

Insights from Jeffrey M. Ostrove, Ph.D., President and COO of Ceregene

Ceregene's primary focus since it was founded in January of 2001 has been the discovery and development of novel therapeutics for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases using gene therapy systems. These diseases, such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, result from loss of specific groups of cells in the brain.

Alzheimer's disease, the most common neurodegenerative disorder, currently affects over 4 million Americans and leads to costs of \$20-40 billion each year for patient care. Parkinson's disease is a devastating neurodegenerative disorder that afflicts between 1 and 1.5 million Americans. The causes of both diseases remain unknown. Current drugs ease symptoms without concentrating on the cause, but Ceregene concentrates its research and product development efforts using on vivo gene delivery technology to keep healthy, normal brain cells alive.

When Jeffrey Ostrove, Ph.D., joined Ceregene as President and Chief Operating Officer, he realized quickly that they would need a larger lab space in which to conduct their research. He had worked with Irving Hughes in the past and turned again to them for assistance. Irving Hughes looked ahead to future lab requirements and examined models of growth of other research companies. Understanding Ceregene's need for a building that was heavy on laboratory space versus office space, Irving Hughes found an ideal 21,000 square-foot facility in the UTC area. Says Ostrove, "Irving Hughes went on to help negotiate our lease and worked with everyone from the architects to the general contractors to make sure our needs were met. They were there at all hours and went above and beyond what we expected."

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