



3RD ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

A VIRTUAL EVENT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021 | 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

8:00 AM	Login/Exhibitor Hall
8:30 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashlee Vargason, MGC, CGC – <i>President, MDCGC</i> Ashley Jachens, MGC, CGC and Colleen Jodarski, MGC, CGC– <i>Chairs, State Meeting and Education Committee</i>
8:45 AM	Keynote Speaker: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) and the Practice of Genetic Counseling: How and Why it Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Samuel Richards, PhD, HPS - <i>Department of Sociology, Penn State University</i>
10:15AM	Break
10:20 AM	Pharmacogenetics and Genetic Counseling: An Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephanie Ashley, MGC, CGC <i>Everly Health</i>
10:50 AM	Use and Impact of Visual Aids on Communication Dynamics During Genetic Counseling Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caralynn Wilczewski, PhD, ScM – <i>National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health</i>
11:10 AM	I Speak Grief - The Language and Discussions of Death and Dying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heather Silver, LCSW-C, CPLC - <i>SilverLeaf Counseling/The Bill Sweeney Perinatal Care Charity</i>
12:00 PM	Lunch Break – Please use this time to visit our sponsors in the Exhibitor Hall
12:30 PM	More to See: How Genomes are Revolutionizing Genetic Testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine Stanley PhD, FACMG - <i>Chief Director Clinical Genomics, Variantyx</i>

1:15 PM	<p>Patient Support and Research Registry</p> <p>Fundamentals of Jordan's Syndrome, Research Efforts for Treatment/Cure, Advocacy Efforts and Psychosocial Considerations, Family Stories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carole Bakhos, Project Director - <i>Jordan's Guardian Angels</i>
1:30 PM	<p>PPP2R1A and PPP2R5D Simons Searchlight Research Registry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Kowanda, PhD, MSc, CGC – <i>Simons Foundation</i>
1:45 PM	<p>Patient Support & Research Registry Q&A with Carole Bakhos and Michelle Kowanda</p>
2:00 PM	<p>Genetic Causes of Cerebral Palsy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Cohen, ScM, CGC – <i>Kennedy Krieger Institute</i>
2:30 PM	<p>Break</p>
2:45 PM	<p>The Utility of Registries for Patients with Germline Mutations in a Rapidly Evolving Treatment Landscape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Channing Paller, MD - <i>Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center, Johns Hopkins University</i> • Justin Lorentz, MSc, CGC - <i>Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre</i> • Heather Cheng, MD, PhD - <i>Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, University of Washington</i>
3:30 PM	<p>Inside the Pediatric Cancer Predisposition Clinic: Considerations and Resources for Your Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rose McGee, MS, CGC – <i>St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital</i>
4:00 PM	<p>Closing Remarks and Evaluations</p>
4:25 PM	<p>Happy Hour and MDCGC Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) Subcommittee: Results of DEIJ Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christy Smith, ScM, CGC - <i>Department of Genetic Medicine, Johns Hopkins University</i> • Alyssa Blesson, MGC, CGC - <i>Kennedy Krieger Institute</i>

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