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The financial value of the Donaghue Foundation is referred to as our *principal* — the assets we hold in trust for research. Our *values* include a slightly different word: *principle* is the second of our four stated Foundation values. Donaghue values principle because ongoing adherence to basic rules helps to temper our flexibility with discipline and give us a consistent compass for policy and practice. By testing our creative instincts against predetermined guideposts, we hope to maintain a balance in our decision making. For example, we strive to be both principled and practical; our readings of our own rules must make sense in any particular context if we are to follow Miss Donaghue's common sense practicality in our work. And right there we have one of our most influential guiding principles: Do what Miss Donaghue would have done herself. A few other guiding principles: practical benefit; collaboration; moral obligation to Hartford; being the "somebody" who acts when somebody should, especially when, *but for Donaghue*, something won't happen. ▣

