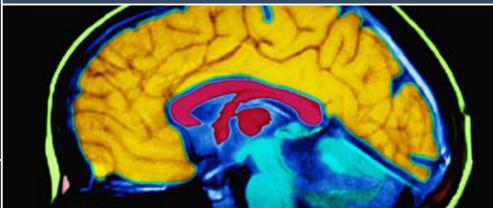
# Multimodal Therapies for Brain Disorders

De-Risking
Multimodal Therapy
Development

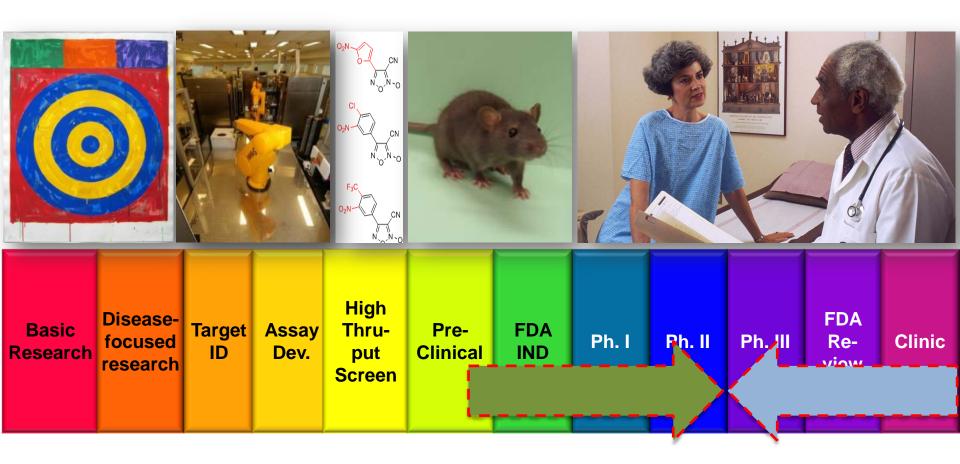
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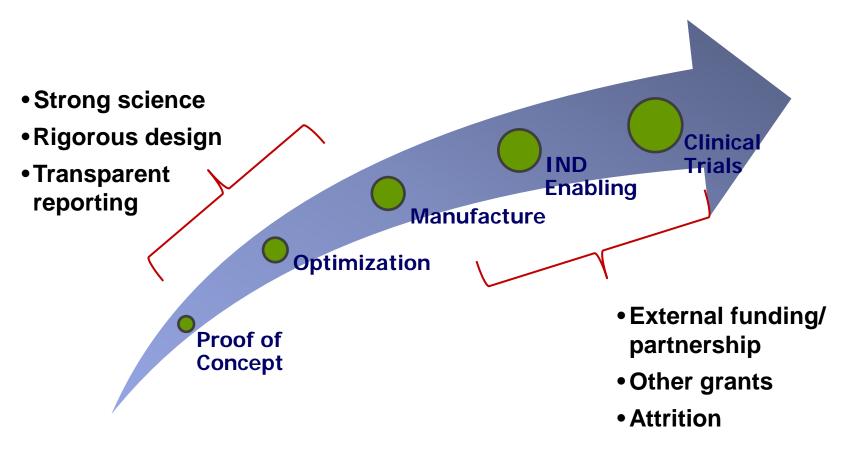
#### NINDS Is Investing Across the Spectrum



The mission of NINDS is to seek fundamental knowledge about the brain and nervous system and to use that knowledge to reduce the burden of neurological disease.



## **De-Risking - Advance Projects for Hand-Off**

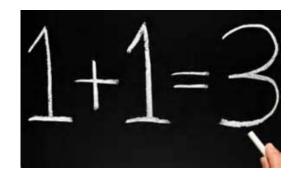


Decreases risk as projects successfully advance development stages



### **Combination Approaches Provide Pronounced Promise**

- Improved efficacy and safety
- Compliance
- Reduced development of drug resistance
- lower treatment failure rate
- Significant long term savings
- Commercial considerations
- Intellectual property life cycle management





Acetaminophen, Chlorpheniramine, Dextromethorphan, Pseudoephedrine



Aspirin Caffeine



#### We are Seeing Early Promising Products

- Many psychiatric and neurologic disorders are polygenic
- Multiple targets play a role
- Symptoms are complex and heterogenic
- Tools to study disease progression remain scares
- Prevalence of CNS polypharmacy:
  - Rationale mostly based on symptoms, metabolism, side effects
  - 2. Few are based on a good understanding of disease mechanism(s)



#### **Improve Side Effect Profile**

# Opiate dependence FDA 2002

Buprenorphine (mu opioid partial agonist)
Naloxone (mu opioid antagonist)



#### **Improve Brain Exposure**

## Parkinson's disease FDA 2003

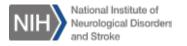
Levodopa Carbidopa Entacapone



## Improve Efficacy/Side Effects Profile

# Bipolar I with depression FDA 2003

Olanzapine (atypical antipsychotic) Fluoxetine (SSRI)



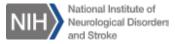
#### **Challenging Strategies Remain**

- Is the effect synergistic or additive?
- Experimental design will remain complicated
- Preclinical models are only models



#### **Preclinical Considerations**

- In vivo pharmacology and proof of concept studies
- Route of administration considerations
- Drug-drug interaction and contraindication
- Metabolism
- Manufacture process
- Intellectual property



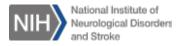
## NINDS Funded Project (1)



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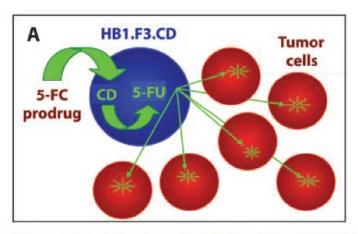
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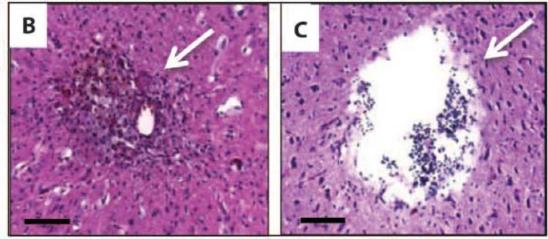




# Neural Stem Cell–Mediated Enzyme/Prodrug Therapy for Glioma: Preclinical Studies.

Science Translational Medicine 08 May 2013

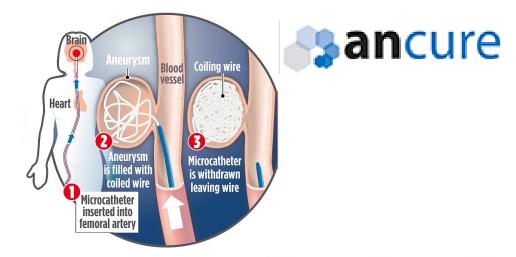




## **NINDS Funded Project (2)**

#### **Drug Eluting Coils for Improved Treatment of Brain Aneurysms**

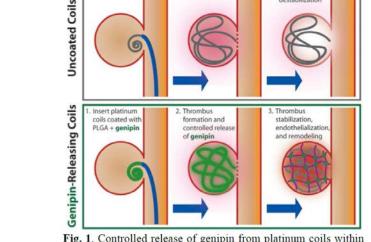
Current treatment options for both ruptured and unruptured aneurysms include surgical clipping (exovascular therapy) and catheter-based intervention (endovascular therapy)



Insert uncoated

platinum coils

- 1. Match kinetics of genipin release and crosslinking with rate of thrombolysis
- 2. Measure in vitro efficacy using a simulated coil embolization procedure
- Assess in vitro and in vivo toxicity of genipin



2. Thrombus

formation

3. Thrombus

digestion and destabilization

Fig. 1. Controlled release of genipin from platinum coils within intracranial aneurysms to stabilize nascent clots, prevent remodeling/disgestion, and reduce the rate of recurrence.



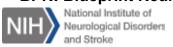
#### **Translational Funding Opportunities**

**Preclinical Development Small Clinical Trials Discovery Epilepsy Therapy Screening Program** (ETSP) **Early Translation - IGNITE Biotechnology Products and Biologics - CREATE Bio Devices - CREATE Device Small Business Program: SBIR & STTR Small Molecules - BPN** Countermeasures Against Chemical Threats (CounterACT)

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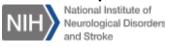
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## **Currently Accepting Proposals**

✓ PAR-15-070: Assay Development and Therapeutic Agent Identification and Characterization

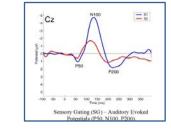


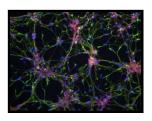


✓ PAR-15-071: Pharmacodynamics and In vivo Efficacy Studies



✓ RFA-NS-16-013: Development and Validation of Translational Model Systems for Drug Discovery







# <u>Cooperative Research to Enable and Advance Translational Enterprises (CREATE)</u>

# Funding to Advance Potential Therapeutics (Devices) into Clinical Development

#### **Modality: Therapeutic Devices**

- Translational and Clinical Studies to Inform Final Device Design
- Translational and Clinical Studies on the Path to 510(k)
- Translational and Early Feasibility Studies on the Path to Pre-Market Approval (PMA) or Humanitarian Device Exemption (HDE)



Stephanie Fertig, MBA



#### <u>Cooperative Research to Enable and Advance Translational</u> <u>Enterprises Biotechnology Products and Biologics (CREATE Bio)</u>

#### Funding to Advance Potential Large Molecule Therapeutics into Clinical Development

# Peptides, Proteins, Oligonucleotides, and Gene and Cell Therapies

- Optimization of therapeutic leads
- IND-enabling studies/Early phase clinical trials

#### **End Goals**

- Characterize and select a lead candidate
- Submit an IND application and conduct phase I trails



Hao Wang, PhD Program Director





#### **Blueprint Neurotherapeutics Network (BPN)**

# Grand Challenge to Provide Grant Funding and Resources to Facilitate Small Molecule Drug Discovery and Development to Treat CNS Disorders

#### **Entry Stages**

- Discovery: Hit-to-lead and lead optimization
- Development: Formulation, scale up and manufacture, IND-enabling studies, and first-inman clinical trials



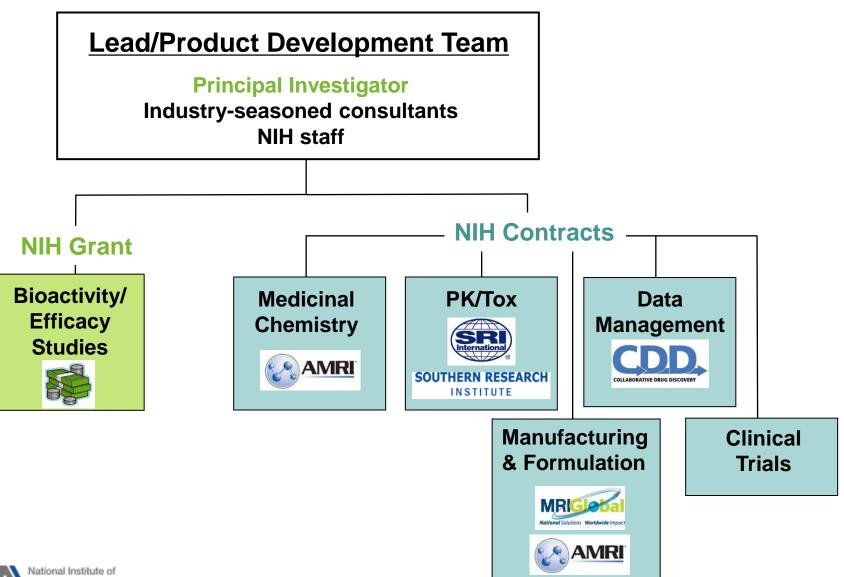
#### **End Goals**

- select and characterize a preclinical candidate
- Complete IND-enabling studies, file an IND, and complete first-in-man trial
- Advance projects for hand-off

Participating Institutes and Centers: NINDS, NIA, NIAAA, NIDA, NIMH, NICHD, NIDCR, NCCIH



# Infrastructure, Expertise, and Funding Blueprint Neurotherapeutics Network (BPN) Model



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