

# Current Studies and Repository Efforts

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- ⊗ UT Southwestern Biorepository
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# Accelerated Cure Project (ACP)

- ⊗ National repository for demyelinating diseases founded in 2001.
- ⊗ Nine enrollment sites around the nation
- ⊗ NMO Repository along with Martha Mann, the traveling research nurse, funded by the Guthy-Jackson Charitable Foundation
- ⊗ Enrollment entails completion of a questionnaire and blood donation.

# UT Southwestern Biorepository

- ⊗ Accumulate different types of samples from patients diagnosed with demyelinating diseases.
- ⊗ Samples collected include blood, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), samples obtained from plasmapheresis and leukopheresis, and biopsy tissue.
- ⊗ Work in conjunction with researchers at UT Southwestern to obtain samples for specific research projects.

# Longitudinal Study of NMO and TM

- ⊗ Recruiting Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO), NMO Spectrum Disorder, Transverse Myelitis and Optic Neuritis patients, along with healthy control.
- ⊗ Enrollment involves scheduled study visits to collect data over time.
- ⊗ Study duration is three years.
- ⊗ Subjects are able to participate in research only procedures, but not required to in order to be enrolled in this study.
- ⊗ Research only procedures include routine blood draws, lumbar puncture and leukopheresis.



# Conclusion

- ⊗ If you are interested in becoming involved in any of the research projects mentioned, please contact Sam Hughes or Morgan McCreary to learn information about enrolling in each study.

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