Introduction
The International Rare Diseases Research Consortium (IRDiRC) was launched in 2011, uniting public funding organizations, industry, scientific researchers and patient advocacy groups, with a mission to support and promote international collaboration in rare diseases research. The last 7 years have seen considerable progress on rare disease research: the original goal to deliver 200 new therapies was achieved in early 2017 – three years earlier than expected – and the goal for diagnostics is within reach. Nevertheless, the field of rare diseases research still faces many challenges ahead. This spurs IRDiRC to work towards its new vision: “Enable all people living with a rare disease to receive an accurate diagnosis, care, and available therapy within one year of coming to medical attention.”

IRDiRC Membership

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Task Forces
Task Forces review current barriers to efficient and effective rare disease research, and propose solutions through policy and/or technical recommendations. They are comprised mostly of external experts to ensure that different perspectives are cultivated to drive innovation and new perspectives.

IRDiRC Recognized Resources

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Policies and Guidelines

Tools

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Publications

- Navigating IP
- Standards
- Tools

Number of New Rare Diseases

Number of Rare Diseases with a Genetic Test

Number of Approved Orphan Drugs

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