FGFR Syndromes Collaborative Research Network Conference

Wednesday, June 25th, 2025 9:00am - 5:00pm

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Introductions		
9:00 am - 9:05 am	Welcome Brittany Richey Director, Research Community Initiatives & Event Operations, Seattle Children's Hospital	
9:05 am - 9:15 am	Introduction Carolina Sommer Founder and CEO, Born a Hero Research Foundation; Co-Founder, NW Rare Disease Coalition	
Keynote Speaker MC: Carolina Sommer		
9:15 am - 9:30 am	Rise above any of life's challenges and become a Victor not a victim. Ben Kjar Utah Valley University's first-ever NCAA Division 1 Wrestling All-American and has represented the USA team internationally	
International Collaborations MC: Ellen Morgan		
9:30 am - 9:45 am	A Midface Odyssey Jesse A. Taylor, MD, FACS, FAAP Peter Randall Endowed Chair, and Chief, Division of Plastic, Reconstructive, and Oral Surgery, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	
9:45 am - 10:00 am	Partners in African Cleft Training: Evolution of a Training Program for Interdisciplinary Cleft Team Care	

	Anne V. Hing, MD Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of Washington School of Medicine; Faculty Member, University of Washington Division of Medical Genetics; Medical Director, Education and Academic Program and Craniofacial Genetics Program, Seattle Children's Hospital
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Craniofacial Surgery in West Africa Solomon Obiri-Yeboah, BDS, FGCS, IFCS; Consultant/ Senior Lecturer, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; Senior Specialist/Lecturer; Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi, Ghana
10:15 am - 10:30 am	African Craniofacial Anomalies Network Azeez Butali, DDS, PhD, FICD, FAMedS, FAAAS Gilbert Lilly Endowed Professor of Diagnostic Sciences, College of Dentistry, University of Iowa
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Craniofacial Surgeries in India R. Priyadharshini MDS (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery), Consultant, Cleft and Craniofacial Surgeon, GSR Institute of Craniofacial and Facial Plastic Surgery, Hyderabad, India
10:45 am - 10:55 am	Break
10:55 am - 11:25 am	International Collaborations Panel Discussion and Q&A
	Moderator: Ellen Morgan FGFR Syndromes Research Registry PI; Board Member, Born a Hero Research Foundation; President and Founder, Pros Foundation Panelists:
	Jesse A. Taylor, MD, FACS, FAAP Peter Randall Endowed Chair, and Chief, Division of Plastic, Reconstructive, and Oral Surgery, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Anne Hing, MD Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of Washington School of Medicine; Faculty Member, University of Washington Division of Medical Genetics; Medical Director, Education and Academic Program and Craniofacial Genetics Program, Seattle Children's Hospital Solomon Obiri-Yeboah, BDS, FGCS, IFCS; Consultant/ Senior Lecturer, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; Senior Specialist/Lecturer, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi, Ghana R. Priyadharshini MDS (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery), Consultant, Cleft and Craniofacial Surgeon, GSR Institute of Craniofacial and Facial Plastic Surgery, Hyderabad, India Azeez Butali, DDS, PhD, FICD, FAMedS, FAAAS Gilbert Lilly Endowed Professor of Diagnostic Sciences, College of Dentistry, University of Iowa

Patient Perspective MC: Melissa McGowan		
11:25 am - 12:05 pm	Caregiver Panel- Daily Living (Pfeiffer Syndrome) Moderator: Melissa McGowan Rare Disease Mother; Board Member, Born a Hero Research Foundation Panelists: Amanda Schuster Caregiver; Advocate Desirae Bobov Caregiver; Advocate Falesha Johnson Caregiver; Advocate Kelly Cunha Caregiver; Advocate	
12:05 pm - 12:10 pm	Kid Presenters Ellie Hollingshead Patient Delaney Cunha Patient Abby McGowan Patient	
12:10 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch	
Transitioning into Adul MC: Chanelle Cordova	thood	
1:00 pm - 1:40 pm	Transitioning into Adulthood Panel Discussion and Q&A Moderators: Matthew Blessing, MD Clinical Associate Professor, Division of Craniofacial Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, University of Washington, Seattle Children's Hospital Hannah Berntson, BSN, RN, CPN Craniofacial Nursing, Seattle Children's Hospital Panelists: Karen Tamley President and CEO of Access Living Kristine Landmann Caregiver; Advocate Laurel Sandborn Rare Disease Parent	

1:40 pm - 2:00 pm	Transitioning from Pediatric to Adult Care Lauri Tosi, MD Orthopedic Surgeon at Children's National Hospital; Director, Bone Health Program, Children's National Hospital	
Cutting Edge/ New Development MC: Carolina Sommer		
2:00 pm - 2:20 pm	Craniosynostosis Intracranial Pressure Surveillance Ken Kanwal Nischal, MD, FAAP, FRCOphth Chief, Division of Pediatric Ophthalmology, Strabismus, and Adult Motility, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh; Director of Pediatric Program Development, UPMC Eye Center; Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	
2:20 pm - 2:40 pm	Shaping Faces: A Story of Variation during Craniofacial Development Ralph Marcucio, PhD Professor, UCSF School of Medicine; Director, Laboratory for Skeletal Regeneration, UCSF Orthopaedic Trauma Institute, San Francisco General Hospital; Co-Director, Oral and Craniofacial Science Graduate Program, UCSF, School of Dentistry	
2:40 pm - 3:00 pm	Exploring FGFR Inhibitors: Expanding Horizons from Cancer to Achondroplasia and Beyond Jacqueline Starrett, PhD Director, In Vivo Pharmacology at TYRA Biosciences	
3:00 pm 3:20 pm	(Talk Title TBD) Rhea Daugherty, PhD, M.Ed. Director, Medical Affairs, QED Therapeutics	
3:20 pm - 3:30 pm	Break	
3:30 pm - 3:50 pm	Tracheal Sleeve- New Findings Jake Dahl, MD, PhD, MBA Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology Children's Mercy KC	
3:50 pm - 4:20 pm	FGFR Update: Bench to Bedside	
	Moderator: Jake Dahl, MD, PhD, MBA, FACS Division Director, Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology, Children's Mercy Kansas City	
	Panelists: Laurie Eldredge, MD, PhD Co-Director, Bronchopulmonary Dysphasia Program, Seattle Children's Center for Respiratory Biology and Therapeutics; Assistant Professor, Pediatric Pulmonology, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle Children's Hospital; Seenu Susarla, MD, FACS, FAAP Division Chief, Plastic Surgery; Division Chief, Pediatric Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery;	

	Surgical Director, Craniofacial Center, Seattle Children's Hospital	
Born a Hero, Research Foundation Updates MC: Chanelle Cordova		
4:20 pm - 4:40 pm	FGFR Syndromes Research Registry Carolina Sommer Founder and CEO, Born a Hero Research Foundation; Co-Founder, NW Rare Disease Coalition Ellen Morgan FGFR Syndromes Research Registry PI; Board Member, Born a Hero Research Foundation; President and Founder, Pros Foundation	
4:40 pm - 4:50 pm	Resources for Families Carolina Sommer Founder and CEO, Born a Hero Research Foundation; Co-Founder, NW Rare Disease Coalition	
4:50 pm - 5:00 pm	Closing Remarks Carolina Sommer Founder and CEO, Born a Hero Research Foundation; Co-Founder, NW Rare Disease Coalition	
5:00 pm	End of Event	

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