

Thursday, March 27, 2025



11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Registration and Check-In

Mezzanine Registration Desk

1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Exhibit Hall

Mezzanine Foyer

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

First Time Attendee Session

Celebrity Ballroom 5 & 6

- Speakers: Dana Mauro & Joel Sutherland

Friday, March 28, 2025



7:45 AM - 8:30 AM

Continental Breakfast

Celebrity Ballroom Foyer

7:45 AM - 5:00 PM

Registration and Check-In

Mezzanine Registration Desk

7:45 AM - 5:00 PM

Exhibit Hall

Mezzanine Foyer

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

General Sessions

Celebrity Ballroom 1-4

- 8:30 AM - Daily Welcome
 - Speakers: Andrew Rosen, Joel Sutherland, & Dana Mauro
- 9:00 AM - Newly Diagnosed & Prepping for a Neurologist Visit
 - Speaker: Odinachi Oguh, MD

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Birds of a Feather

- ARSACS, CANVAS, FXTAS, Spastic ataxias/paraplegias, AOA, A-T, & SCAR/ARCAs*
 - Facilitators: Theresa Zesiewicz, MD, FAAN & Odinachi Oguh, MD
- Under 30 with Ataxia*
 - Facilitators: Shelbi Davenport, Evan Gress, Kari Brooks, LCSWA, Celeste Suart, PhD, & Amy Mook CGC
- Unknown with Family History*
 - Facilitators: Susan Perlman, MD & Meron Azage, MS, CGC
- Unknown without Family History, MSA, OPCA, & PSP*
 - Facilitators: Jeremy Schmahmann, MD, FAAN, FANA, FANPA & Caitlin Cloud, MA, CCC-SLP
- Family Members & Caregivers without Ataxia*
 - Facilitator: George "Chip" Wilmot, MD, PhD
- Parents without Ataxia*
 - Facilitators: Liana Rosenthal, MD, PhD & Lucille Carriere, PhD
- Spouses and Partners*
 - Facilitators: Saud Alhusaini, MD, PhD, Shehroo Pudumjee, PhD, Madisen Redar, MOD, OTR/L & Sandi Brettler, MSN, RN, CNRN

Sunset 3

Sunset 6

Wilshire A

Wilshire B

Santa Monica 2

Sunset 5

Sunset 4

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Adaptive Tai Chi

Celebrity Ballroom 1-4

- Instructor: Jennifer Keller, PT,MS

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Rhythmic Rehabilitation

Celebrity Ballroom 1-4

- Instructor: Julie Renato, MM, LPMT, MT-BC

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Lunch Break



2025 AAC AGENDA

Friday, March 28, 2025



1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

General Sessions

- 1:30 PM - *Medications & Diet*
 - Speaker: Susan Perlman, MD
- 2:00 PM - *Assistive Technology & Strategies to Mitigate Speech & Swallowing Impairments in Ataxia*
 - Speaker: Caitlin Cloud, MA, CCC-SLP

Celebrity Ballroom 1-4

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Birds of a Feather

- *Friedreich Ataxia*
 - Facilitator: George "Chip" Wilmot, MD, PhD
- *Episodic Ataxia*
 - Facilitator: Liana Rosenthal, MD, PhD
- *SCA1*
 - Facilitators: Celeste Suart, PhD, Sharan Srinivasan, MD, & Amy Mook, CGC
- *SCA2*
 - Facilitator: Odinachi Oguh, MD
- *SCA3*
 - Facilitators: Saud Alhusaini, MD, PhD, & Lauren Moore, PhD
- *SCA5,7, & 8*
 - Facilitators: Theresa Zesiewicz, MD, FAAN
- *SCA6*
 - Facilitator: Jeremy Schmahmann, MD, FAAN, FANPA
- *SCA27A & SCA27B*
 - Facilitators: Antoine Duquette, MD
- *All Other SCA's, DRPLA, & Acquired Ataxias*
 - Facilitators: Susan Perlman, MD & Meron Azage, MS, CGC

Santa Monica 2

Santa Monica 4

Santa Monica 1

Sunset 3

Wilshire A

Wilshire B

Sunset 4

Sunset 6

Sunset 5

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Adaptive Tai Chi

- Instructor: Jennifer Keller, PT,MS

Celebrity Ballroom 1-4

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Rhythmic Rehabilitation

- Instructor: Julie Renato, MM, LPMT, MT-BC

Celebrity Ballroom 1-4

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Meet & Greet In-Person Reception

- 6:00 PM Remarks from Biohaven & Moving Forward

Celebrity Ballroom 1-4

Saturday, March 29, 2025



7:45 AM - 8:30 AM

Continental Breakfast

Celebrity Ballroom Foyer

7:45 AM - 5:00 PM

Registration and Check-In

Mezzanine Registration Desk

7:45 AM - 5:00 PM

Exhibit Hall

Mezzanine Foyer

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

General Sessions

Celebrity Ballroom 1-4

- 8:30 AM - *Daily Welcome*
 - Speakers: Joel Sutherland & Dana Mauro
- 8:35 AM - *Remarks from Biogen*
- 8:45 AM - *Accessing Local Resources*
 - Speakers: Sandi Brettler, MSN, RN, CNRN
- 9:15 AM - *Cognition & Mood in Ataxia*
 - Speakers: Lucille Carriere, PhD & Shehroo Budumjee, PhD



2025 AAC AGENDA



Saturday, March 28, 2025



9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

Break

Celebrity Ballroom 1-4

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

General Sessions

Celebrity Ballroom 1-4

- 10:15 AM - Home Modification & ADL Independence
 - Speaker: Madisen Redar, MOD, OTR/L
- 11:00 AM - Rehabilitation Strategies & Mobility Devices
 - Speaker: Kayla Kotke, PT, DPT

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Lunch Break

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Ask the Speaker

NAF Exhibit Booth

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

General Sessions

Celebrity Ballroom 1-4

- 1:00 PM - Panel Discussion: Living with Ataxia
 - Facilitator: Celeste Suart, PhD - Panelists: Kyle Bryant, Daniel Gavern, & Ellie Martin
- 1:45 PM - Genetic Testing
 - Speakers: Meron Azage, MS, CGC & Mary Hogan, MS, MPH

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Break

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

General Sessions

Celebrity Ballroom 1-4

- 3:00 PM - Research Update
 - Speaker: Lauren Moore, PhD
- 3:45 PM - How We Win This Battle & Defeat Ataxia
 - Speakers: Andrew Rosen, Joel Sutherland, Jon Wegman, Meg Hanna, & Rich McCutchen
- 4:15 PM - Closing Remarks/Awards Ceremony
 - Speakers: Dana Mauro & Andrew Rosen, with Guest Speaker - Bill Nye

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Banquet & Dance Party

- Keynote Speaker: Jacob Thompson