

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation was founded by a group of dedicated parents of children with Type 1 (juvenile) diabetes, who were determined to find a cure for this devastating autoimmune disease. JDRF depends on the support of generous individuals and groups to help achieve this goal.

Some Facts About JDRF

- JDRF is the world's leading non-profit, non-government funder of diabetes research.
- JDRF structures its research on a business-world model to ensure that resources are spent most effectively to accelerate progress towards finding a cure.
- JDRF is the only major diabetes organization focused exclusively on research.
- JDRF has over 93 chapters and affiliates worldwide, which have helped to raise well over \$900 million for diabetes research.

Only Research Will Find A Cure

- Insulin is not a cure for diabetes nor does it prevent its eventual and devastating effects: kidney failure, blindness, nerve damage, amputation, heart attack and stroke.
- Researchers are closing in on finding a cure for juvenile diabetes, and progress here could scientists in finding a cure for other autoimmune diseases like rheumatoid arthritis and lupus.
- JDRF has three major "cure" goals:
 1. Restoring normal blood sugar - 12%
 2. Preventing and Reversing diabetes-related complications - 30%
 3. Preventing diabetes and its recurrence – 58%

JDRF Funding in Australia

- Projects Funded: 27 projects nationally
- Funding 2004: \$8.8 million – almost \$50 million since 1984
- Number of institutions: 15

Recent Research Breakthroughs

- Preserving Beta Cell Function
- Transplanting Insulin Producing Islet Cells
- Trialing Drug For Complications
- Stem Cell Research
- Immune Tolerance After Transplantation

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