



CF REALTY NETWORK

Realty Giving, Inc. is a national real estate referral service representing over 500 US cities. Realty Giving has created an easy way for individuals to ensure that a portion of the commissions from their real estate transaction benefits those with Cystic Fibrosis. When you contact Realty Giving at www.cfrealtynetwork.com, they will contact one of their network professionals and other qualified relocation networks to service you in your desired marketplace. Then after closing on your home, a portion of the transaction fees will be donated to your local Cystic Fibrosis Chapter or to the Boomer Esiason Foundation.

California Real Estate Broker and Realtor, Rod Aragon, created CFrealtynetwork.com in the memory of his sister who died from CF at age 20. Aragon states, "I believe that by focusing on a Real Estate and mortgage commission contribution, we will make huge strides in helping find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. In addition, we hope that our unique business model will inspire (other businesses) to act to help transform lives in monumental proportions."

Cough Frequency Data to Act as a new outcome measure in evaluating treatments for CF

PTC Therapeutics, Inc. (PTC) data suggests that the quantification of cough frequency may offer a clinically meaningful outcome measure in CF. According to data, patients with CF cough 324 to 1,569 times per day, with an average of 643 coughs per day, while healthy individuals generally cough fewer than 16 times in an entire day.

"Frequent and intense coughing has a profound effect on the overall quality of life of the patient – compromising work, school, sleep and social interactions." stated Eitan Kerem, M.D., head of the Department of Pediatrics and Cystic Fibrosis Center, Hadassah University Hospital.

The study was designed to assess cough frequency as a measure of clinical benefit. Quantitative measurement was achieved using a new technology which integrates cough signals from chest wall motion transducers and a throat microphone and stores the data for computer analysis. Patients included 19 adults not in CF exacerbation, compliance was excellent, with cough data collected for a median of 24 hours.