Morgellons is a multi-system disease of unknown etiology
Morgellons disease is discounted by many public health officials and physicians
Physical and neurological symptoms are often dismissed or ignored
Sufferers are labeled with delusions of parasites or neurotic excoriations
OSU-CHS physicians/researchers have physical evidence of Morgellons Disease
Morgellons is not psychiatric in origin
Morgellons is an emergent disease

The Center for the Investigation of Morgellons Disease will facilitate successful research, treatment and an eventual cure for Morgellons Disease. The Center has three central goals:

Research Goals:
Tissue bank and specimen repository at OSU-CHS
   Centralized collection site for samples
   Cataloging of Morgellons-related specimens
   Storage for future studies
Epidemiology of Morgellons Disease
   Patient registrations on OSU-server
   Formal epidemiological studies; initiated at OSU-CHS
   Collaborate with public health officials and other universities
Biomedical research
   Microscopic, chemical and spectroscopic analyses
   Survey of microbiological populations
   Explore possible links with environmental or genetic factors
   Identify the cause of Morgellons Disease

Clinical Goals:
Improve the quality of life of Morgellons sufferers
   Diagnostic evaluations
   Treatment of associated symptoms
   Partner with mental health professionals/organizations to participate in treatment
   Offer hope for the future
   Reduced number of suicides
Refine the case definition
   Increased physician participation/observations
Identify optimal diagnostic markers
Develop optimal treatment protocols
Cure Morgellons Disease

Educational Goals:
Public education about Morgellons Disease
   Disseminate future clinical information to the public
Educate public health officials
   Disseminate information to city/county, state and CDC officials
Continuing medical education of physicians
Research/treatment seminars
Annual conference for presentation of research and clinical progress