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## Orphan Diseases: Identifying Genes and Novel Therapeutics to Enhance Treatment (IGNITE)

<b>Integrated GE<sup>3</sup>LS Project</b>	Ethical Issues Related to Rare and Orphan Diseases
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### Project Description

The integrated GE<sup>3</sup>LS components will focus on the ethical aspects of rare and orphan diseases. The research activities will include determining how to allocate resources, assessing the opinions and needs of those afflicted with orphan diseases, and identifying the potential impact of novel drugs on these rare diseases.

The GE<sup>3</sup>LS research outcomes will be useful to patients with rare or orphan disorders both including and beyond those worked on by the scientific team.

Finally, these GE<sup>3</sup>LS results will be integrated into the project and assist in informing priorities for moving conditions forward for potential drug testing.