



Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences Center for the Investigation of Morgellons Disease

Morgellons is a multi-system disease of unknown etiology
Morgellons disease is discounted by many public health officials and physicians
Physical and neurological symptoms are often dismissed or ignored
Sufferers are labeled with delusions of parasites or neurotic excoriations
OSU-CHS physicians/researchers have physical evidence of Morgellons Disease
Morgellons is not psychiatric in origin
Morgellons is an emergent disease

The Center for the Investigation of Morgellons Disease will facilitate successful research, treatment and an eventual cure for Morgellons Disease. The Center has three central goals:

Research Goals:

Tissue bank and specimen repository at OSU-CHS
Centralized collection site for samples
Cataloging of Morgellons-related specimens
Storage for future studies

Epidemiology of Morgellons Disease
Patient registrations on OSU-server
Formal epidemiological studies; initiated at OSU-CHS
Collaborate with public health officials and other universities

Biomedical research
Microscopic, chemical and spectroscopic analyses
Survey of microbiological populations
Explore possible links with environmental or genetic factors
Identify the cause of Morgellons Disease

Clinical Goals:

Improve the quality of life of Morgellons sufferers
Diagnostic evaluations
Treatment of associated symptoms
Partner with mental health professionals/organizations to participate in treatment
Offer hope for the future
Reduced number of suicides

Refine the case definition
Increased physician participation/observations

Identify optimal diagnostic markers
Develop optimal treatment protocols
Cure Morgellons Disease

Educational Goals:

Public education about Morgellons Disease
Disseminate future clinical information to the public

Educate public health officials
Disseminate information to city/county, state and CDC officials

Continuing medical education of physicians
Research/treatment seminars
Annual conference for presentation of research and clinical progress