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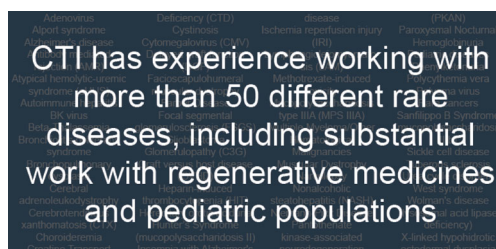
# CTI Newsletter

## Rare Disease Day 2019

Each year on the last day of February, the rare disease community comes together to raise awareness for the 25-30 million Americans, more than 25 million Europeans, and countless others around the world that are impacted by rare diseases. We at CTI are proud to have been a part of Rare Disease Day for the past 6 years, and will continue to work passionately to help drugs and devices for rare diseases around the world reach the patients that need them.

### About Rare Diseases

A rare disease is defined in the United States as any disease, disorder, illness or condition affecting fewer than 200,000 people at any given time. In Europe, a rare disease is defined as a disease or disorder affecting fewer than 1 in 2000 people.



[Learn more about the challenges of running a rare disease program.](#)

### Developing Treatments for Rare Diseases

According to the [National Organization for Rare Disorders \(NORD\)](#), more than 90% of rare diseases are without an approved treatment. However, great strides are being made to address this issue through legislation and public health policies. For example, the FDA and EMA have introduced Orphan, Breakthrough, and Fast Track designations offering incentives to companies working to develop therapies in rare diseases and other critical illnesses.

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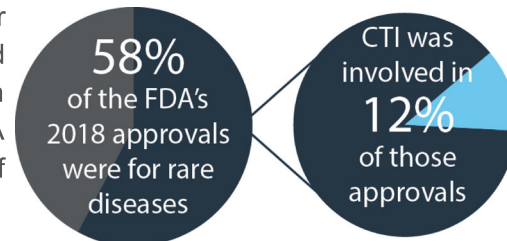
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more than 40  
orphan and expedited designation  
programs over the last 5 years.

### Moving Treatments Forward

Regulatory agencies recognize the need for treatments for rare diseases, and 2018 showed their commitment to addressing that need. In 2018, 58% of the approvals made by the FDA were for orphan diseases, as were 50% of approvals made by the EMA.



### CTI - Experts in Rare Disease

More than 60% of CTI's active trials are in rare diseases, and we have an average annual employee retention rate of 95%. This means that from IT to Safety, to Project Management to Monitoring, our team members are experts in the challenges inherent to these types of trials.

To find out more about our work expertise in rare disease research, [visit our website](#) or fill out our contact form to [start a conversation](#) with one of our team members.



## The CTI Way

Every month, we choose a theme highlighting characteristics of our company culture, something we describe as "The CTI Way." This month's theme is "hope".

The CTI Way is to  
HOPE



Our goal is to deliver hope to those suffering from diseases, to instill hope in families looking for a treatment or cure, and to bring hope to patients all over the world through advances in medicine.

Hope is what drives our works each and every day at CTI.

Hope is why we do the work we do.

## The Year of the Employee

Every month, we'll be spotlighting one of our employees and their contributions to CTI. We

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"This job is rewarding, multi-faceted and has given me great opportunities to learn, to teach and to expand my skill set, especially in unique and challenging projects across many different rare diseases."

**Megan Kamm - Assistant Director, Clinical Project Management**

With nearly a decade in clinical research, Megan is a valuable team member for her diverse therapeutic expertise, including rare diseases such as FSHD and NPC1. She currently oversees multiple global clinical trials and works hand-in-hand with many other departments to ensure all aspects of the trials are working together. Her favorite part of the job? "It's hard to choose just one thing – it's the people, the challenge and the exciting and rewarding work we do. Once I started the interview process and learned more about the company, its mission and the people that work at CTI, it seemed like the only choice."

Want to join Megan and our CTI team? [Click here to hear more from our team members](#) or [click here to see our current job opportunities](#), including [new expansion across the United States!](#)

## Additional Highlights

### Upcoming Meetings We'll be Attending

**American Society for Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics 2019 Annual Meeting**  
Washington DC  
March 13-16

**Adult Stem Cell & Regenerative Medicine**  
New York, NY  
March 14

**Phar East**  
Singapore  
March 19-20

**ARM Cell & Gene Therapy Investor Day**  
New York, NY  
March 21

**European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation**

**BIO Europe Spring Conference**  
Vienna, Austria  
March 25-27

**International Liver Conference (EASL Annual Meeting)**  
Vienna, Austria  
April 10-14

**ISN World Congress on Nephrology**  
Melbourne, Australia  
April 12-15

**Bio Korea**  
Seoul, South Korea  
April 17-19

**ARM Cell & Gene Meeting on the Mediterranean**  
Barcelona, Spain  
April 23-24

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May 18-22

## Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy

### CTI Cares

This month is Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD). PPMD fights to end Duchenne. They accelerate research, raise their voices to impact policy, demand optimal care for every single family, and strive to ensure access to approved therapies. [Learn more and donate](#)



### New Hires & Promotions

CTI is thrilled to welcome all of our new employees, and to congratulate our recently promoted employees!

[View New Hires and Promotions](#)



### Join Our Team!

[We're growing across the United States!](#)

We're looking to build our team in following new cities:

- Atlanta, GA
- Boston, MA
- Chicago, IL
- Dallas, TX
- Houston, TX
- Indianapolis, IN
- San Diego, CA
- Washington DC

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