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Exploring Novel Clinical Trial Designs for Gene-Based Therapies - A Workshop

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The process for gene-based therapies is different: smaller numbers of compounds, patients, and years.
Trials with smaller numbers

- Patients: $n = 1-100$
- Compounds: 1-10
- Time: 1-3 years
- Cells, viruses, editors, antisense oligos...

Layla Richards, leukemia, 2015
Photograph: Great Ormond Street Hospital/PA

Emily Whitehead, leukemia, 2013
Matt Chappell, HIV, 2014
Mila Makovec, Batten disease, 2019
Jaci Hermstad, ALS, 2019 (HR2855)
Victoria Gray, sickle cell, 2019

• Customizable to the genotype and/or patient population
Workshop Objectives

• Gain a better understanding of the design complexities and ethical issues associated with clinical trials for gene-based therapies
  – Transitioning to first-in-human trials
  – Determining the optimal starting dose
  – Optimizing therapeutic delivery
  – Communicating risks and benefits to patients and families

• Identify potential ways to improve the design of gene therapy clinical trials from the perspective of participants, product developers, regulators, and other key stakeholders
Reminders

• Please ask questions into a microphone and state your name/affiliation

• Speakers and Planning Committee members to meet for lunch in Room 118
  – Please let them pick up their lunch first