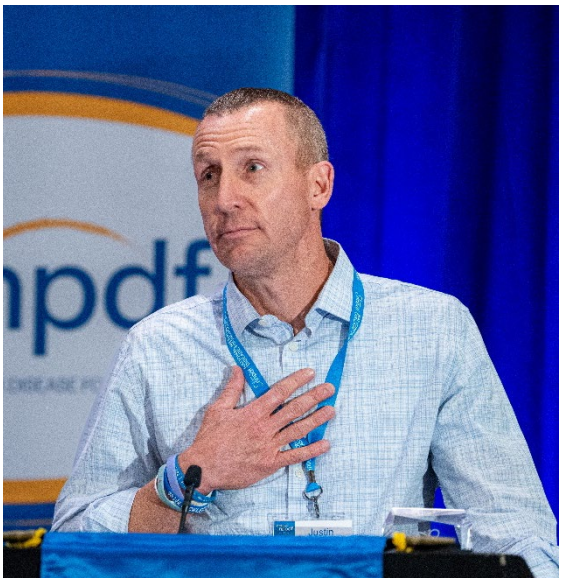
2025 NNPDF Persevere Award
Justin Hopkin



NNPDF is honored to recognize Justin Hopkin as the 2025 Persevere Award recipient for his incredible, ongoing support to our Niemann-Pick community.

Few words can fully capture the scope of Justin's contributions to this community, especially with so much of his work happening behind the scenes.

Justin has served as Chair of the NNPDF Board - not just once, but for two full terms - and even stayed on for an additional year to ensure a smooth leadership transition. He's also been an active member of the Scientific Advisory Board, a respected moderator at conferences and virtual panels, a strong advocate for newborn screening, and has been deeply involved with the INPDA and countless other efforts.

But his impact goes far beyond titles.

He is a devoted and loving father to a child affected by ASMD, and he has remained a consistent, compassionate presence across the entire ASMD and NPC Niemann-Pick community.

He's a physician, a thought leader, a policy driver, and a tireless advocate. He's led efforts with pharmaceutical companies to accelerate the development and delivery of therapies, presented at countless family and medical conferences, drafted letters to the FDA, driven policy changes, and published critical work that represents the voice of the disease community.

Justin continues to give his time, expertise, and heart - without asking for anything in return.

He is the true example of perseverance, humility, and leadership. His relentless pursuit of treatment options and access for all in need makes it hard to imagine this community without him or the lasting impact he has made - and continues to make - every single day.