



MEET THE CLINICAL RESEARCH COORDINATORS



Melissa Bamberry

Melissa has been at the CRND for almost 2 years and attended Providence College with a major in Biology. She works on research studies for Childhood Cerebral Adrenoleukodystrophy (CCALD), Infantile and Juvenile Tay Sachs and Sandhoff Disease (GM2), Vanishing White Matter Disease (VWMD), Late-onset Tay Sachs Disease. Melissa is passionate about forming relationships pediatric patients and working together with other institutions to further rare disease research. She will pursue medical school. Fun Fact: She loves to sing, play the ukulele, an piano!



Lizbeth De La Rosa

Lizbeth has been at the CRND for 5 months and attended University of Rochester with a major in Brain and Cognitive Sciences and a minor in American Sign Language. She works on research studies for women with ALD, Canavan Disease, Alexander's Disease, UBTF, and TBL1XR1. Lizbeth is passionate about getting to see patients from all over the world and learn from each one of them. Lizbeth is currently getting her application ready for medical school and aspires to be a physician-scientist and work with little kids one day. Fun fact: She has two cats with the same name, so when one of them is called, both come!



Natalie Grant

Natalie has been at the CRND a little over 4 years and attended Connecticut College with double major in Behavioral Neuroscience and Classics (with a concentration in Ancient Greek). She works on research studies for ALD, AMN, CMT and other neuropathies, and nephropathic cystinosis. Natalie is passionate about addressing knowledge gaps and unmet need and is pursuing nursing school to become a nurse practitioner. Fun Fact: She is an avid crafter – she loves to paint and scrapbook!



Stacy Maciel

Stacy has been at MGH for almost 2 years and attended the University of California, San Diego with a major in Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience. She works on research studies for Canavan Disease, ALD, CCALD, and AMN. Stacy loves learning about the science behind the diseases and feels and enjoys the patient interaction. Stacy is planning to go to graduate school and continue working in the rare disease world. Fun Fact: Stacy is a longtime Latin dancer-her favorites are being Brazilian Zouk and Bachata!



Cary Perogoy

Cary has been at the CRND since January 2022 and attended Northeastern University with a major in Behavioral Neuroscience. She works on research studies for Canavan, Late Onset Tay Sachs, AMN, and Vanishing White Matter Disease. Cary is passionate about helping people who have never seen a doctor who understands their disease finally feel understood and is currently going through the medical school application process. Fun Fact: She has an identical twin!



Elle Winter

Elle has been at the CRND for five months and attended Colgate University with a major in Molecular Biology. She works on research studies for Alexander's Disease, AMN, and Charcot-Marie Tooth Disease. She is passionate about working with rare disease communities and will go on to medical school for surgery. Fun Fact: She loves creative writing, and her favorite project is a 60+ page screenplay about the politics of high school friendships.