

TEXAS CHILDREN'S CANCER & HEMATOLOGY CENTERS

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Keith Desserich
Chair, Board of Directors
The Cure Starts Now
10280 Chester Road
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Dear Mr. Desserich,

On behalf of myself and Texas Children's Cancer Center, I am grateful to **The Cure Starts Now** for the \$100,000 award to support my research study "Eliminating Therapy –Resistant Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Gliomas with Oncolytic Picorna Virus SVV-001: an in vivo Study in Intra-brain Stem Xenograft Mouse Models." With your generous support, we will utilize our clinically relevant mouse models of DIPG to evaluate a novel viral therapy with great promise in the treatment of this devastating disease.

- Please feel free to post on your website as a reference that such a grant in the amount of \$100,000 has been made to my study.
- All institutional approvals are in place to conduct this exciting study which will begin immediately after the award date.
 - My human protocol (H-28851: Cellular and molecular biology of autopsied brain tumors) has been reviewed by Baylor College of Medicine IRB. It was determined that our collection of biological materials at autopsy does not constitute human subject research. No authorization or waiver of authorization by patients for the release of individually identifiable protected health information will be required (we do need obtain consent for autopsy).
 - My animal protocol (AN-4548: ORTHOTOPIC XENOGRAFT MOUSE MODELS OF BRAIN TUMORS), which involves the establishment of DIPG models and our proposed treatment of DIPG xenograft tumors with SVV-001, has been approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of Baylor College of Medicine on Sept 27th, and will be valid through August 23rd, 2013.
- My contact information is listed below.
- I will ask our IT support group to insert a webpage link to the www.thecurestartsnow.org and www.dipg.org in my lab website.
- We confirm that in future publications and grant documentations following parties are named as sponsors of the protocol: *"The DIPG Symposium Collaboration, The Cure Starts Now Foundation, Reflections of Grace Foundation, The Jeffrey Thomas Hayden Foundation, Cancerfree*

Kids, Carly's Crusaders, The Max Laceywell Foundation, Smiles for Sophie Forever Foundation and Benny's World Foundation."

Once again, thank you very much for your support of our research project. Contributions like yours are critical to our success in DIPG research, and we are truly honored to have your involvement and your support.

Sincerely,



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