



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 (MDS), 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, and networking opportunities for families.

Speakers:

Dr Yigal Dror, SickKids Hospital, Toronto
Dr Adam Gassas, SickKids Hospital, Toronto
Dr Steve Meyn, SickKids Hospital, Toronto

Dr Conrad Fernandez, IWK, Halifax
Dr Jeff Lipton, Princess Margaret 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.

