

MJFF Parkinson's Disease Research Exchange (PDRx) Consortium

The Michael J. Fox Foundation (MJFF) previously organized several consortia of grantees and other experts working in similar areas to share methods and findings, identify challenges to progress, and propose resources and initiatives to overcome those hurdles. Beginning in 2022, MJFF has merged its separate consortia calls into a single series called the Parkinson's Disease Research Exchange (PDRx). The PDRx will serve as a global network of scientists from academic labs, pharma/biotech companies and CROs and will include investigators focusing on preclinical and/or clinical efforts.

PDRx calls will occur every Wednesday at 11:00am US Eastern Time with the following tracks:

- Parkin/PINK1/Mitochondrial Pathways (monthly)
- LRRK2/Endolysosomal Pathway (monthly)
- GBA/Lipid Pathways (bi-monthly)
- Synuclein/Protein Aggregation Pathways (monthly)
- Inflammation and Immune Regulation (quarterly)

Objectives & Content

The PDRx is focused on assessing and evaluating the current state of field, identifying and prioritizing key challenges towards understanding a target and translating findings to develop better therapies for Parkinson's disease, as well as soliciting recommendations for potential solutions. Meetings occur virtually and include:

- **Announcements:** Funding Opportunities, Request for Information
- **Presentations:** Overviews and Workshop-Style Discussions; Project Updates and Outcomes; Upcoming & Recent Publications; Industry Member Presentations; Guest Presentations

Benefits

- Collaboration & engagement with other PDRx members and access to presentations through shared Box folder (with permission from presenter)
- Early knowledge of MJFF target-related funding opportunities and information on MJFF-generated preclinical tools
- Ability to help shape MJFF target strategic activities
- Learn of new/complementary efforts in the biology space
- Collaboration opportunities for translational biology studies

How to join and participate?

All PDRx members must sign a membership agreement. For more information, please contact researchexchange@michaeljfox.org