

## **Helping to get Correct Diagnosis**

Majority of rare diseases including GNE Myopathy are due to genetic alterations. Many diseases could have overlapping symptoms, thus confusing the diagnosis. Confirmed diagnosis of these diseases, which involves DNA analysis, including sequencing is essential for patients to avail of correct therapies as and when these become available. Unfortunately, DNA testing is very expensive and beyond the reach of many families with a rare disease patient. We plan to help these families by offering financial help in getting DNA tests done. In addition, we are planning to develop an inexpensive gait analysis system for automated detection of “foot drop”, an early sign of many myopathies and neuropathies including GNE Myopathy. Your contributions could go a long way towards improving diagnostic mechanisms and giving people the certainty of a confirmed diagnosis.