



NervGen Statement on the Passing of Dr. Jerry Silver, Nerve Repair Pioneer and Renowned Scientist

It is with profound sadness that we must share the news of the passing of Dr. Jerry Silver, a pioneering scientist and visionary in the field of neuro-regeneration. Known by many in the spinal cord injury research community as the “oracle” for his bold predictions and breakthrough discoveries, Dr. Silver, who passed away at the age of 77, was a Professor of Neurosciences at Case Western Reserve University’s School of Medicine and an adjunct Professor in the Department of Neurosurgery at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He was the brilliant inventor of NervGen’s lead drug candidate, NVG-291, and his groundbreaking research has paved the way for innovative treatments in several fields.

A prolific contributor to the scientific community, Dr. Silver authored over 180 publications and was the recipient of numerous prestigious accolades, including the Ameritec Prize for significant contributions toward a cure for paralysis. In 2003, he was also honored with the Christopher Reeve-Joan Irvine Research Medal (The Reeve-Irvine Medal) in recognition of his critical work in advancing the repair of damaged spinal cords. Dr. Silver was an invaluable advisor to NervGen and became a mentor and source of inspiration for scientists around the globe.

The following are statements from the leadership at NervGen:

“The loss of our scientific founder, Dr. Jerry Silver, is devastating to all of us at NervGen”, said Dr. Harold Punnett, co-founder and Board Member of NervGen. “He is the reason we are here today striving to develop this technology; a technology born from his decades of research to help people with spinal cord injuries. From my first interaction with Jerry, over eight years ago, he was always kind, always helpful, always encouraging. His passion was infectious, and no one could tell the NervGen story the way Jerry did. He became a close friend with whom I shared a singular mission. I feel his loss deeply. Whatever the future holds for NervGen it will always be tinged with sadness that I will not have him to share it with. Jerry told me many times that as long as he was alive, he would never give up the fight and he more than fulfilled that promise. It is left to us now at NervGen to continue his brilliant work and do everything we can to develop this drug for the benefit of the SCI community. We will not give up either.”

"The loss of Dr. Jerry Silver is a deep and personal one for all of us at NervGen and we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family," said Mike Kelly, NervGen’s President and Chief Executive Officer. "His extraordinary wisdom, boundless passion, and unwavering dedication to his work have left an indelible mark on our company and the people we hope to serve. Dr. Silver’s legacy will continue to inspire and guide us as we work to advance the development of neurorestorative therapies and bring hope to those affected by nerve damage."