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

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Welcome to the 2024 RNDS – The three-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. **This hybrid event will take place both online and in person** at the Hyatt Regency DFW Airport, 2334 N International Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75261.

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,
- Understand controversies and challenges with rare neuroimmune disorders, and
- 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 caregivers. Medical professionals interested in these disorders are also welcome to attend.

Program Overview (TIMES LISTED IN CT)

This is an overview of the agenda that is currently being developed by SRNA staff and members of our medical and scientific council.

Friday October 18

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| 8:30 - 9:00 am | Breakfast, registration and meet and greet
Let us know you have arrived, collect your badge and network with attendees and speakers, and meet our sponsors and exhibitors. |
| 9:00 - 9:20 am | Welcome Remarks |
| 9:20 - 12:00 pm | Diagnosis and Acute Treatment of Rare Neuroimmune Disorders
The morning session presented by medical experts and community members will focus on the diagnostic journey, diagnostic criteria, acute treatments and understanding relapses. |
| 12:00 - 1:00 pm | LUNCH AND MEET & GREET |
| 1:00 - 3:00 pm | Breakout Sessions
The disorder specific breakout sessions will offer an opportunity for attendees to engage with experts and participate in an informal learning environment. |

Program Overview ...CONTINUED

3:15 - 5:15 pm **Long-term Therapy and Management of Symptoms Part I**
This session will focus on long term therapies for NMOSD, MOGAD, and conversations with community members and experts on symptom management.

5:30 - 7:30 pm **EVENING RECEPTION**
The reception offers an opportunity to mingle and get to know each other. We will also reflect on 30 years of SRNA, and our community since SRNA's founding in 1994.

Saturday October 19

8:00 - 9:00 am **Breakfast**

9:00 - 12:00 pm **Management of Symptoms Part II**
This session will continue to focus on conversations with community members and experts on medical and surgical treatments for symptom management.

12:00 - 1:00 pm **LUNCH AND MEET & GREET**

1:00 - 2:30 pm **Living with a Rare Neuroimmune Disorder**
This session will focus on adaptive tools and resources through conversations with experts and community members.

2:30 - 2:45 pm **BREAK**

2:45 - 4:30 pm **Research on Rare Neuroimmune Disorders Part I**
This session will focus on the latest basic science, clinical, medical and surgical advances in the field of rare neuroimmune disorders.

Dinner and TAKE CHARGE® Program (IN-PERSON ONLY)

SRNA is proud to partner with Can Do Multiple Sclerosis (CDMS) to offer the TAKE CHARGE® Program for those diagnosed with rare neuroimmune disorders. This is a one-of-a-kind program to learn how you can take charge of your disease, your healthcare and your life. The goal of this program is to find support from who people who really get it, find solutions to manage your disease and find guidance for navigating the healthcare system. This is the first part of the education program with dinner.

Program Overview ...CONTINUED

Saturday October 19

8:00 - 9:00 am **Breakfast**

9:00 - 12:00 pm **TAKE CHARGE® Program (IN-PERSON ONLY)**

This program is designed as smaller group workshops for those diagnosed and their support partners to learn about SMART goals, conversation starters and make lasting connections. Topics covered will include coping and adapting to change, managing movement and daily activity and achieving restorative sleep.

12:00 - 1:00 pm **LUNCH AND MEET & GREET**

1:00 - 2:30 pm **Research on Rare Neuroimmune Disorders Part II**

This session will continue to focus on the latest basic science, clinical, medical and surgical advances in the field of rare neuroimmune disorders.

2:30 - 3:30 pm **Open Q & A**

This session will be an open forum to engage with speakers and other attendees.

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