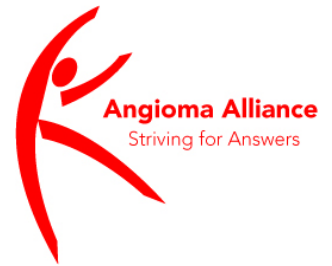


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### **Angioma Alliance Hires New Chief Scientific Officer to Facilitate Research Efforts**

NORFOLK, Va. – Oct. 6– Angioma Alliance has hired Amy Akers, Ph.D, to fill the position of chief scientific officer. Akers will be in charge of all aspects of the Angioma Alliance DNA/Tissue Bank in addition to overseeing the implementation of new research initiatives. Akers will also be responsible for developing the program for Angioma Alliance’s annual Pathobiology of CCM Scientific Workshop and interfacing with the National Institute of Health program management to encourage continued prioritization and funding of cerebral cavernous angioma research.

“Having Dr. Akers as part of our organization will enable us to put intense, targeted effort into the search for a cure. I am very excited that she has joined us,” said Angioma Alliance president, Connie Lee.

This search for a cure is a large part of Angioma Alliance’s mission, and is the driving force behind the creation of the Chief Scientific Officer position, which Akers is the first to fill.

Akers comes to Angioma Alliance from Duke University where she worked in the lab of distinguished cavernous angioma researcher Doug Marchuk, Ph.D. Akers is a geneticist whose focus of research was developing mouse models for cavernous angioma. In addition, her genetics studies have succeeded in identifying a model for the underlying mechanism for the genesis of cavernous angioma lesions.

### **About Angioma Alliance**

Angioma Alliance is a patient-directed network founded in 2002 and dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by cavernous angioma. Angioma Alliance informs, supports, and empowers individuals affected by cavernous angioma and is committed to driving research for a cure. Angioma Alliance is located in Norfolk, Virginia. For more information about Cavernous Angioma and Angioma Alliance visit [www.angioma.org](http://www.angioma.org).

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