

Meet Your Rare Disease Team

At Worldwide Clinical Trials, our dedicated team is well-versed in the nuances of rare disease studies, understand the priorities and concerns of patients and communities, and can adopt a tailored approach to each specialized disease our sponsors are targeting. Our team offers rare disease regulatory expertise to support program advancements and help you navigate engagement with medicine agencies. From the strategists to the individual CRAs, everyone working on your study has chosen to focus their clinical research knowledge to help get treatments and cures to patients with rare diseases.

You need a team across North America and Europe with fresh perspectives on design and patient engagement – experts who discover unique and innovative approaches created intentionally for your program. Our expertise supports patients of every age and treatments of every kind, including cellular and gene therapies.

Our experts specialize in rare disease research in the following indications:



Oncology



Neuroscience



Metabolic



Respiratory



Hematology



Nephrology



Derek Ansel, MS, LCGC

Global Vice President, Therapeutic Strategy, Rare Disease and Oncology

- A board-eligible genetic counselor with 13+ years in rare and pediatric clinical research, aiming to reduce rare disease diagnosis time, enroll trials faster, and empower patient education
- Provides global strategic and therapeutic expertise for rare disease research, including operational considerations, patient advocacy engagement, and endpoint selection



Brenda Rolfe, MSc, PMP, CPM

Vice President, Project Management, Rare Disease

- 30+ years in clinical project management with a proven track record of performance, team motivation, and delivering results
- Global experience in early & late stage clinical trial management, budget management, SOP development, alliance management, and client relations



Juliane K. Mills, MS, MPH

Executive Director, Therapeutic Strategy Lead, Rare Disease

- 23+ years of experience in clinical research, providing significant scientific and strategic design input as an SME for Phase 1-4 rare disease trials and real-world studies
- Develops efficient operational strategies for delivering rare disease research by identifying and reducing the barriers for patients and families to participate



Amy Raymond, PhD, PMP

Executive Director, Therapeutic Strategy Lead, Rare Disease

- 25+ years of drug discovery and development experience; has provided strategic support to more than 50 cell and gene therapy studies across Phase 1-4 and all therapeutic areas
- Designs and drives rare disease clinical strategy while providing strategic guidance for cellular and gene therapy development programs at all stages, especially for programs serving rare disease or oncology patient families



Nathan Chadwick

Senior Director, Therapeutic Strategy Lead, Rare Disease

- With 12+ years of experience in the CRO industry, he specializes in project management and operations, particularly in aiding biotech clients across all phases of drug development.
- His roles have ranged from research technician in Phase 1 units to imaging project manager, and he has held various project management positions up to project director level.

Worldwide Clinical Trials is a leading full-service global contract research organization that works in partnership with biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies to create customized solutions that advance new medications – from discovery to reality.

For more information on how we can partner with you to support your clinical trial, please [contact us](#).