



**Patricia Wood**

**Research Program Director & Founder**

**NBIA Disorders Association, USA**

- Patricia Wood is the founder of the NBIA Disorders Association, the first patient organization for neurodegeneration with brain iron accumulation disorders that was founded in 1996.
- She served as president of the organization for 27 years, with 2.8 million raised and funding NBIA research.
- She created a world-wide NBIA community for families, and encouraged new families from other countries to start organizations and work together to fund research and promote awareness, with an end goal of treatments and ultimately cures for all NBIA disorders.
- She has helped organize, and has participated, in every NBIA symposium since the first one in 2000, as well as organizing 12 family conferences where families, researchers and clinicians came together to learn and share with each other.
- Wood stepped down as president in September, 2023, taking on a new role as Research Program Director, where she is focusing on leading research initiatives for the organization and collaborating with other NBIA patient groups.
- The NBIA Disorders Association is also the fiscal sponsor of the NBIA Alliance, a group of ten NBIA organizations around the world, with her as the organization's liaison with other Alliance members.
- Wood has a daughter, Kimberly, who was diagnosed as idiopathic NBIA at three years old. Kimberly is now 38 and the gene responsible for her form of NBIA has not yet been found.