

Thursday, March 20, 2025



8:30 AM - 10:30 **Birds of a Feather**

- *ARSACS, CANVAS, FXTAS, Spastic ataxias/paraplegias, AOA, A-T, & SCAR/ARCA*
 - Facilitators: Deborah Hall, MD Brent Fogel, MD, PhD, & Alanna Watt, PhD
- *Under 30 with Ataxia*
 - Facilitators: Shelbi Davenport, Evan Gress, Celeste Suart, PhD, Sharan Srinivasan, MD & Amy Mook CGC
- *Unknown with Family History*
 - Facilitators: Susan Perlman, MD & Antoine Duquette, MD
- *Unknown without Family History, MSA, OPCA, & PSP*
 - Facilitator: Bernard Brais, M.D.C.M., M. Phil, PhD, FRCP©
- *Family Members & Caregivers without Ataxia*
 - Sheng-Han Kuo, MD & Yael Shiloh-Malawsky, MD
- *Parents without Ataxia*
 - Facilitators: Nicolas Chrestian, MD & Kristin Baranano, MD, PhD
- *Spouses and Partners*
 - Facilitator: Khalaf Bushara, MD

11:30 AM - 1:30 AM **Birds of a Feather**

- *Friedreich Ataxia*
 - Facilitators: Marek Napierala, PhD, Antoine Duquette, MD, Theresa Zesiewicz, MD
- *Episodic Ataxia*
 - Facilitators: Celeste Suart, PhD & Stephan Zuchner, MD, PhD, FAAN
- *SCA1*
 - Facilitators: Sharan Srinivasan, MD & Egle Richards, PT
- *SCA2*
 - Facilitators: Odinachi Oguh, MD & Paola Testinia, MD
- *SCA3*
 - Facilitators: Hank Paulson, MD, PhD & Lauren Moore, PhD
- *SCA5,7, & 8*
 - Facilitators: Monica Banez-Coronel, PhD, MBA & Khalaf Bushara, MD
- *SCA6*
 - Facilitators: Christopher Gomez, MD, PhD & Melissa Egerton, MS
- *SCA27A & SCA27B*
 - Facilitators: Bernard Brais, M.D.C.M., M. Phil, PhD, FRCP©, David Szmulewicz, MD & Jeanne Vinson, PT, DPT, NCS
- *All Other SCA's, DRPLA, & Acquired Ataxias*
 - Facilitators: Susan Perlman, MD, Natalie Witek, MD & Jessica Rider, NP

Friday, March 28, 2025



8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Virtual Vibes Hub (Zoom Room)

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

General Sessions

- *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

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Adaptive Tai Chi

- Instructor: Jennifer Keller, PT,MS

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Rhythmic Rehabilitation

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

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Lunch Break

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

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Adaptive Tai Chi

- Instructor: Jennifer Keller, PT,MS

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Rhythmic Rehabilitation

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



2025 AAC VIRTUAL AGENDA

Saturday, March 29, 2025



8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

General Sessions

- *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,CCRN
- *9:15 AM - Cognition & Mood in Ataxia*
 - Speakers: Lucille Carriere, PhD & Shehroo Budumjee, PhD

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

Break

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

General Sessions

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

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Lunch Break / Virtual Vibes Hub (Zoom Room)

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

General Sessions

- *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

- *3:00 PM - Research Update*
 - Speaker: Lauren Moore, PhD
- *3:45 PM - How We Win This Battle & Defeat Ataxia*
 - Speakers: Andrew Rosen, Joel Sutherland, 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 - 8:00 PM

Keynote Speaker: Jacob Thompson