



2009 Marrow Failure and Myelodysplasia Conference

Saturday March 28, 2009 - from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**The Hospital for Sick Children
Hollywood Theatre, Elm Wing, 1st Floor
555 University Ave., Toronto**

We are pleased to invite you to a day-long, interactive health-care meeting about bone marrow failure. This meeting is for patients with bone marrow failure disorders and myelodysplastic syndromes, patients' families, as well as for health-care workers and others who are interested in learning more about bone marrow failure and contributing to this exciting event.

This year's conference will focus on:

- Characteristics and complications of bone marrow failure disorders and myelodysplastic syndromes
- Overview of the treatment options and the need for regular follow-up
- Transfer of patients to adult haematologists
- Challenges and future directions from the perspective of the patients/families and the medical team
- Raising patients' awareness about the existence of the support groups
- The activities of the *Marrow Failure and Myelodysplasia Program* at SickKids
- Networking opportunities for families

Speakers:

- Dr Yigal Dror, SickKids Hospital, Toronto
- Dr Conrad Fernandez, IWK, Halifax
- Dr Adam Gassas, SickKids Hospital, Toronto
- Dr Jeff Lipton, Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto
- Dr Steve Meyn, SickKids Hospital, Toronto
- Dr Isaac Odame, SickKids Hospital, Toronto
- Pat Canning, Marrow Failure and Myelodysplasia Nurse, SickKids, Toronto
- Diana Cottingham, Social Worker, SickKids, Toronto
- Nancy Pringle, Nurse, Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto



Bone marrow failure and MDS disorders include:

- Aplastic anemia
- Fanconi anemia
- Shwachman-Diamond syndrome
- Congenital amegakaryocytic thrombocytopenia
- Dyskeratosis congenita
- Congenital hair hypoplasia
- Pearson disease
- Diamond Blackfan anemia
- Sideroblastic anemia
- Kostmann neutropenia
- Cyclic neutropenia
- Barth's syndrome
- Benign familial neutropenia
- Glycogen storage disease type Ib
- Myelokathexis
- Thrombocytopenia with absent radii
- Familial non-syndromic thrombocytopenia
- Dyserythropoietic anemia with thrombocytopenia
- Familial thrombocytopenia with propensity for leukemia
- Myelodysplastic syndromes

Children are welcome. Children's activities will be hosted by the Camp Quality volunteers.

For details and to RSVP please contact:

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Please note the number of participants is limited by the conference facilities, therefore we recommend early registration.

Sponsors:



Organizing Committee:

Dr. Yigal Dror (SickKids), Cindy Anthony (Camp Quality), Caroline Laughlin (AAMAC), Lorne Shelton (FAC), Lynn Elwood (BSC), Lorna Stevens (NSAI), Heather Norton (SOSC), Jenn Morrison (DBA), Judi and Carmine Tullio, Tijana Muratovic