

# Welcome Remarks

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[00:00:00] **Sandy Siegel:** Good morning and welcome to the 2025 Virtual Rare Neuroimmune Disorder Symposium. I'm Sandy Siegel, president of the Siegel Rare Neuroimmune Association, and I'm so glad you're here with us today. Whether you joined us recently for our in-person regional RNDS in Atlanta, or you're tuning in for the first time, thank you for joining us.

[00:00:31] You are definitely in the right place. When Pauline was alive, we never missed a symposium. These are rare disorders, and it is so important that you educate yourself about your symptoms and possible treatments. Attending our education programs is the best way to become the most effective advocates for your medical care.

[00:00:55] Our symposia are one of the cornerstone programs of SRNA since 1999. It's a space where individuals and families living with rare neuroimmune disorders, clinicians, researchers, and industry partners come together to learn, share, and connect. Today's virtual symposium allows us to continue that spirit of connection and inclusion, bringing together people from around the world who may not have been able to attend in person.

[00:01:31] It's about ensuring everyone has access to the latest research, clinical insights, and community resources. I want to thank all of our presenters, moderators, and panelists who are sharing their time and expertise today, and our sponsors, Alexion, AstraZeneca Rare Disease; Amgen; Genentech; and UCB, whose support helps make this educational event possible.

[00:02:02] Most importantly, I want to recognize each of you, our community members, care partners, and advocates. Your questions, stories and experiences are what shape this day and drives our mission. We have an incredible program ahead, beginning with talks that will deepen our understanding of rare neuroimmune disorders, followed by discussions on diagnosis management, and the latest in treatment and research.

[00:02:34] We will also hear from our industry partners and clinicians on symptom management. We will close the day with opportunities for live Q&A and community discussion. Thank you again for being here and for being part of this wonderful community.