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Cooperative Meeting of CMSC & ACTRIMS

May 28 - May 31, 2014
Hilton Anatole Hotel
Dallas, Texas



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MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS CENTERS



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AND RESEARCH IN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Mark Your Calendars!

Mark your calendars: May 28 through May 31, 2014. Join us at the Anatole Hilton Hotel in Dallas, Texas for the 28th Annual Meeting of the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers (CMSC) and the 19th Annual Meeting of the Americas Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (ACTRIMS). This will be the 6th Cooperative Meeting of our two organizations. CMSC partners, including the International Organization of Multiple Sclerosis Nurses (IOMSN), the VA Centers of Excellence, the MS Coalition, and you, our multi-disciplinary membership, have provided input and suggestions for our information-packed and exciting program. So put on your walking shoes and get ready to network, learn, and enhance your professional practice in multiple sclerosis.

Multiple sclerosis presents us with daily challenges such as the variable course of the disease, complex care issues and ensuring optimal care within an evolving healthcare environment. Our meeting will feature national and international MS experts who represent the best in clinical care and research. You will learn about new basic and clinical research and comprehensive management of the disease that will enhance your skills and knowledge as an MS professional. Continuing Medical Education (CME) will be provided by the CMSC which, in 2013, achieved Accreditation with Commendation, for 6 years, as a provider of CME for physicians by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) will be awarded by Nurse Practitioner Alternatives (NPA), Social Work Credit by NASW, CPE for Pharmacists by The France Foundation, and CE Credit for psychologists by the New Jersey Psychological Association.

In addition to our symposia, workshops, dinners, and lectures, on Friday morning you will have the opportunity to learn from Whitaker Scholars during the CMSC-ACTRIMS-Whitaker Research Track in which selected young researchers will present their work. The Whitaker Prize will be announced in the afternoon and awarded at our Business Meeting on Friday night. The ACTRIMS' program, featuring outstanding scientific presentations, will be presented from 1 to 5 pm following the Whitaker Track.

The CMSC Poster Session on Thursday evening will be followed by a special concert by Clay Walker, a stalwart supporter of the CMSC and our mission. Dinner programs beginning on Wednesday night and concluding with closing roundtable luncheons on Saturday will give you time to catch up with your colleagues and build new networks with those who practice in North America and throughout the world.

The Foundation of the CMSC (FCMSC) will hold its annual Fun Walk on Friday morning so please bring your walking shoes to participate. The FCMSC will also showcase the work of its young scholars during our Poster Session and throughout the meeting. Please make sure to greet the next generation of MS professionals as you attend sessions and social events.

On behalf of the CMSC and ACTRIMS, please join us in Dallas! Please feel free to contact the CMSC administrative office, through the contacts mentioned in this brochure, if you have any questions or concerns about your attendance at this important meeting.

Best to you all always,



June Halper, MSN, APN-C,
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Chief Executive Officer, CMSC



Suhayl Dhib-Jalbut, MD
President, ACTRIMS

About the Conference

GOALS

The goal of the Annual Meeting of the CMSC and ACTRIMS is to provide MS healthcare professionals with the most up-to-date information to positively impact both clinical practice and research. The comprehensive care model is enhanced through our focus on:

- » Basic and clinical research
- » Disease modifying treatments and new and emerging therapies
- » Epidemiology, genetics, and epigenetics
- » Symptomatic care
- » Immunology and pathophysiology of MS
- » Neuroimaging and biomarkers
- » Rehabilitation
- » Psychosocial issues
- » MS collaborative care
- » Gender-specific concerns
- » Advocacy issues
- » Quality of life strategies

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- » Networking opportunities
- » Research update
- » Team building
- » Committee meetings
- » Multi-disciplinary collaboration
- » Exhibits with the latest in products and services
- » Technological advances
- » Roundtables
- » Social events
- » Awards and prizes
- » Building the workforce of the future

2013 ATTENDEE PROFILE

Attendance by Profession	
Administrator	20
Epidemiologist	3
Immunologist	5
Industry Professional	473
Medical Assistant	5
Medical Educator	24
Medical Writer/Press/Publisher	24
Neuropsychologist / Psychologist	22
Nurse	303
Nurse Practitioner	86
Occupational Therapist	18
Other - Medical Professional	13
Other - Non-Medical Professional	4
Patient Advocate	44
Pharmacist	53
Physiatrist	3
Physical Therapist	63
Physician / Neurologist	364
Physician Assistant	20
Researcher	132
Social Worker	24
Speech-Language Pathologist	4
Statistician	5
Student	37
TOTAL	1749



Accreditation / Designation

CME FOR PHYSICIANS:

This live activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers (CMSC), Nurse Practitioner Alternatives (NPA), The France Foundation, the New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA), and the Americas Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (ACTRIMS).

The Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers (CMSC) is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The CMSC designates this live activity for a maximum of 21.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*TM. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

CNE FOR NURSES:

This activity is coprovided by Nurse Practitioner Alternatives (NPA), the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers (CMSC), The France Foundation, and the Americas Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (ACTRIMS).

Nurse Practitioner Alternatives (NPA) is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (ANCC).

CEU FOR PHARMACISTS:



The France Foundation is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education and will award CEU to pharmacists who complete the activity, complete the registration and evaluation forms, and successfully pass a posttest. There is no fee to participate in this activity.

This is a knowledge-based educational activity.

SOCIAL WORK CE:

This program will be submitted to the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) for continuing education contact hours.

PSYCHOLOGY CE:

The New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. NJPA maintains responsibility for those programs offering psychology credit, and their content.

A Certificate of Attendance will be given upon completion of course requirements enabling you to register your credit with the appropriate licensing boards or associations. You may apply for other accreditations using the procedure established by the specific organization.

Program Overview

TARGET AUDIENCE

Healthcare professionals and researchers involved in MS clinical care or research.

TRACK/LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Basic Science/Environmental Factors

- » Identify key concepts of the immunologic and neuropathologic disease processes associated with multiple sclerosis.
- » Recognize that the pathophysiology of multiple sclerosis is affected by gender, ethnocultural origin, and environmental factors and tailor diagnosis and management appropriately.

Cognition, Depression, Psychosocial

- » Appropriately utilize tools and strategies that facilitate patient assessment in order to differentiate between cognitive problems, depression, and related psychosocial issues.
- » Incorporate information obtained through appropriate assessments into therapeutic plans of care for each area of concern.

Comprehensive Care

- » Examine the various models of care in multiple sclerosis along with the roles and responsibilities of the team members in order to adapt the most appropriate model for a given practice setting.
- » Integrate the complex structures that support the provision of comprehensive care in MS (i.e. transmural, principal care, rehabilitative care, etc.) into effective centers providing evidence-based care.

Disease Management

- » Analyze the complex mechanisms underlying the pathophysiology of multiple sclerosis in order to more appropriately initiate and sustain evidence-based therapeutic interventions.
- » Critically evaluate disease monitoring measures in order to facilitate effective therapeutic decision-making and outcome assessment.

Nursing

- » Analyze and integrate the conceptual framework under which MS nurses construct individualized interventions and monitor outcomes in multiple sclerosis.
- » Examine specific nursing skills and incorporate them into individualized care of patients and families affected by multiple sclerosis.

Rehabilitation

- » Differentiate the roles and responsibilities of each member of the rehabilitation team and describe the interplay between each professional service.
- » Identify MS-specific screening techniques that facilitate individualized and targeted rehabilitation services.

Symptomatic Management

- » Analyze common symptoms of multiple sclerosis and their appropriate pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions in order to develop strategies designed to produce disease control and maximal function.
- » Identify assessment techniques that differentiate between acute and chronic MS symptoms along with appropriate techniques to identify those factors that affect the manifestation of the complex symptomatology of MS.

Skills Development

- » Incorporate acquired information into professional practice skills that enhance comprehensive MS care and better serve patients, families, and colleagues.

Program

Preliminary program. Content is subject to change.
Please visit www.cmsc-actrims.org for updates.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014

Time	Title	Track	Chairperson/Speakers
8:30 am – 10:00 am	CMSC Committees and Projects Meetings		
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Independently Supported Symposium 1 The Advancing Science of Multiple Sclerosis Management: Optimizing DMD Therapy A CME/CE activity jointly sponsored by the Potomac Center for Medical Education and Rockpointe Co-provided by Global Education Group <i>This activity is supported by an independent medical educational grant from Teva Neuroscience</i>		
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	Opening Ceremony and Luncheon		
1:15 pm – 2:45 pm	Clinical Courses:		
	1 Basic Concepts of Immunology	RN	Kathleen Costello, MS, ANP-BC, MSCN, MSCS
	2 How to Perform the EDSS – Part 1	DX	Stephen S. Kamin, MD
	3 Seating and Mobility in MS	RH	Christine Smith, OTR/L, MSCS
	4 Assessing Visual Changes in MS	DX	Laura Balcer, MD, MSCE
	5 The Role of the Advanced Practice Clinician: Physician Assistant	DX	Bryan Walker, PA
	6 MS Palliative and Long-term Care – Part 1	DX	R. Philip Kinkel, MD
	7 Nutrition and MS	CC	Denise Nowack, RD
	8 Pain Management in MS – Interdisciplinary – Part 1	SX	Heidi Maloni, PhD, ANP-BC, MSCN
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Clinical Courses		
	9 Advanced Concepts in Immunology	RN	Kathleen Costello, MS, ANP-BC, MSCN, MSCS
	10 How to Perform the EDSS – Part 2	DX	Stephen S. Kamin, MD
	11 Orthotics and Devices for Mobility and Function	RH	Albert Lo, MD, PhD
	12 OCT in Clinical Practical Research	SC	Laura Balcer, MD, MSCE
	13 The Role of the Advanced Practice Clinician: Nurse Practitioner	DX	Stephanie Agrella, NP
	14 MS Palliative and Long-term Care- Part 2	DX	R. Philip Kinkel, MD
	15 Screening for Depression	CG	Peter Arnett, PhD
	16 Pain Management in MS – Interdisciplinary – Part 2	SX	Heidi Maloni, PhD, ANP-BC, MSCN

Track Legend

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Basic Science / Environmental Factors	Cognition, Depression, Psychosocial	Comprehensive Care	Disease Management	Nursing	Rehabilitation	Symptom Management	Skills Development

4:45 pm – 6:15 pm	Independently Supported Symposium 2 A Tale of Two Patients: Current and Future Approaches to MS Diagnosis and Treatment A CME/CE/CNE activity sponsored by The France Foundation and Nurse Practitioner Alternatives <i>This educational activity is supported by an educational grant from Teva</i>		
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open		
6:15 pm – 8:00 pm	Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall		
8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Dinners:		
	» Meet the Professor – Stem Cell Update	SC	Mark S. Freedman, BSc, MSc, MD, CSPQ, FRCPC
	» International Organization of MS Nurses (IOMSN)		
	» International Organization of MS Rehabilitation Therapists (IOMSRT) and MS Mental Health Professionals (MS/MHP)		
	» MS Coalition		

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2014

Time	Title	Track	Chairperson/Speakers
7:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast		
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Opening Lecture		Kottil Rammohan, MD
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Fundamentals of MS Care Part 1	CC	Constance B. Easterling, RN, MSN, ARNP, MSCN
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Advanced MS Nursing	RN	Colleen Harris, MN, NP, MSCN
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Symposia:		
	1 iTechnology in MS: Transformation or Chaos	DX	Richard Rudick, MD
	2 Hands on Treatment of Spasticity	SX	Jodie K. Haselkorn, MD, MPH
	3 Complementary and Alternative Medicine	CC	Allen Bowling, MD, PhD
	4 Exercise and Healthy Lifestyle	RH	Jeffrey R. Hebert, PhD, PT, MSCS
	5 Mental Health Issues in MS	CG	Roberta Winter, LCSW, MSCS
10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open		
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Luncheon in Exhibit Hall		
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Research Interest Groups		
	» Epidemiology		
	» Psychosocial		
	» Rehabilitation		
	» Symptom Management		
	» Therapeutics		

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Skills Development	Basic Science / Environmental Factors	Cognition, Depression, Psychosocial	Comprehensive Care	Disease Management	Nursing	Rehabilitation	Symptom Management	

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2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Fundamentals of MS Care Part 2	CC	Constance B. Easterling, RN, MSN, ARNP, MSCN
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Current Topics and Trends in MS Rehabilitation Part 1	RH	Patricia Bobryk, MHS, PT, MSCS, ATP
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Symposia:		
	6 Update on Lesion Project	SC	Claudia Lucchinetti, MD
	7 Advanced Psychotherapy	CG	Frederick W. Foley, PhD
	8 Minority Issues in MS	CC	Omar Khan, MD
	9 Research: An Essential Component of an MS Center	CC	Andrew Goodman, MD
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open		
5:15 pm – 6:45 pm	Independently Supported Symposium 3 The Comprehensive Management of Relapsing MS Patients on Beta Interferons <i>This activity is supported by an educational grant from EMD Serono</i>		
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Poster Session and Dinner		
9:00 pm	Clay Walker Concert		

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2014

Time	Title	Track	Chairperson/Speakers
7:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast		
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Symposia:		
	10 Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO) Update	DX	Brian Weinschenker, MD, FRCP(C)
	11 Optimizing Approaches to Complex Comorbidity	DX	Patricia K. Coyle, MD
	12 The Role of Dendritic Cells	SC	Francisco J. Quintana, PhD
	13 Neuroimaging and Other Biomarkers	DX	Robert Naismith, MD
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Fundamentals of MS Care Part 3	CC	Constance B. Easterling, RN, MSN, ARNP, MSCN
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Current Topics and Trends in MS Rehabilitation Part 2	RH	Patricia Bobryk, MHS, PT, MSCS, ATP
10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open		
10:15 am – 11:00 am	CMSC-ACTRIMS Collaborative John Whitaker Track	SC	Michael Racke, MD, Co-Chair Suhayl Dhib-Jalbut, MD, Co-Chair
	CMSC-ACTRIMS Collaborative John Whitaker Memorial Lecture: Role of NG2 Cells and IL-17 Signaling in EAE		Richard Ransohoff, MD
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Whitaker Awardee Scientific Abstract Presentations	SC	
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Luncheon in Exhibit Hall		

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1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	ACTRIMS Program	SC	Emmanuelle Waubant, MD, PhD, Chair
1:00 pm – 1:35 pm	» Outcome Measures for Clinical Trials: Status of Task Force		Ellen Mowry, MD
1:35 pm – 2:10 pm	» Identification of Clostridium Perfringens Epsilon Toxin as a Candidate Environmental Trigger for Nascent Lesion Formation in MS		Timothy Vartanian, MD, PhD
2:10 pm – 2:45 pm	» Antibodies Role in MS and Relationship to Triggers		Jeffrey Bennett, MD, PhD
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	CMSC-ACTRIMS Whitaker Awards Presentation		Michael Racke, MD Suhayl Dhib-Jalbut, MD
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break		
3:15 pm – 5:00 pm	ACTRIMS Program: MS Susceptibility	SC	Peter Calabresi, MD, Chair
3:15 pm – 3:50 pm	» Race and MS Susceptibility		Annette Langer-Gould, MD, PhD
3:50 pm – 4:25 pm	» Epigenetics in MS and Autoimmune Diseases		Lisa Barcellos, PhD, MPH
4:25 pm – 5:00 pm	» Uncovering MS Susceptibility Pathways from Large-Scale Genetic Studies		Chris Cotsapas, PhD
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Fundamentals of MS Care Part 4	CC	Constance B. Easterling, RN, MSN, ARNP, MSCN
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Platform Presentations		
	» Cognition / Mood	CG	
	» Disease Management and Therapeutics	DX	
	» Rehabilitation	RH	
	» Symptom Management	SX	
3:15 pm – 4:45 pm	Workshops:		
	1 Compassion Fatigue: Caring for the Caregiver	RN	Marie Namey, RN, MSN, MSCN
	2 Sexuality and MS	SX	Frederick W. Foley, PhD
	3 Dealing with the Difficult Patient	CC	Mary Kay Fink, MSN, BSN, RN, CNS, MSCN
	4 Exercising with MS: Too Little, Too Much, Just Right	RH	Deborah Backus, PT, PhD
	5 Meaningful Quality Measures for MS: A Case-based Interactive Workshop	CC	Edward Fox, MD, PhD
	6 VA MSCoE Workshop - New Models of Healthcare Delivery Using Informatics and Telemedicine Approaches	CC	Christopher T. Bever, Jr., MD, MBA
	7 Comparative Effectiveness: The Role of Registries including NARCOMS	SC	Ruth Ann Marrie, MD Gary Cutter, PhD Co-Chairs
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Independently Supported Symposium 4 Informing Decisions to Improve the Continuum of Care in RRMS A CME/CNE activity sponsored by the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Educational Partner: Vindico Medical Education <i>This activity is supported by an educational grant from Biogen Idec</i>		
6:30 pm – 8:15 pm	CMSC Business Meeting, Awards and Dinner		

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8:15 pm – 9:30 pm	Independently Supported Dessert Symposium 1 Optimizing Efficacy and Adherence to Multiple Sclerosis Treatment: A Case Choice Initiative A CME/CNE activity sponsored by Vindico Medical Education <i>This activity is supported by an educational grant from Teva Pharmaceuticals</i>		
8:15 pm – 9:30 pm	Independently Supported Dessert Symposium 2 Hot Topics in Multiple Sclerosis Management: An Expert Roundtable Discussion A CME activity jointly sponsored by the University of Florida College of Medicine and PVI, PeerView Institute for Medical Education <i>This activity is supported by an educational grant from Teva Pharmaceuticals</i>		
8:15 pm – 9:30 pm	Independently Supported Dessert Symposium 3 Navigating the Treatment Decision-Making Process Throughout the Multiple Sclerosis Disease Continuum: A Case-Based Discussion This CME/CNE/CPE activity is jointly sponsored by the University of Florida College of Medicine, Purdue University College of Pharmacy, and PVI, PeerView Institute for Medical Education <i>This activity is supported by an educational grant from Genzyme, a Sanofi Company</i>		

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2014

Time	Title	Track	Chairperson/Speakers
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast		
8:00 am – 8:45 am	CMSC Donald Paty Memorial Lecture Elegance and Eloquence of MS Plaque Pathogenesis: Protons, Protection, and the Prospects for Plasticity	SC	Teresa C. Frohman, PA-C Elliot M. Frohman, MD, PhD, FAAN
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Current Topics and Trends in MS Rehabilitation Part 3	RH	Patricia Bobryk, MHS, PT, MSCS, ATP
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Symposia:		
	14 Gender Issues in MS	DX	Barbara Giesser, MD
	15 Assessing Risk Tolerance to DMTs: Understanding and Educating About Safety	CC	Benjamin M. Greenberg, MD, MHS
	16 Pediatric MS	DX	Brenda Banwell, MD, FAAP, FRCP
	17 Plasma Exchange	SC	Dean Wingerchuk, MD
	18 VA MSCoE Symposium - Controversies in MS	CC	Dennis Bourdette, MD
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	CMSC Luncheon and Roundtables		
2:00 pm	CMSC Adjourns		

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Scientific Abstracts

CONSORTIUM OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS CENTERS ABSTRACTS

Submission website: www.msca.org/2014abstracts

Submission closes: January 10, 2014

Notification of acceptance: February 28, 2014

Poster session: May 29, 2014

Platform presentations: May 30, 2014

Contact Person: Rachele Ramirez / rramirez@msca.org / (201) 487-1050 x 104

The Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers invites submissions for posters and/or platform presentations that address timely issues involving MS basic and clinical research, patient care and treatment outcomes. Submissions that reflect collaboration between specialties are encouraged.

The categories to be highlighted include:

- » Adherence
- » Complementary and alternative therapies
- » Disease-modifying therapy
- » Epidemiology and genetics
- » Ethics
- » Family and caregivers
- » Neuroimaging
- » Internet and information services
- » Multidisciplinary care
- » Neuroimmunology and disease models
- » Neuropathology and pathogenesis
- » Neurophysiology
- » Neuropsychology and neuropsychiatry
- » Non-imaging biomarkers
- » Psychosocial factors
- » Quality of life and outcomes
- » Rehabilitation management and innovative strategies
- » Relapse therapy
- » Self-care activities and outcomes
- » Symptom management

INSTRUCTIONS

Authors need not be members of CMSC, or be sponsored by a member. All healthcare professionals are welcome to submit abstracts. Acceptance will be based entirely upon the quality of the work and appropriateness of the topic.

Submission of a proposal implies a commitment to present at the meeting. Authors of accepted abstracts must register for the meeting. The CMSC cannot assist with your costs. You may apply for scholarship support but this process is separate from the abstract review and approval of your work.

GUIDELINES

- » Abstracts must be proofread carefully. Author will be responsible for correct grammar and spelling.
- » Abstracts submitted may not have been published or presented elsewhere prior to the CMSC meeting.
- » No employee of a commercial entity may be the principal author of work related to scientific investigations, clinical methods, or outcomes nor may such employees present scientific or clinical work at the CMSC annual meeting.
- » Slides containing scientific or clinical information may not be presented if they have been developed by a commercial entity.
- » Research supported by a commercial entity may be considered but such support must be prominently noted.
- » Data presented must be verified and confirmed by independent and non-commercial sources.
- » Abstracts must follow formatting guidelines. Please make sure that all information is correct. Abstracts submitted with incomplete information will not be reviewed.



JOHN N. WHITAKER RESEARCH TRACK ABSTRACTS

Submission website: www.msca.org/2014abstracts

Submission closes: January 10, 2014

Notification of acceptance: February 28, 2014

Whitaker presentations: May 30, 2014

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Dr. John N. Whitaker was a world famous researcher in multiple sclerosis. Not only did Dr. Whitaker engage in research himself, he encouraged budding scientists to enter the field and develop their skills and talents in this important work. The CMSC and ACTRIMS are proud to honor Dr. Whitaker's memory by presenting the Whitaker Research Track each year as part of its annual meeting. This collaborative project of the CMSC and ACTRIMS includes the work of emerging scientists working in the field of MS. Students, post-doctoral fellows, and young investigators are encouraged to submit abstracts of their work for presentation during the Whitaker Track.

Registration

REGISTRATION FEES

	CMSC and IOMSN	Non-Member
The following includes admission to CMSC and ACTRIMS programming		
Early Online Registration (On or before April 7, 2014)	\$375	\$425
Regular Online Registration (April 8 - May 21, 2014)	\$425	\$475
Onsite and Online Registration (May 28 - 31, 2014)	\$525	\$575
Student Rate	\$200	
Daily Rate (onsite only)	\$200	
The following includes admission to the Exhibit Hall Only		
Exhibit Hall Only / Guest Pass	\$150	

PAYMENT

Registration must be paid in full.

Payment can be made by one of the following methods:

- » Check (payable in US Dollars to CMSC)
Mail checks to: CMSC
359 Main St., Ste A ● Hackensack, NJ 07601 ● USA
- » Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover.

A \$50 fee will be charged for any returned checks or declined credit cards.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations must be confirmed in writing.

Cancellations received on or before March 17, 2014 will receive a refund less a \$100.00 processing fee. Cancellations made after March 17 but on or before May 12, 2014 will receive a refund less a \$150 processing fee. There will be no refunds for cancellations after May 12, 2014.

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION

Confirmation notice will be generated at the end of a successful registration process. Please print the confirmation page for your records.

HOW TO REGISTER

We encourage you to submit your registration online at: www.cm-sc-actrims.org

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers provides scholarships to MS professionals who need financial assistance. Applicants must meet defined criteria to be eligible for a scholarship. The scholarship application will be available at www.cm-sc-actrims.org on January 1, 2014.

QUESTIONS

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Travel and Housing



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We would love for all meeting attendees to join us at the Hilton Anatole!

CMSC has arranged for attendees to reserve rooms at the Anatole at the discounted rate of \$169.00 per night. The hotel is conveniently located to airports, features a variety of business services to help you keep up with remote work, and offers the added convenience of taking advantage of early morning and late night sessions while avoiding cab fares and traffic. The stunning venue provides a beautiful and relaxing backdrop for learning and networking that we know you will enjoy.

RATE

\$169.00

Room rate is per night and is in US dollars.

Room category is based on availability. All rooms are non-smoking.

Taxes are additional and are currently 15%. Taxes and fees are subject to change.

RESERVATIONS

To reserve a room and to obtain group rates, go to

- » www.cmssc-actrims.org (click on the TRAVEL and HOUSING link) OR
- » www.msccare.org/2014housing

AIR TRAVEL

GAMA Corporate Travel has negotiated special air and booking rates for meeting participants. If you wish to utilize GAMA Business Travel for your flights, please request a quote at:

- » www.cmssc-actrims.org (click on the TRAVEL and HOUSING link) OR
- » www.msccare.org/2014travel

NOTES

Airport Transfer Cost

Dallas Fort Worth International (DFW) Airport is 35-40 minutes away. Cab fare is about \$40 USD.

Love Field (DAL) Airport is about 15 minutes away. Average cab fare is \$15 USD.

SuperShuttle is \$18 USD one way.

SuperShuttle Airport Discount: <http://reservations.supershuttle.com/default.aspx?content=GroupReservations&GC=62467>

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Dallas, Texas

Reaching gracefully skyward, the Hilton Anatole is much more than a luxury hotel. A renowned destination in a city that is rich with champions, warm hospitality and western lore, the Hilton Anatole is located in downtown Dallas, Texas. Having defined Dallas and all of Texas, by its sheer magnitude, the Hilton Anatole is a cultural icon to progress, inspiration and comfort.

This Dallas hotel contains a legendary private art collection, the largest ever owned and displayed by a U.S. hotel. The Hilton Anatole's guestrooms, all 1,606 of them, offer opportunities to relax and recharge with meticulously crafted, plush interiors. And its 600,000 square feet of event and meeting space provide a state-of-the-art expanse for entertainment and business. In fact, this Dallas hotel has more convention space than any of the other hotels in Dallas and any destination in the Southwest.

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Clay Walker Concert on May 29 at 9:00 pm



Dallas Museum of Art



Dallas Zoo: photo courtesy of www.animalshd.com

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