystrophy (SCARMD; later LGMD 2D)
  - Matsumura, et al, Nature 1992

#### Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy, 1999

Nomenclature	Inheritance	Genetic location	Protein
LGMD1C	AD	3p25	Caveolin 3
LGMD2A	AR	15qq5-21	Calpain 3
LGMD2B (and Myoshi myopathy)	AR	2p	Dysferlin
LGMD2C-F	AR	13q12	Sarcoglycans $\alpha, \beta, \delta, \gamma$
DMD/BMD	X-LR	Xp21	dystrophin

#### LGMDs Sept 2017

http://neuromuscular.wustl.edu/musdist/lg.html



#### **Dominant**

- 1A: Myotilin; 5q31
- 1B: Lamin A/C; 1q21
- 1C: Caveolin-3; 3p25
- 1D: DNAJB6; 7q36
- 1E: Desmin; 2q35
- 1F: TNPO3; 7q32
- 1G: HNRPDL; 4q21
- 1H: 3p23

#### X-linked

Duchenne and Becker MD

#### **Recessive**

- 2A: Calpain-3;15q15
- 2B: Dysferlin; 2p13
- 2C: γ-Sarcoglycan; 13q12
- 2D: α-Sarcoglycan; 17q21
- 2E: β-Sarcoglycan; 4q12
- 2F: δ-Sarcoglycan; 5q33
- 2G: Telethonin; 17q12
- 2H: TRIM32; 9q33
- 2I (MDDGC5): FKRP; 19q13
- 2J: Titin; 2q24
- 2K (MDDGC1): POMT1; 9q34
- 2L: ANO5; 11p14
- 2M (MDDGC4): Fukutin; 9q31

- 2N (MDDGC2): POMT2; 14q24
- 20 (MDDGC3): POMGnT1; 1p32
- 2P (MDDGC9): DAG1; 3p21
- 2Q: Plectin 1f; 8q24
- 2R: Desmin; 2q35
- 2S: TRAPPC11; 4q35
- 2T: GMPPB; 3p21
- 2U (Cerebellum small): ISPD; 7p21
- 2V: GAA; 17q25
- 2W: LIMS2; 2q14
- 2X: POPDC1; 6q21
- 2Y: TOR1AIP1; 1q25
- 2Z: POGLUT1; 3q13
- MDDGC12: POMK; 8p11

### Pull out the dystroglycanopathies and call them type C Autosomal Recessive LGMD, Type C OMIM, 2017

Location	Phenotype	Gene/Locus
1p34.1	Muscular dystrophy-dystroglycanopathy (limb-girdle), type C, 3	POMGNT1
3p21.31	Muscular dystrophy-dystroglycanopathy (limb-girdle), type C, 9	DAG1
3p21.31	Muscular dystrophy-dystroglycanopathy (limb-girdle), type C, 14	GMPPB
7p21.2	Muscular dystrophy-dystroglycanopathy (limb-girdle), type C, 7	ISPD
8p11.21	Muscular dystrophy-dystroglycanopathy (limb-girdle), type C, 12	POMK
9q31.2	Muscular dystrophy-dystroglycanopathy (limb-girdle), type C, 4	FKTN
9q34.13	Muscular dystrophy-dystroglycanopathy (limb-girdle), type C, 1	POMT1
14q24.3	Muscular dystrophy-dystroglycanopathy (limb-girdle), type C, 2	POMT2
19q13.32	Muscular dystrophy-dystroglycanopathy (limb-girdle), type C, 5	FKRP

#### Proposed refined definition of LGMD

"Limb girdle muscular dystrophy is a genetically inherited condition that primarily affects skeletal muscle leading to progressive, predominantly proximal muscle weakness at presentation caused by a loss of muscle fibres.

To be considered a form of LGMD the condition must be described in at least two unrelated families with affected individuals achieving independent walking, must have an elevated serum creatinine kinase activity, must demonstrate degenerative changes on muscle imaging over the course of the disease, and have dystrophic changes on muscle histology ultimately leading to end-stage pathology for the most affected muscles."

2016 ENMC Workshop on LGMD Nomenclature and Reformed Classification.

#### **Proposed Nomenclature for LGMD**

"LGMD, inheritance (R or D), order of discovery (number), affected protein"

from 2016 ENMC Workshop on LGMD Nomenclature and Reformed Classification.

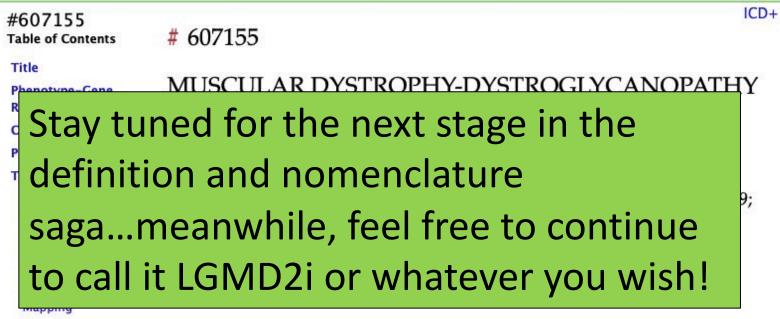
#### LGMD D

LGMD D1 DNAJB6-related LGMD D2 TNPO3-related LGMD D3 HNRNPDL-related LGMD D4 calpain 3-related LGMD D5 collagen 6-related

#### <u>LGMD R</u>

LGMD R1	calpain 3-related
LGMD R2	dysferlin-related
LGMD R3	$\alpha$ -sarcoglycan-related
LGMD R4	$\beta\text{-sarcoglycan-related}$
LGMD R5	$\gamma\text{-sarcoglycan-related}$
LGMD R6	$\delta\text{-sarcoglycan-related}$
LGMD R7	telethonin-related
LGMD R8	TRIM32-related
LGMD R9	FKRP-related
LGMD R10	titin-related
LGMD R11	POMT1-related
LGMD R12	anoctamin 5-related
LGMD R13	<mark>fukutin-related</mark>
LGMD R14	POMT2-related
LGMD R15	POMGnT1 -related
LGMD R16	dystroglycan-related
LGMD R17	plectin-related
LGMD R18	TRAPPC11-related
LGMD R19	GMPPB-related
LGMD R20	ISPD-related
LGMD R21	POGLUT1-related
LGMD R22	collagen 6-related
LGMD R23	laminin $\alpha$ 2-related

### Nomenclature (screen shot from OMIM for LGMD2I, June 2018)



Molecular Genetics

Genotype/Phenotype Correlations

References

Contributors

Creation Date

**Edit History** 

#### Phenotype-Gene Relationships

Location	Phenotype	Phenotype MIM number	Inheritance	Phenotype mapping key	Gene/Locus	Gene/Locus MIM number
19q13.32	Muscular dystrophy- dystroglycanopathy (limb-girdle), type C, 5	607155	AR	3	FKRP	606596

### MDA-funded LGMD infrastructure project GRASP-LGMD, PI Nick Johnson

- To bring to other forms of LGMD the clinical and diagnostic research under a single umbrella
  - Extend what we have in LGMD2I to other LGMDs
- Multiple sites in US and one in England
- First investigator meeting Sept 2019 in conjunction with first US national LGMD meeting (https://nationallimbgirdlemusculardystrophyconference.com)



### Questions? (or ask any time during the weekend!)

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2017 conference photo