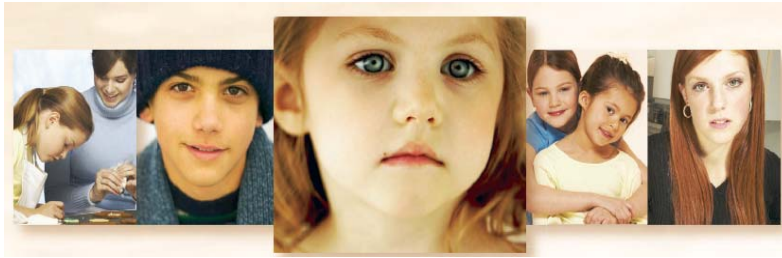




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Leading the fight for the least known MS patients...children

Overview

In 2002, established the first multi-disciplinary clinical and research program committed to the care of children and adolescents with multiple sclerosis.

- The NPMSC is located within Stony Brook University Medical Center, one of the world's leading research institutions and is under the umbrella of the Stony Brook Foundation a 501c3 organization.
- The NPMSC is committed to improving the lives of children with MS and to advancing a research program that will benefit all people with MS.
- The center is one of six nationwide, designated by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as Pediatric MS Centers of Excellence. The Center is supported by a generous grant from the National MS Society.

Clinical & Support Services

- A detailed medical evaluation lasting from 1 – 2 days.
- A neuropsychological evaluation and psychological assessment to evaluate the impact of MS on cognitive and emotional functioning.
- Nursing case management • Social Work Services Ophthalmology
- A support network for children and families that extend beyond medical care--including Teen Adventure Program (TAP), a 5-day summer camp program for adolescents with MS

Research

Our research focuses on areas of genetics, proteomics, epidemiology, stem cells and biomedical studies. Our accomplishment include: establishing standardized definitions with international consensus to promote prospective research • characterization of a unique demographic pattern of children • description of critical features that can expedite diagnosis and treatment • demonstration of the safety of MS therapies in children • application of novel neuroimaging techniques to elucidate biological factors underlying the disease • application of sophisticated biochemical analysis to blood samples in order to identify disease-specific markers

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