Lisa De Young and other representatives from the international community together to discuss the current experiences of patients, care partners, and researchers who are dealing with RASopathies, a group of diseases collectively known as RASopathies. The RASopathies Network, a patient advocacy group, organized a symposium that brought together clinicians, researchers, and patients to share their perspectives and experiences.

The symposium highlighted the importance of drug repurposing as an area of high unmet medical need. The goal of this collaboration is for the World Health Organization (WHO) to help assess which infectious diseases could benefit from drug repurposing. The collaboration is supported by the FDA’s Office of Global Policy and Strategy (OGPS) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), part of the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS), as part of the CURE Drug Repurposing Collaboratory (CDRC). The CDRC is a public-private partnership initiated in June 2020.

The platform CURE Drug Repurposing Collaboratory (CDRC) is designed to synthesize data on diagnostic capacities and treatment practices in different settings for four diseases: eumycetoma, actinomycetoma, cutaneous sporotrichosis, and implantation mycoses. The main scientific event on fungal infections in Latin America is the INFOCUS annual meeting, which will be held in Iguazu Falls, Brazil, the largest waterfall in the world. The event is open to Clinicians, Microbiologists, Pharmacists, and other Health Professionals to discuss and update everything related to fungal infections.

CURE Drug Repurposing Collaboratory (CDRC) is joining the CDRC Annual Meeting from key stakeholders within the Collaboratory. The platform enables healthcare providers to share their real-world experiences with clinicians, patients, and care partners. The platform also discusses the opportunity to expand the medicines used to treat implantation mycoses, with a view to understanding informal drug repurposing in managing symptoms. They also discussed the opportunity to expand drug repurposing for treatment of these diseases.

CURE Drug Repurposing Collaboratory (CDRC) will have multiple abstracts presented at the INFOCUS annual meeting. Abstracts include: To Identify Effective Drug Repurposing Candidates for the Treatment of Treponemal Infections: A Review of Non-Syphilitic Cases. Between January and March 2022, WHO conducted a global online survey to collect data on diagnostic capacities and treatment practices in different settings for four diseases: eumycetoma, actinomycetoma, cutaneous sporotrichosis, and implantation mycoses. Long COVID: Alice Evans, brucellosis, and reflections on infectious causes of sequelae, like dysautonomia, POTS.