Because of you, NEPTUNE is furthering the understanding and treatment of nephrotic syndrome. Thank you!

Did you know?
NEPTUNE works with studies around the world doing similar research on nephrotic syndrome. Some sites in Europe, Asia, and Africa even use the same study design as NEPTUNE!

Meet NEPTUNE’s Lead Investigator:
Matthias Kretzler, M.D.

Dr. Kretzler is a clinician-scientist, which means that he balances caring for patients in a clinic setting with leading active research programs. By serving as a bridge between scientists and medical doctors, Dr. Kretzler brings a unique perspective as the lead researcher for NEPTUNE. We talked to Dr. Kretzler to find out more about NEPTUNE and what he sees for the future.

What sparked your interest in helping to create NEPTUNE?
Having studied patients with glomerular diseases in Europe, it became clear that we needed a concerted effort to learn how nephrotic syndrome starts and how the disease evolves over time. Funding opportunities from the National Institutes of Health in rare diseases and from NephCure Kidney International became available, so we had an opportunity to start NEPTUNE.

What is the most important thing you have learned since NEPTUNE’s start?
Each and every one of our participants are different, but also there are cross cutting themes affecting many of our participants and their families.

Looking ahead, where do you see NEPTUNE in the future?
It is an exciting time! We have been studying NEPTUNE participants for 8 years and we now have a lot of information on the mechanism of these diseases. This allows us to test highly innovative clinical trial approaches in order to provide the right drug for the right patient at the right time. All of the investigators at our enrolling sites agreed that the right time to test new therapies in NEPTUNE is now.

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