



## **Research Focus Areas:**

Pitt Hopkins Syndrome (PTHS): One \$73,473 pilot grant available. Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is due to a deficiency in the TCF4 gene and is characterized by severe developmental delays, including most being non-speaking and many being non-ambulatory. Other symptoms include extreme gastrointestinal issues (76%), debilitating anxiety (55%), episodic hyperventilation and/or breath-holding (34%), recurrent seizures/epilepsy (25%), and distinctive facial features. The Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation would like to focus this research on finding therapeutics and a cure for this debilitating syndrome and are not interested in natural history studies at this time. These grants are made possible by Team Pitt Hopkins Pedalers with the Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation.