

Treatment Development Program (TDP)

CLOSING REMARKS

This intensive two-day summit fostered innovation and collaboration across multiple disciplines through a series of key research presentations followed by substantive question-and-answer sessions and discussions. Inclusion of women, minorities, and people with disabilities is a NAAF priority, and the meeting drew a diverse and balanced group of knowledgeable attendees. Several early-career investigators brought fresh ideas and new talent, and individuals with alopecia areata and family members provided an important bridge between those studying the disease and those personally affected by it. Research in alopecia areata is at an unprecedented juncture with an expanding number of potential treatments in the pipeline, and participants left feeling invigorated about the possibilities that lay ahead.

Alopecia areata research summits are part of the National Alopecia Areata Foundation's (NAAF) main strategic initiative, the Alopecia Areata Treatment Development Program (TDP). Many of the basic, translational and clinical research accomplishments highlighted above have been part of the TDP, with NAAF either providing direct funding or acting as a concierge, leveraging our available research resources and clinical partnerships. The strategic goal of NAAF is to produce a safe, effective, affordable treatment beneficial to the millions of people with alopecia areata. This summit celebrated another milestone on the focused path toward achieving that goal. Many of the Research Priorities proposed and discussed are projects that are in progress. NAAF has and will continue to provide the support and leadership toward accomplishing these Research Priorities to help bring effective therapies for alopecia areata to market and enhance the understanding of disease. We look forward to future discoveries.

Please contact us if you can help in any way or are interested in applying for funding to study any of the Research Priorities mentioned above. ■

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