

The CureSearch Pediatric Early Development Symposium was held virtually on October 1-2, 2020. This inaugural event convened representatives from all areas of pediatric oncology: pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, clinical research organizations, academic leaders, parents and patient advocates, venture capitalists, regulators, and like-minded partners. Attendees and speakers participated from across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and France.

The two-day meeting featured interactive sessions exploring key, timely topics in iPSP and PSP development: The Evolution of Cooperative and Collaborative Groups; Formulation Consideration for Pediatrics; Advancing Promising Agents Into The Clinic: What Is An “Acceptable” Preclinical Data Package?; Clinical Development Considerations: Lessons Learned from PIPs and PSPs; Nuts and Bolts of Writing and Negotiating Successful PIPs and PSPs; Global P(a)ediatric Development: How To Engage Internally and Enable External Alignment; and PIP/PSP Development and Implementation.

The recurring themes through the Symposium were the urgent need for **early and frequent collaboration**, and expanded opportunity for **CureSearch to drive this collaboration as a connector and resource** for academic and industry leaders.

2020 Pediatric Early Development Symposium Action Plan

Based on robust panel discussions and audience participation, CureSearch has identified three key opportunities below. Over the next 12 months, working collaboratively with global stakeholder and volunteer leaders, CureSearch will execute on the following strategies:

Strategy	Promote global collaboration across all roles in pediatric drug development	Provide pediatric drug development resources to stakeholders	Address areas of unmet need in clinical development for children with cancer
Actions	<p>Develop a comprehensive list of current Industry leaders who trained as pediatric oncologists and are interested in collaboration to advance pediatric drug development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consult with CureSearch Industry and Scientific Advisory Councils to begin creation of a global roster <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invite greater pediatric oncology stakeholders to participate and contribute 	<p>Bridge the educational gap for academic leaders on the drug development process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Explore providing in collaboration with a like-minded partner, a Continuing Medical Education (CME) training <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a mentorship program in drug development to connect Young Investigators to pediatric oncology champions in the industry 	<p>Drive collaborative discussion around optimal clinical trial designs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create a venue of discussion for engaging with consortia globally <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborate with like-minded partners to explore increasing industry-sponsored master protocols
	<p>Design and launch a virtual open-forum for Industry and Academic leaders to ask questions, request assistance, connect, and collaborate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identify core members to actively engage on platform <input type="checkbox"/> Invite academic institutions and industry leaders to participate 	<p>Create a Pediatric Oncology Drug Development Resource page on curesearch.org to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global regulatory processes and links to regulation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global patient advocacy groups and consortiums <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case Studies, White Papers & Studies 	<p>Discuss the current state of research-only biopsies from children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Host the 2021 CureSearch Virtual Summit Series <input type="checkbox"/> Create comprehensive list of pediatric oncology biorepositories to list on CureSearch Drug Development Resource page
			<p>Create a working group to explore the unique issues related to regulatory submissions for cellular and immunotherapies for pediatric cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identify Chair and members <input type="checkbox"/> Establish the preclinical data needs for regulatory filings