

Envision the Cure - Embrace the Challenge



2020 MDBR \$82,000 CADASIL Grant Awarded!

The Penn Medicine Orphan Disease Center 2020 Million Dollar Bike Ride CADASIL research grant has been awarded to Massayo Koide of the *University of Vermont Lerner College of Medicine!* The \$82,795 grant will fund her research study entitled

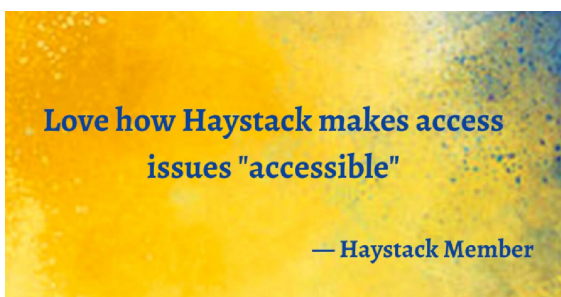
HB-EGF/EGFR signaling in capillary dysfunction in CADASIL

Dr. Koide joined UVM in 2015 after completing PhDs in both Pharmacology and Medicine in Japan. Her research interest is in Cardiovascular pharmacology and physiology and we look forward to her research in CADASIL. Congratulations!

Taking Action Made Easier

TWO NEW BILLS for rare diseases have been introduced! We need YOUR representatives and Senators to support them! Please see details and personalize your letter here:

<https://haystackproject.org/act-now>



February 28th is Rare Disease Day. The main objective of Rare Disease Day is to raise awareness amongst the general public and decision-makers about rare diseases and their impact on patients' lives. It is a great day to share information about CADASIL in anyway you feel comfortable!

CADASIL Study Continues Recruiting!

The study entitled Vascular Contributions to Brain Aging and Neurodegeneration has a goal of helping the medical community make more accurate diagnoses and support efforts to create treatments for vascular contributions to cognitive impairment. This study is at the *University of California* and is specially seeking those who live within driving distance of the study site due to COVID-19 quarantine restrictions in the next couple of months.

If you are interested in participating in this study or have any questions, please contact the study coordinator, [Sasha Saias](mailto:Sasha.Saias@ucsf.edu), at Sasha.Saias@ucsf.edu. Visit <https://memory.ucsf.edu/research-trials/research/vascbrain> for more information.

Thank you!

Big thanks to CADASIL community members who really help make a difference. One supporter created this [Cook for CADASIL](#) YouTube video as a creative way to support and share awareness of CADASIL. Please enjoy and share!

Long term CADASIL supporter Michael Kennedy is donating profits from his published children's books to CADASIL in honor of Rare Disease Day. Visit [Kenbright Kreations](#) to order your copy!

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