

leading the wave

Gene Therapy Ophthalmic Functional Diagnostic Tests

Eye Diseases

There are a rapidly growing number of eye diseases targeted for treatment by gene therapies



Inherited Retinal Diseases (IRD)

- Approximately 4 million people affected worldwide¹
- As of 2020, over 300 genes have been implicated in the etiology of IRD (sph.uth.edu/retnet)



Age-related Macular Degeneration

- Approximately 200 million people worldwide have wet or dry AMD²
- At least 5 gene therapy clinical trials for wet or dry AMD ongoing in the United States, as of 2020³

1. Sharon, et al, 'A nationwide genetic analysis of inherited retinal diseases in Israel as assessed by Israeli IIRDC;' 10.1002/humu.23903

2. www.brightfocus.org

Therapies and Testing

Advanced diagnostics are essential for effective gene therapy clinical trials and clinical implementation

Types of Gene Therapies:

- Gene augmentation: provide genetic material to produce replacement proteins
- Gene inactivation: block production of abnormal protein, e.g. short interfering RNA (siRNA) techniques
- Gene editing: e.g. CRISPR/Cas9
- Neuromodulation: optogenetics, genetically modified light-sensitive RGCs
- Multifactorial: combination of techniques targeting genetically heterogeneous diseases such as AMD

"LUXTURNA[™] is the first FDA-approved gene therapy for a genetic disease. Participants who received LUXTUR-NA showed a statistically significant improvement from baseline to one year in white light FST in the intervention group compared to the control group."¹

Mutations in the same gene can lead to different phenotypes, making functional testing essential²



1. Spark Therapeutics press release, December 19, 2017; www.sparktx.com

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DiagnosysFST®: proven in clinical trials

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Select paper list from 100+ clinical trials Diagnosys has supported

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