NIH Office of Biotechnology Activities (OBA) and Office of Rare Disease Research (ORDR) to Explore Advances and Challenges in Gene Transfer for Rare Diseases

– OBA, in the NIH Office of Science Policy, is cosponsoring with ORDR of the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences a workshop to discuss advances and challenges in gene transfer research for rare diseases. Recently, there has been promising clinical success in gene transfer protocols aimed at such rare diseases as retinal degeneration, hemophilia, and immune disorders. This workshop will provide investigators a forum for sharing their results to date and serve as a venue to discuss opportunities and challenges for extending these successes to other similar rare diseases.

The workshop will include panel discussions on:

- Challenges and keys to success with respect to gene transfer for rare diseases;
- Defining opportunities for data sharing across protocols; and
- NIH resources available to investigators and how they are being used.

The workshop will be held September 13, 2012, at Rockville Hilton Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. Additional information, including the workshop agenda can be found on the OBA web site.

This workshop is open to the public and free of charge. Pre-registration is available by completing the registration form on the OBA Web site. Seating preference will be given to those who pre-register if we cannot accommodate all attendees.

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