



Virtual 2025 RNDS

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A one-day educational conference for those
affected by rare neuroimmune disorders

Saturday, November 1, 2025
Zoom

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Welcome to the 2025 Virtual RNDS — The one-day educational conference for those affected by rare neuroimmune disorders — acute disseminated encephalomyelitis (ADEM), acute flaccid myelitis (AFM), MOG antibody disease (MOGAD), neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD), optic neuritis (ON), and transverse myelitis (TM). This conference is dedicated to the exchange of information regarding diagnosis, research, and treatment strategies. It is also an opportunity to bring together the community of individuals diagnosed with rare neuroimmune disorders, families, caregivers, and the medical professionals who are specializing in these disorders. **The event will take place on Zoom on Saturday, November 1, 2025.**

Objectives

- Gather an understanding of the knowledge to date on the biology, causes and diagnosis of rare neuroimmune disorders and how they relate to each other,
- Learn about the latest research advances, and strategies for management and treatment.

Audience

This conference is open to all individuals diagnosed with rare neuroimmune disorders, their families, and care partners. Healthcare professionals interested in these disorders are also welcome to attend.

Program Overview (TIMES LISTED IN ET)

Saturday November 1

9:00 - 9:15 am **Welcome Remarks**
Sandy Siegel, PhD | Siegel Rare Neuroimmune Association

Rare Neuroimmune Disorders: What We Know Now

Understanding a diagnosis of ADEM, AFM, MOGAD, NMOSD, ON, and TM, as well as conditions lost in the cracks or with atypical presentations

9:15 - 9:50 am **Diagnostic Criteria for Typical and Atypical Presentations**
Benjamin Greenberg, MD, MHS | UTSW Medical Center

9:50 - 10:20 am **Monophasic vs Recurrent Rare Neuroimmune Disorders**
Sydney Lee, MD | University of Utah

10:20 - 10:30 am **BREAK**

10:30 - 11:00 am **Industry Partners Panel**
Hear from Representatives from Industry Partners about Patient Resources

11:00 - 11:35 am **Making the Switch: How to Know if Your Long-Term Treatment is Right for You**
Eoin Flanagan, MB, BCh | Mayo Clinic

Program Overview ...CONTINUED

- 11:35 - 12:25 pm** **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 12:25 - 12:50 pm** **Addressing Mental Health and Rare Neuroimmune Disorders**
C. “V” (Virginia) O’Hayer, PhD | Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
- 12:50 - 1:15 pm** **Disability Pride - Reframing Disability**
Cyrena Gawuga PhD, MSW | Community member
- 1:15 - 2:10 pm** **BREAK/BREAKOUT ROOMS WITH SPONSORS**

Research advances and the future of rare neuroimmune disorders

These sessions will provide updates on new therapeutics, research studies and provide an opportunity for dialogue and discussion.

- 2:10 - 2:30 pm** **New and Emerging Therapeutics**
Stacey Clardy, MD, PhD | University of Utah
- 2:30 - 2:50 pm** **What is Tolerization in NMO and MOGAD?**
Michael Yeaman, PhD, MSc | Guthy-Jackson Charitable Foundation
- 2:50 - 3:10 pm** **2025 Update on the Q- cells study**
Benjamin Greenberg, MD, MHS | University of Texas Southwestern
- 3:15 - 3:45 pm** **Open Q&A with SRNA James T. Lubin Fellows**
Haiwen Chen, MD, PhD | Johns Hopkins University
Cynthia Wang, MD | University of Texas Southwestern
Jonathan Galli, MD | University of Utah
Sydney Lee, MD | University of Utah
- 3:45 - 3:50 pm** **Closing**
GG deFiebre, PhD, MPH | SRNA

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