



In-Person Agenda

All times noted are ET Time Zone. Sessions will be in the Caribbean Ballroom in the Convention Center unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, May 30, 2024

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM First Time Attendee Session
Speakers: Joel Sutherland and Dana Mauro
Room: Grand Sierra A-C

Friday, May 31, 2024

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Daily Welcome
Speakers: Andrew Rosen, Bill Nye the Science Guy

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM Newly Diagnosed & Prepping for a Neurologist Visit
Speaker: Vikram Shakkottai, MD, PhD

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Birds of a Feather Breakouts
Speakers and Room Locations: See Full List in Program

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Core Strengthening Workshop
Speaker: Elizabeth Foss, OTR/L

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch Break
Concessions available for purchase in Caribbean Foyer

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM Medications and Diet for Ataxia
Speaker: Liana Rosenthal, MD, PhD

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM Assistive Technology and Strategies to Mitigate Speech and Swallowing Impairments in Ataxia
Speaker: Allison Hilger, PhD

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM Break

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Birds of a Feather Breakouts
Speakers and Room Locations: See Full List in Program

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Core Strengthening Workshop
Speaker: Elizabeth Foss, OTR/L

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Meet and Greet Reception

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Saturday, June 1, 2024

- 8:30 AM - 8:45 PM Daily Welcome & The Ebb and Flow of Drug Development
Speakers: Joel Sutherland, Dana Mauro, and Wendy Agnese, PhD
- 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM Insights from the Social Worker
Speaker: Lauren Zelouf, MSW, LCSW
- 9:15 AM - 9:45 AM A Palliative Care Approach to Ataxia
Speaker: Jocelyn Jiao, MD
- 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM Neuropsychology in Ataxia
Speaker: Aaron Ritter, MD
- 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM Home Modifications & ADL Independence
Speaker: Elizabeth Foss, OTR/L
- 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM Living with Ataxia - Panel Discussion
Speakers: Liam Dougherty, Kory Macy & Shelbi Davenport; Moderator: Sarah Pilato
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Lunch Break
Concessions available for purchase in Caribbean Foyer
- 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM Rehabilitation Strategies & Mobility Devices
Speaker: Amy Bastian, PhD
- 1:45 PM - 2:30 PM Genetic Testing & Family Planning
Speakers: Meron Azage, MS, CGC & Jessica Oberlin
- 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM Break
- 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM A Birds Eye View Research update
Speakers: Lauren Moore, PhD
- 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM Information, Connection, and Community: Services Offered by NAF
Speaker: Celeste Suart, PhD
- 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Closing Remarks & Research Awards
Speakers: Joel Sutherland, Lauren Moore, PhD
- 7:00 PM - 11:30 PM Banquet/Dance Party
Speaker: Al Freedman, PhD
Buffet dinner and water provided. Cash bar available.