



The **Imagine Institute** of Genetic Diseases has for aim to **gain a deeper understanding of genetic diseases to deliver better care**. We are united in a single goal: to bring to patients and their families the new treatments and new diagnostics they have been waiting for.

Genetic diseases affect more than three million people in France and 35 million in Europe. Many of these sufferers are children. Genetic diseases have become a major public health issue that must be addressed urgently. Most genetic diseases are chronic, invalidating and sometimes life-threatening conditions and may affect several members of the same family.



## OVERVIEW

Over 850 researchers, physicians, engineers, technicians and healthcare professionals have joined forces to create Imagine. **The Institute's organizational structure was designed with efficiency and patient needs in mind**. Thanks to a number of precisely defined research themes, Imagine seeks to transfer scientific knowledge into the clinic and thus develop novel diagnostic and therapeutic solutions. Thanks to this "from bench to bedside and back" approach, Imagine is a powerful, high-performance tool for research, patient care, teaching, training and technology transfer. Imagine is also dedicated to be a place where patients and their families feel at home.

The Institute of Genetic Diseases is underpinned by the Imagine charitable foundation (founded in 2007), whose founder members are the Paris Public Hospitals Group (AP-HP), the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM), Paris Descartes University of Paris, the French Muscular Dystrophy Association (AFM), the Hôpitaux de Paris-Hôpitaux de France charitable foundation of Mrs. Chirac and Paris City Council. The Foundation is chaired by the Professor Claude Griscelli, an eminent researcher and pediatrician.





The Imagine Institute of Genetic Diseases is one of the six successful candidates accredited by the French Ministry of Research as a University Hospital Institute (UHI). It has been receiving a €64.7 million grant for 9 years from the French government's "Investing in the Future" national bond scheme. The goal is to accelerate research on genetic diseases.

The Imagine Institute will also drive collaboration between public-sector and private-sector research providers. **Researchers, physicians, engineers and technicians are now grouped in the new building of the Institute designed by the architects Jean Nouvel and Bernard Valéro.**

At the beginning of 2014, the Institute opened to the angle of the boulevard Montparnasse and the street of Cherche-Midi with some 19 000 square meters dedicated to genetic diseases. We are committed to creating innovative laboratories and inventing a new model for patient care that takes full account of a child's disability and a family's need for support.

#### HOSPITALIZATION: WELCOME TO THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

To ensure that patient receives the best possible care, an international unit has been set up to provide you with any information you require concerning your hospital stay. Multiple languages are spoken in this department where we welcome patients from around the world.

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