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Cystinosis Research Network Awards NIH Cystinosis Fellowship

The Cystinosis Research Network is pleased to announce that it has awarded its National Institutes of Health Cystinosis Fellowship to Galina Nesterova, MD. William A. Gahl, MD, PhD, of the National Human Genome Research Institute, will direct the three-year fellowship whose goal is to train an expert in nephropathic cystinosis at the NIH. The intention of the fellowship is to provide the next generation with an authority in the disease, a vitally important unmet need in the community.

Dr. Nesterova, who received her initial medical training in Russia, currently serves as a Medical Genetics Fellow at the NIH, National Human Genome Research Institute. She has experience in clinical and bench research in general and biochemical genetics (diagnosis and treatment of inborn errors of metabolism) in particular. Her major interests are renal genetic disorders with focus on nephropathic cystinosis, Fanconi syndrome and nephrocalcinosis.

Under Dr. Gahl's mentorship, Dr. Nesterova hopes to accomplish a wide range of objectives during the fellowship including continuing clinical evaluation of cystinosis patients at the NHGRI, research into Fanconi's syndrome and nephrocalcinosis in cystinosis patients and molecular testing of cystinosis patients. She intends to also maintain cystinosis databases, work to further educate the medical community about cystinosis and promote public awareness of the disease. Dr. Nesterova has committed to becoming a personally available resource for CRN, the medical community and families and individuals living with cystinosis.

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