

THE RYR-1 FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL FAMILY CONFERENCE 2025 AGENDA

Thursday, July 24, 2025

Time	Open Hours: Registration, Lounges, and Kids' Club	Room
12:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Registration Desk	Glenn Foyer
12:00 pm - 9:00 pm	The Social Hub: Adult Lounge Experience	Earhart A
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm	The Funhouse Clubhouse (Kids' Club for Ages 5 - 12)	Lindberg AB
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm	The Teen Spot (Teen Lounge for Ages 13 - 17)	Wright B
Time	Event	Room
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Happy Hour Starts Now: Bar Open (Cash Bar)	Regency Foyer & Allegheny Foyer
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Mix & Mingle: Welcome Cocktail Soirée	Regency Foyer Allegheny Foyer Allegheny ABC
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Strength In Numbers: Welcome & Family Introductions	Regency Ballroom AB

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7:30 am - 5:00 pm	Registration Desk		Glenn Foyer
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	The Social Hub: Adult Lounge Experience Open		Earhart A
9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	The Funhouse Clubhouse (Kids' Club for Ages 5 - 12)		Lindberg AB
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Time	Event	Speaker	Room
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast Natural History Study Opportunity - NIH		Regency Ballroom
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Overview of RYR-1-Related Diseases (RYR-1-RD)	Carsten Bönnemann, MD, habil	Regency Ballroom
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Genetics 101	Livija Medne, MS, LCGC	Regency Ballroom
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Interpreting Genetic Test Results	Andrew McCarty, MS, CGC	Regency Ballroom
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Mechanism and Functional Readouts of <i>RYR1</i> Variants	Robert Dirksen, PhD Filip Van Petegem, PhD	Regency Ballroom
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Expert Panel: Sequela of RYR-1-RD	Moderator: Lindsay Goldberg, BSN, RN Panelists: Carsten Bönnemann, MD, habil Payam Mohassel, MD Nicol Voermans, MD, PhD	Regency Ballroom
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Q&A: RYR-1-RD Session	All of the Above	Regency Ballroom
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch & Group Photo Effective Fundraising: Tactics that Work - Emily Pedersen, Amy & Courtney Perrin, & Courtney Woomer		Regency Ballroom
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Psychosocial Insights: An Introductory Guide Breakout Groups	Julie Bowden, PsyD	Regency Ballroom
1:45 pm - 2:15 pm	Patient-Led Panels: Accommodate & Thrive: A Patient-Led Panel on School Support Challenges & Triumphs: Living with Malignant Hyperthermia Phenotype Dating with Confidence: A Patient-Led Conversation Concurrent Session: Psychosocial Breakout Groups	Lauren Heft, Emily Pedersen, & Amy Perrin Bob Hanich, Cody Hodgson, & Curt Keller Jeni Ryan Julie Bowden, PsyD	Allegheny AB Yeager AB Earhart CD Regency Ballroom
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Break		
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Gene Therapy: Current Progress in Treating Neuromuscular Diseases and Future Hopes for RYR1-Related Myopathies	Isabelle Marty, PhD	Regency Ballroom
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Expert Panel: Fueling Innovation: The RYR-1 Foundation's Research Grants	Moderator: Michael Goldberg, MD, MPH Panelists: Selene Ingusci, PhD Afrooz Rashnonejad, MSc, PhD Hichem Tasfaout, PhD, PharmD, MS Saverio Tedesco, MD, PhD	Regency Ballroom
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Expert Panel: Exploring Current Treatment Options	Moderator: Michael Goldberg, MD, MPH Panelists: Payam Mohassel, MD Sheila Riazzi, MSc, MD, FRCPC Nicol Voermans, MD, PhD	Regency Ballroom
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Expert Panel: The Road Ahead: Practical Perspectives on Future Treatments & Cure	Moderator: Michael Goldberg, MD, MPH Panelists: Robert Dirksen, PhD Susan Hamilton, PhD	Regency Ballroom
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Q&A: Therapies & Treatment Options	All of the Above	Regency Ballroom



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Time	Event	Speaker	Room
One-on-One Consults			
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Navigating Your Child's IEP: Personalized Help (15 minute consults)	Jeremy Armann, PhD	Foerster
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm	Personalized Genetic Interpretation (15 minute consults)	Carsten Bönnemann, MD, habil (1 st Timeframe) Livija Medne, MS, LCGC (1 st & 2 nd Timeframe)	Foerster
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Personalized Variant Interpretation: Structural and Phenotypic (Symptoms) Analysis (15 minute consults)	Robert Dirksen, PhD Filip Van Petegem, PhD	Allegheny C
Sessions			
9:00 am - 12:00 pm 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Strength in Movement: Ability-Based PT Groups (30 minute sessions)	Michael Brucker, PT, DPT, CSCS, CNC	Earhart B
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Accessible Yoga: Chair-Based Movement for Everyone (45 minutes)	Jennifer Orseck	Earhart B
Special Programming for Kids & Teens			
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Curiosity Corner: Q&A with Our Carnival Medical Experts	Carsten Bönnemann, MD, habil Livija Medne, MS, LCGC	Lindbergh AB
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Inside Scoop: Teen Q&A with the Medical Experts	Carsten Bönnemann, MD, habil Livija Medne, MS, LCGC	Wright B

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7:30 am - 9:00 pm	Registration Desk		Glenn Foyer
8:00 am - 9:00 pm	The Social Hub: Adult Lounge Experience Open		Earhart A
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8:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast		Regency Ballroom
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Malignant Hyperthermia: What You Need to Know Is it safe to have dental care in the office setting in the RYR1 and MH patient?	Andrew Herlich, DMD, MD, FAAP, FASA Sheila Riaz, MSc, MD, FRCPC	Regency Ballroom
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Concurrent with Q&A Sessions: Escalation & Then De-escalation of Respiratory Care During an Acute Illness (Pediatric) Bleeding Issues and Abnormalities Related to Menstruation and Pregnancy Understanding Your Options: Family Planning & Genetics Understanding Rhabdomyolysis and Malignant Hyperthermia in RYR-1-Related Diseases	Oscar Hank Mayer, MD Arti Mistry, PhD Livija Medne, MS, LCGC Sheila Riaz, MSc, MD, FRCPC & Nicol Voermans, MD, PhD	Allegheny AB Yeager AB Earhart CD Regency Ballroom
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Concurrent with Q&A Sessions: Managing Heat Sensitivity: A Guide for Those with Malignant Hyperthermia Susceptibility Breathing Matters: Acute Adult Pulmonary Care RYR-1-RD: The Patient Perspective & Patient Participation (Clinical Trial Readiness Survey) Strength Within Limits: Exercise Options for RYR-1-RD	Susan Hamilton, PhD Jennifer Newitt, MD Lizan Stinnisen Minal Jain, PT, DSc, FAPTA, Sheila Riaz, MSc, MD, FRCPC, & Nicol Voermans, MD, PhD	Allegheny AB Yeager AB Earhart CD Regency Ballroom
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch Congressional Advocacy: Making Your Voice Heard - Amy Perrin & Courtney Woomer		Regency Ballroom
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Legal Planning Tools for Holding and Transferring Wealth (Q&A included)	Megan Ingram, Esq	Regency Ballroom
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Concurrent with Q&A Sessions: Hypoventilation Assessment and Management in RYR1 Myopathy (pediatric & adult) Understanding Your Rights Under the Americans with Disabilities Act Schooling with RYR-1-RD: Survey Results & Key Considerations	Oscar Hank Mayer, MD & Jennifer Newitt, MD Jenee' Oliver, Esq Jeremy Armann, PhD, Tammy Hughes, PhD, & Christine Porter, Esq.	Allegheny AB Yeager AB Earhart CD
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Break		
3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	Concurrent with Q&A Sessions: Comprehensive Pediatric to Adult Transition of Care - Process more than Event Movement Matters: PT, Exercise and Equipment Needs	Oscar Hank Mayer, MD & Jennifer Newitt, MD Minal Jain, PT, MS, DSc	Allegheny AB Yeager AB
4:15 pm - 4:45 pm	Patient-Led Panels: Stronger Together: A Patient-Led Discussion on Staying Active Navigating the World: Travel Insights from a Patient's Perspective From Patients, For Patients: Redefining Patient-Centered Care Fueling Our Lives: Patient Perspectives on Adult Nutrition	Andrew Huseh & Mairéad Ryan Marcie Epstein & Emily Pedersen Ilaria Salvatori Bob Hanich	Allegheny AB Yeager AB Earhart CD Regency Ballroom
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Game On & Dine: A Night of Food, Fun, and Family		Regency Ballroom

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2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Financial Guidance for Individuals with Disabilities (15 minute consults)	Megan Ingram, Esq	Foerster
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11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Beyond the Surface: Teen Voices on Life & Feelings with Dr. Kristin	Kristin Lindquist, PsyD. ATR	Wright B
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	The Caring Carousel: Kids' Chat with Dr. Kristin	Kristin Lindquist, PsyD. ATR	Lindbergh AB
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Patient-Led Panel: Level Up: Career Talks for Teens & Young Adults	Andrew Huseh & Mairead Ryan	Wright B

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12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Closing Connections: Final Social Time	Regency Ballroom