Agenda

Ataxia

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7:30 AM – 7:40 AM
Opening Comments
Bernard L. Maria, MD, MBA, Principal Investigator
Georgia Health Sciences University, Augusta, Georgia
Story Landis, PhD
Director of NINDS

7:40 AM – 9:45 AM
SESSION I: INTRODUCTION AND CLINICAL FEATURES
Co-Director and Moderator: David Lynch, MD, PhD
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

7:40 AM – 8:10 AM
Overview of Childhood Ataxia
Co-Director: Brent Fogel, MD, PhD
University of California Los Angeles

8:10 AM – 8:30 AM
Clinical Features of Friedreich Ataxia (FRDA)
Martin Delatycki, MBBS, PhD, FRACP
Bruce Lefroy Centre for Genetic Health Research

8:30 AM – 8:50 AM
Cardiomyopathy in FRDA
Mark Payne, MD
Indianapolis University School of Medicine

8:50 AM – 9:10 AM
Genetics of FRDA / Issues in Study of Rare Diseases
Jennifer Farmer, MS, CGC
Friedreich’s Ataxia Research Alliance
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM  
**Question and Answer Session**

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM  
**Coffee Break**

9:45 AM – 11:45 AM  
**SESSION II: PROGRESS TO DATE FRIEDREICH’S ATAXIA**  
Co-Director and Moderator: Christopher W. Gomez, MD, PhD  
University of Chicago

9:45 AM – 10:10 AM  
**New Pathways**  
Massimo Pandolfo, MD  
Free University of Brussels

10:10 AM – 10:35 AM  
**Epigenetic Controls**  
Joel Gottesfeld, PhD  
The Scripps Research Institute

10:35 AM – 11:00 AM  
**Therapeutic Developments**  
Rob Wilson, MD, PhD  
University of Pennsylvania Medical Center

11:00 AM – 11:25 AM  
**Clinical Trials Results**  
Susan Perlman, MD  
University of California Los Angeles

11:25 AM – 11:45 AM  
**Question and Answer Session**

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM  
**Lunch and Presentation by National Ataxia Foundation**
1:00 PM – 2:40 PM
SESSION III: NEW INVESTIGATIONS IN FRIEDREICH’S ATAXIA
Co-Director and Moderator: Susan Perlman, MD
University of California Los Angeles

1:00 PM – 1:20 PM
Clinical Measures
David Lynch, MD, PhD
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

1:20 PM – 1:40 PM
Insulin Resistance
Steve Willi, MD
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

1:40 PM – 2:00 PM
Cardiac Approaches
Subha Raman, MD
Ohio State University

2:00 PM – 2:20 PM
Non-motor Investigations – Speech/Hearing
Gary Rance, PhD
University of Melbourne

2:20 PM – 2:40 PM
New Dilemmas in Diagnosis
Grace Yoon, MD
The Hospital for Sick Kids, Toronto

2:40 PM – 3:00 PM
Coffee Break

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE DAY
Gihan Tennekoon, MD, PhD
The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
3:30 PM – 4:25 PM
SESSION IV: FUTURE DIRECTIONS PANEL DISCUSSION
Moderator: Katrina Gwinn, MD
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Billie DiMauro, MD
Columbia University

Michio Hirano, MD
Columbia University

Kathy Mathews, MD
University of Iowa

George (Chip) Wilmot, MD, PhD
Emory University

Christopher W. Gomez, MD, PhD
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4:25 PM – 4:30 PM
Closing Comments and Thanks
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