

# Meet the Team

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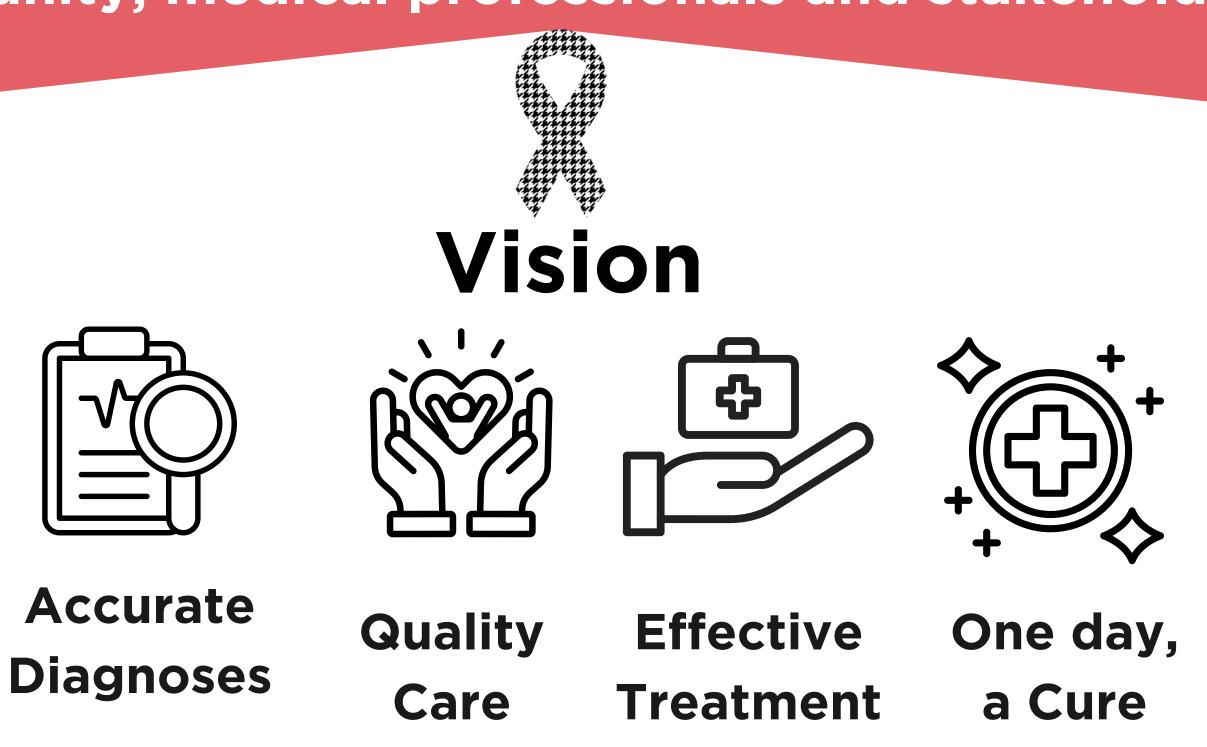
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# Mission

Our mission is to increase awareness and understanding of lipodystrophy among the patient community, medical professionals and stakeholders.





# 2024 Achievements

In 2024, Lipodystrophy United:

- Revitalized its community.
- Advanced its mission by rebuilding its online presence, boosting social media engagement, and reconnecting patients and caregivers.
- United over 100 community members and medical professionals.
- Secured \$150,000 in fundraising—further cementing our leadership in patient education and support.

7,481
Website Visits

Since rebuilding our website in early March 2024

10,130

Social Media Views

Since February 2024

\$150K

**Funds Raised** 

Via grants and fundraising efforts

100+

Symposium Attendees

In collaboration with the University of Michigan

# Lipodystrophy United

# **Advocacy:**

Establish and Advance Advocacy Initiatives to Amplify the Patient/Caregiver Voice and Drive Systemic Change in Lipodystrophy Care.

# **Research:**

Advance patient-centered research that improves understanding, diagnosis, and treatment of all forms of lipodystrophy.

# **Community:**

Foster a strong, engaged, and informed community of individuals and families affected by lipodystrophy.

# **Development and Operations:**

Strengthen Lipodystrophy United's infrastructure, secure long-term funding, and expand our ability to serve the community.



# Advocacy





Collaborations
with global lipid
and endcrine
HCP's through
attendence of
ENDO and NLA



Engagement
with national
policy at NORD
and Rare
Disease Week
on the Hill.
Engagement
with federal
regulators



Engagement with the global lipodystrophy leaders forum





# **Community Engagement Strategy**



## Tea with LU:

Expand Tea with LU **Engagement:** programming with open chat sessions on alternate weeks connections.



# **Consistent**

Develop and launch a podcast featuring researchers and to foster community physicians to educate and engage the community on lipodystrophy topics. More info coming soon



# **Social Media Growth**

Implement a comprehensive social media strategy, including a content calendar and brand kit to ensure consistent, engaging communications.





# Research and Development Strategy



# Scientific Advisory Board:

Establishing a
Scientific Advisory
Board to provide
expert scientific
guidance and
strategic direction



# **Patient Owned Data:**

In collaboration with patients, clinicians, and experienced researchers



# **Engaging the Scientific Community:**

Launch initiatives to facilitate dialogue between researchers, clinicians, and the patient community





# **Operational Improvement Strategy**



Expand and strengthen the Board of Directors, establish a Scientific Advisory Board, and restructure the Patient Advisory Board for more effective governance.



# **Board Development: Project Management: Financial Strategy:**

Implement project management software and clearly define roles to improve organizational efficiency and task completion.



Explore new funding opportunities, and create a comprehensive grant document to support financial sustainability.



# Total Budget - 2025

