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PWSA | USA VIRTUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION 2021

Prader-Willi
SYNDROME ASSOCIATION | USA
SAVING AND TRANSFORMING LIVES

VIRTUAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

June 22-26, 2021

ABOUT THE CONVENTION

Since its debut in Minnesota in 1979, PWSA | USA's National Convention has been the most highly anticipated event in the Prader-Willi syndrome community. Now, PWSA | USA is thrilled to bring you its first-ever virtual convention! Over the course of four days, attendees will share ideas and experiences while learning from leaders in the field of PWS. The virtual format makes it possible for more families than ever to attend the event's many counseling sessions and support groups, meet with top specialists and authorities on PWS, and connect with others who are learning to thrive in the face of a rare disease.

WHAT IS PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME?

Prader-Willi syndrome is a complex genetic disorder that typically causes low muscle tone, short stature, incomplete sexual development, cognitive disabilities, problem behaviors, and a chronic feeling of hunger that can lead to excessive eating and life-threatening obesity.

It is estimated that one in 12,000 to 15,000 people are born with Prader-Willi syndrome. Although considered a "rare" disorder, PWS is one of the most common conditions seen in genetics clinics and is the most common genetic cause of obesity that has been identified. PWS is found in people of both sexes and all races.

WHAT IS PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME ASSOCIATION | USA?

Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA is the largest education, support, research, and advocacy organization for people and families living with PWS in the United States. This convention provides a unique opportunity to access a cross section of families, providers, scientists, and medical professionals who care for people born with this complex syndrome.

Organized in 1975, PWSA | USA is headquartered in Sarasota, Florida. PWSA | USA is a member of the International Prader-Willi Syndrome Organisation (IPWSO). Together, these organizations collectively create a voice for those with, and affected by, PWS worldwide.

Professional Providers Conference: June 22nd

Educational, Social Services, Vocational and Residential professional providers come together to discuss identified and supported best practice and standard of care approaches, as well as to provide a critical in-person, solution-orientated exchange of ideas for specific concerns that can be addressed by experts in the field. **Note**: Professional Care & Service Providers only

Time: 11:00 AM EST to 5:40 PM EST
Cost: $25 (includes General Conference Registration)

Medical & Scientific Conference: June 23rd & 24th

During this two-day event, Scientists, Researchers, and Medical professionals from different disciplines share ideas and report on progress, helping to meet the ever-present goal to support research that will identify effective treatment, and improve the quality of life for individuals diagnosed with PWS.

Time: 11:00 AM EST to 5:40 PM EST
Cost: $150 (includes General Conference Registration)

Note about CMEs: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine and Prader-Willi Syndrome Association. Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

All medical, scientific and health care professionals are welcome to attend. Medical students and others may register as an observer at no cost.

General Conference: June 25th & 26th

This two-day event attracts parents, grandparents, caregivers, and professionals. The attendees are skillfully guided through a choice of multiple learning tracks covering an array of topics that can be tailored to their individual preferences. It is a time to build relationships with other families, attend counseling sessions and support groups, meet with top specialists and authorities on PWS, and just have fun. Experts in the field provide attendees with up-to-date information and resources for addressing the very complex needs of supporting and caring for an individual diagnosed with PWS.

Time: 11:00 AM EST to 5:15 PM EST
Cost: Free