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Three days of dialogue and deliberation on all things rare: from research and policy to action and better outcomes

The largest and most significant gathering of rare disease advocates from patients to policy makers, from gene manipulators to Al gurus, from local support groups to international research networks coming together to Create a Vision for Rare Disease in the 21st

Century and Develop Action Plans from Local to Global

Hosted by Rare Disease International & Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders (CORD)



Friday, May 10, 2019: Vision for Rare Disease in 21st Century

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast: Grand East Ballroom
8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Welcome to Rare Disease in the 21st Century Welcome: Why Rare Disease Matters • Durhane Wong-Rieger, Chair, Rare Disease International • Maureen Smith, Board Member, Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders
	 Senator Mary Harney, Former Minister of Health (Ireland) Peter Goodhand, CEO, Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, Board Member, Global Alliance for Genomics & Health Chris McMaster, Scientific Director, CIHR Institute of Genetics Sébastien Martel, Global Head of Rare Diseases, Sanofi
	Advances in Rare Disease Facilitator: Bill Dempster, 3Sixty Public Affairs David Malkin, The Hospital for Sick Children Gareth Baynam, Western Australia Health Department (Australia) Eileen Treacy, National Rare Diseases (Ireland) Hartmann Wellhoefer, Takeda Pharmaceuticals
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Plenary: How Advocates Transformed the Rare Disease Landscape Introduction: Transformative Role of Advocacy in Advancing Rare Disease - Bert Bruce, Pfizer 1. Celebration of Rare Disease Heroes (and their impact) • Yann LeCam, Europe • Marlene Haffner, USA • Min-Chieh Tseng, Taiwan • Anders Olauson, Sweden



10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Networking Break
11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	 2. How Rare Disease Helped Transform the Healthcare Landscape Facilitator: Cate McCready, BIOTECanada Diagnostic Breakthroughs: From Newborn Screening to Next Gen Sequencing - Kym Boycott, CHEO Transforming Rare Disease Research through Transnational Funding - Daria Julkowska, E-Rare Net Using Genomics to Match Rare Disease Patients to Therapies - Jan Friedman, University of British Columbia Applying Digital Technologies to Rare Disease Diagnosis, Care, Treatment, and Cure - Michael Liebman, IPQ Analytics, LLC Patient Communities: How AI is Transforming the Patient Experience - Lynda Brown-Ganzert, Curatio Patient Communities: How AI is Transforming the Patient Experience - Lynda Brown-Ganzert, Curatio Patient Communities: How AI is Transforming the Patient Experience - Lynda Brown-Ganzert, Curatio Patient Communities: How AI is Transforming the Patient Experience - Lynda Brown-Ganzert, Curatio Patient Communities: How AI is Transforming the Patient Experience - Lynda Brown-Ganzert, Curatio Patient Communities: How AI is Transforming the Patient Experience - Lynda Brown-Ganzert, Curatio
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Voice of the Patients Introduction: Gareth Baynam, University of Western Australia Tori Lacey, Canada Sherry Caldwell, Canada Eda Selebatso, Botswana Migdalia Denis, Latin America
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Patient-Focused Drug Development - Joint afternoon session with RE(ACT) Introduction: Olivier Menzel, Blackswan Foundation Researchers and Regulators • Marlene Haffner, USA • Nick Sireau, UK • Larissa Lapteva, USA



	Calvin Ho, USA
	Soo-Kyung Lee, USA
3:30 p.m. –	Patients, Parents, and Patient Groups
4:30 p.m.	Facilitator: Pamela Graves-Moore, Sanofi Genzyme
	Tracy Kirby, Batten Disease Support and Research Foundation
	John-Peter Bradford, Life-Savings Therapies Network
	Tanya Collin-Histed, International Gaucher Alliance
	Christina Mutene, Rare Disease Kenya
	Tatiana Kulesha, Ukrainian Association of Pulmonary Hypertension

Please note: Events below are separate ticketed events, which are **NOT** included with the conference registration fee.

6:00 p.m.	Wine Reception (outside Grand East Ballroom)
7:00 p.m.	Rare Disease Awards Gala Dinner Celebration: Grand West Ballroom



Saturday, May 11, 2019: Educational Forum

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast: Grand East Ballroom		
8:30 a.m. –	Welcome: Wayne Critchley, CORD		
10:15 a.m.	Opening Plenary: Embracing New Opportunities and Challenges for Rare Disease in 21 st Century		
	Success Stories: Patients, Treaters, Researchers, Policy Makers		
	1. Patients: Dorica Dan, Romania, K.P. Tsang, Hong Kong		
	2. Alliances: Gail Ouellette, Regroupement Québécois des Maladies Orphelines		
	3. Industry: Donatello Crocetta, Takeda		
	Panel Discussion: Building on Success and Tending to Unintended Consequences Facilitator: Jane Farhnam, CORD		
	1. Trends in Rare Disease Treatment - Murray Aitken, IQVIA		
	2. Rare Disease by the Numbers - Debby Lambert, Orphanet		
	3. Researcher/Developer - Michael Hayden, BC Children's Hospital		
	4. Rare Disease Treatment Access - Judith Glennie, PRISM		
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Refreshment Break (participants move into dialogue streams)		
	Three Parallel Dialogue Streams (Overview)		
	STREAM ONE (Grand East Ballroom)		
	Translating Research into Care and Treatment		
	Ending the Diagnostic Odyssey: Genomics, AI, Databases		
	Tools and Support for Patient and Parent Engagement		
	Empowering the Whole Person		



STREAM TWO (Grand Centre Ballroom)

Innovations in Therapy: Treating More and Curing Some

- Curative Therapies: Next Step for Rare Diseases?
- Strategies for Access to Innovative Therapies
- Drivers of Drug Development

STREAM THREE (Grand West Ballroom)

Addressing Issues of Diversity and Equity in Rare Disease

- Strategies for Addressing Rare Disease in Emerging Healthcare Systems
- Grassroots Strategies Across the Globe
- Challenges of Rare Disease Specific to Underserved Populations

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

STREAM ONE:

ROOM: Grand East Ballroom

Translating Research into Care and Treatment

Winning the Race to Diagnosis

Facilitator: Alex MacKenzie, CHEO

- Reducing the Diagnostic Odyssey for Children: How A Global Commission is Helping Shape the Path Forward - Peter Jones, Microsoft Health
- 2. How structured data is streamlining genomic diagnosis as part of the first pan-Canadian rare disease data repository, Genomics4RD Orion Buske, PhenoTips
- GenCOUNSEL: Optimizing Genetic Counselling with the Clinical Implementation of Genome-Wide

STREAM TWO:

ROOM: Grand Centre Ballroom

Innovations in Therapy: Treating More and Curing Some

Curative Therapies: Next Step for Rare Diseases?

Facilitator: Ian Stedman, York University

- Using CRISPR to Unravel Gene Networks in Rare Disorders - Kristin Kantautus and Ashwin Seetharaman, University of Toronto
- Gene Therapy for Single Gene Defects: Example of SMA - Susan Manganaro, AveXis
- How CAR-T Cells are Killing Tumours and Saving Lives - Ronan Foley, Juravinski Hospital, McMaster University

STREAM THREE:

ROOM: Grand West Ballroom

Addressing Issues of Diversity and Equity in Rare Disease

Rare Advances at National, Regional, and Global Levels

Facilitator: Lisa Safarty, NORD

- China Shuyang Zhang, Peking Union Medical Hospital
- 2. Colombia Gérman Escobar, Director of Health, ProPacífico
- 3. EU Countries Dorica Dan, Romanian National Alliance for Rare Diseases
- 4. Hong Kong K.P. Tsang HK Alliance for Rare Diseases
- 5. WHO Universal Health Coverage Policies and Practices to Insure "no patient is left behind" regardless of social, economic,



	Sequencing - Alison Elliott, University of British Columbia 4. CHEOmics Clinic - Alison Eaton - CHEO 5. Reflections from Parent Who Also Happens to be a Genetics Professional - Mazdak Bagherie, University Health Network Discussion	4. Advancing Cell and Gene Therapies for Hemoglobinopathies - Kevin Kuo, University Health Network Discussion	and political circumstances: Inclusion of Rare Diseases - Yann LeCam Discussion
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch		
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	STREAM ONE: ROOM: Grand East Ballroom	STREAM TWO: ROOM: Grand Centre Ballroom	STREAM THREE: ROOM: Grand West Ballroom
z:su p.m.	Designing Pathways to Patient-Centered Care Facilitator: Sandra Anderson, Innomar Strategies 1. Disease modeling: Real world patients and Real-world practice of medicine - Michael Liebman, IPQ Analytics 2. European Reference Networks: Cross country collaboration and best practices (Galactosaemia) - Eileen Treacy, National Rare Diseases Ireland 3. Best Practice Case: Hemophilia - David Page, Canadian Hemophilia Society 4. Best Practice Case: CAPS - Ron Laxer, The Hospital for Sick Children	Programs and Strategies for Access to Innovative Therapies Facilitator: Devidas Menon, University of Alberta 1. Tania Stafinski University of Alberta 2. Suzanne McGurn, Ontario Public Drug Programs 3. Edmund Jessop, former adviser HSTP, NICE	 Grassroots Strategies Across the Globe Facilitator: Ferg Mills, Innomar Strategies 1. Taiwan Foundation for Rare Disorders - Min-Chieh Tseng 2. Agrenska: A Rare Service Model - Anders Olauson 3. Community-based RD Networks - Rachel Yang, Chinese Organization for Rare Disorders 4. RDD Japan 10th Anniversary - Yukiko Nishimura 5. Newborn screening and Comprehensive Care Program for Sickle Cell Disease in



	5. Bone marrow as a Vehicle for Correction of Rare Disorders: Donna Wall, The Hospital for Sick Children		Ghana - Isaac Odame, The Hospital for Sick Children
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Refreshment Break		
2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	STREAM ONE: ROOM: Grand East Ballroom Empowering the Whole Person Facilitator: Maureen Smith, CORD 1. Designing Care for and by Families - Isabel Jordan, Rare Disease Foundation 2. RareConnect: Connecting and Engaging Rare Disease Patients Globally - Matthew Osmond, CHEO 3. Psychological, Behavioural, Social & Ethical Aspects of Rare Neurological Disease: Ataxia - George Chandu/Ramaiah Muthyala, Indian Organization for Rare Disorders 4. Engaging Young People with Rare Diseases Around the Globe - Brynne Dalmao, HDYO 5. Use of Clinical Patient Registries to Inform Best Practices Including Access to Therapies - Craig Campbell, London Health Sciences Centre Discussion	STREAM TWO: ROOM: Grand Centre Ballroom Drivers of Drug Development – Regulatory Collaboration Facilitator: Oxana Iliach, IQVIA 1. Canada's regulatory approach to drugs for rare diseases - Fiona Frappier, Health Canada 2. European regulatory approaches to drugs for rare diseases - Daniel O'Connor, European Medicines Agency/Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, UK 3. Medical Product Development for Rare Diseases: FDA perspective - Lucas Kempf, US Food and Drug Administration, CDER Larissa Lapteva, US Food and Drug Administration, CBER	STREAM THREE: ROOM: Grand West Ballroom Ethnic and Diversity Issues Facilitator: Geneviève Dubois-Flynn, CIHR 1. Inclusion in Clinical Trials - Jeff Keefer, IQVIA 2. Indigenous Populations Silent Genome Project - Laura Arbour, University of Victoria 3. Addressing Rare across French Canada - Gail Ouellette, RQMO 4. State-of-the-Art Across Key Countries and Pathways to Progress - Eva Maria Ruiz de Castilla, EMOLUVA Partners LLC 5. Engaging Medical Students in Rare Disease - Jessie Kulaga-Yoskovitz and Kristin Hunt, McGill University Discussion



Sunday, May 12, 2019: Skills Training and Capacity Building

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast: Sheraton E
9:00 a.m. –	Overview of Day 1 & 2
9:30 a.m.	Durhane Wong-Rieger, CORD
	PARTICIPANTS MOVE INTO WORKSHOP SESSIONS
9:30 am –	Theme One: Diagnosis and Beyond
12:00 pm	ROOM: Sheraton E - north side
	WORKSHOP A: Genetic Counselling: Making Sense of Newborn Screening and Genetic Diagnoses - Breanne Dale, Andrea Djolovic, Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors, Alison Elliot, University of British Columbia
	Theme Three: Platforms for Rare Disease Collaboration and Coordination
	ROOM: Osgoode West
	WORKSHOP C: APEC Rare Disease Framework: Designing and Developing National Plans - Cameron Milliner, Sue Fletcher, Co-Chairs APEC Rare Disease Network
	Theme Four: Access to Rare Disease Medicines
	ROOM: Sheraton A
	WORKSHOP D: Alternative Access Schemes: Managed Access (Entry) Programs with Risk Sharing - Tania Stafinski, University of Alberta, Judith Glennie, PRISM
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	Theme Five: Patient-Engagement Skills Development
	ROOM: Sheraton B
	WORKSHOP E: NCATS Toolkit for Patient Focused Therapy Development - Eric Sid, NIH, NCATS Office of Rare Diseases Research
	Theme Six: Rare Cancer Networks and Personalized Care
	ROOM: Sheraton C
	Facilitator: Ellen Coleman, VOZ Advisors
	WORKSHOP F: Rare Cancer Networks Bridging Common Cancers and Rare Conditions - John Hopper, Co-Chairman, NORD Rare Cancer Coalition, Lisa Machado, CORD/Canadian CML Network, Louise Binder, Save Your Skin
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH
1:00 p.m. –	Theme One: Diagnosis and Beyond
3:30 p.m.	ROOM: Sheraton E - north side
	Facilitators: Safiyya Gassman, Pfizer, Durhane Wong-Rieger, CORD
	WORKSHOP G: Cell and Gene Therapy from Laboratory to Market - Mark Lundie, Pfizer Canada, Jerry Teitel, St. Michael's Hospital, Jay Konduros, Advocate, Danielle Rollmann, Next Wave Consulting, Edward Benz, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
	Theme Two: Empowering the Patient Community
	ROOM: Sheraton E - south side
	WORKSHOP H: Empowering and Supporting Caregivers
	Supporting the Patient Ecosystem - Cheryl Petruk, Canadian MPN Network
	Move On: Dealing with Anger and Anxiety - Karen Tompkins, Parent Advocate; Joubert Syndrome and Related Disorders
	Theme Three: Platforms for Rare Disease Collaboration and Coordination



WORKSHOP I: Unleashing the Power of Real-World Evidence - Efficiently Delivering Regulatory Grade Data at Last - Femida Gwadry-Sridhar, Pulse Infoframe
Theme Four: Patient Registries, Data Sharing, and Targeted Therapies
ROOM: Sheraton A
WORKSHOP J: From Genetic Research to Precision Therapy
CoRDS Program and Targeted Therapy Research - Benjamin Forred, Sanford Research
How NORD Fosters Patient-Driven Registries - Pam Gavin, NORD, Jessica Bohonowych, Foundation for Prader-Willi Research
Theme Five: Patient-Engagement Skills Development
ROOM: Sheraton B
WORKSHOP K: Organizational Skills Building
Essential and Best Practices for Small Organizations - Devon Pfeil, Global Genes
Social Media 1.0 and 2.0 - Rose Mary Moegling, Global Genes
Theme Six: Orphan Drug Pricing for Innovation and Access
ROOM: Sheraton C
WORKSHOP L: Project Hercules: A UK Duchenne Global Collaboration - Josie Godfrey, JG Zebra Consulting
Conference concludes



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