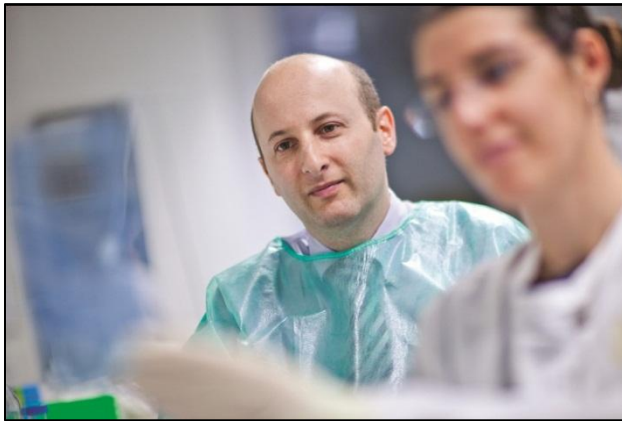


THE CURE FOR CHILDHOOD BRAIN CANCER STARTS NOW

-Pioneering Australian scientist tackles incurable cancer in a world-first-



Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick paediatric oncologist and Children's Cancer Institute Australia (CCIA) scientist, Dr David Ziegler, is undertaking a new research program for one of the most aggressive forms of childhood cancer, a brain tumour called diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG).

In August 2011 The Cure Starts Now (Australia) generously donated \$100,000 to CCIA, specifically for research into finding an effective treatment of DIPG.

With these funds Dr Ziegler will utilise the cutting-edge robotic technology in CCIA's Drug Discovery Centre to find new treatments.

“Currently there is no effective treatment, and sadly almost all young patients die within one year of being diagnosed with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma” says Dr Ziegler.

Dr Ziegler will perform a robotic screen of up to 160,000 small chemical molecules and work with the first ever cultured cells from DIPG patients, which came from the Stanford University in the USA.

Additional biopsy cells and autopsy samples will also be collected from Australian patients and stored in CCIA's Tumour Bank for ongoing research.

These will be the first collection of diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma samples in Australia and Dr Ziegler is hopeful the research will uncover drugs that have the potential to be developed into treatment for children diagnosed with DIPG.