Key words describing research program:

- polymyositis
- dermatomyositis
- Interstitial lung disease
- phenotype
- autoantibody

Titles for shovel-ready research projects:

- Clinical epidemiological research in Polymyositis and Dermatomyositis as well as myositis associated interstitial lung disease
  a) clinical phenotype and prognosis of various different myositis specific autoantibody,
  b) efficacy and safety of medications used in myositis,
  c) predictors and outcomes of interstitial lung disease in myositis,
- Patient reported outcomes and functional outcomes in myositis. We have 50 patient longitudinal study database which evaluated various outcome measures on patients with myositis including PROs, functional measures, physical activity measures and traditional myositis disease activity assessments.

Data sources for shovel-ready research projects:

- Univ. of Pittsburgh Myositis database of patient registry from 1985 - current
- PAMPRO study database