

Donna Sullivan

"When you understand the potential that paralysis research holds, it is difficult to ignore, and it is difficult for me to accept that some do."

9-29-08 Sen. Harkin sharing a statement on the floor of the Senate urging the passage of the CDRPA.

Corinne Jeanmaire

"I met and spoke with patients from different parts of the world. All have something in common: the impression that the medical world has given up on them. Acceptance should not mean resignation. It's high time the medical world, our politicians and society at large stop accepting the unacceptable and give patients the right to hope."

Barbara Carlile

"Urgency for a cure becomes greater as the numbers continue to grow. Care can no longer be enough. Patients, clinicians and researchers need to combine efforts to bring an end to paralysis."

Christopher Reeve

"So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable."

Martin Codyre

"Delegates, OPEN YOUR EYES, by not actively supporting funding and efforts to pursue translation of the scientific consensus that SCI is curable YOU are the impediment keeping millions in chairs and condemning millions more to the same fate."

This information is provided by an international collaboration of individuals, each of whom personally understands the impact of a spinal cord injury and is committed to working with others in a global effort to advance curative therapies.



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As science stands on the brink of a **cure for paralysis**, we ask members of the International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS) and American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) to refocus, realign, and redouble your efforts to help advance **promising science** to the bedside.

At a time when there has never been more hope, we remind you that together it is our responsibility to keep abreast of the status of basic, translational, and clinical scientific initiatives across the globe.

As advocates, we recognize that clinicians are an **important part of the chain** for curing paralysis and ask each of you to educate your patients with the facts about the compelling progress that is being made in the field of spinal cord injury research. This is not spreading false hope, it is fact.

The current state of science dictates that we work together to bring promising therapies from the lab to the bedside. No more should a consultant, neurologist or neurosurgeon need to utter the words

"you will never walk again."

Let's work together to educate patients on what science can realistically mean for them and future generations.

With all of our might, we will support those of you who will partner with us to **advance a cure.** Strive to cure spinal cord injuries with the same zest as you have cared for us.

Right now, together we can!