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Day of Event Guide



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*Janet E. Church
President and Chief
Executive Officer*

Welcome to the 2024 Sjögren's Foundation National Patient Conference! We are excited to be back for another year, bringing you knowledge about Sjögren's disease, delivered by recognized Sjögren's experts!

Whether this is your first Sjögren's Foundation conference or your 20th, we are so happy you are with us today! This year, we bring you a new virtual platform that will offer a more dynamic experience, and we encourage you to use our conference platform to the fullest! This year, we also have new patient community areas to engage with other patients and virtual rooms to visit with our sponsors and exhibitors and learn how they are making a difference in the lives of Sjögren's patients. In addition, you can use the chat feature during our main stage presentations, as well as post questions during the live Q&A session at the end of each clinical presentation!

We are so excited about the amazing presenters who will share their knowledge with you during the next two days! You will learn about the most common symptoms of the disease, as well as manifestations that patients can experience throughout their Sjögren's journey. This knowledge is key to protecting your health and knowing when to advocate for yourself with your healthcare providers. We will close our conference with a look at exciting Sjögren's research happening right now! As a Sjögren's patient myself, the momentum of interest I am seeing in our disease, and the amount of new research activity gives me great hope for our future!

Enjoy the next two days of learning and connecting with our amazing community and experts. Soak up the experience and know that you can return to the videos to view sessions again (and again) over the next 90 days. We are proud to be your credible resource for Sjögren's information and education, and we look forward to spending time together learning and growing. It's going to be great!

Sincerely,

*Janet E. Church
President and Chief Executive Officer*

Getting the Most Out of Your Conference Participation

Accelevents

The Sjögren's Foundation Virtual National Patient Conference is using the Accelevents platform to broadcast this event. The platform is web-based and allows you to view the presentations live, engage in chat, participate in the polls, and submit questions. This new platform will also provide communities to engage with other patients and the ability to visit different online exhibit booths as well. After the conference, you will have access to the recordings for 90 days.

How to Access Event Webpage

Upon registering for the conference, you should have received a confirmation email from Accelevents with instructions on how to access the event. The first part of the email has a "Join event" button. Clicking this button is the fastest and easiest way to enter a virtual event. You do not need to enter an email address or create a password; you will automatically be logged in.

A reminder email will be sent one day prior to the conference which will again include a "Join event" button. Additional emails will be sent each morning of the conference, which will include a "Join event" button. If, for whatever reason, you do not receive an email or have an issue with the magic link, you can access the event directly at <https://www.accelevents.com/e/2024npc>.

Virtual Event Hub

The virtual event hub is where the virtual event takes place, which you will see after you click the "Join event" button from the email.

The Chat Area and Q&A

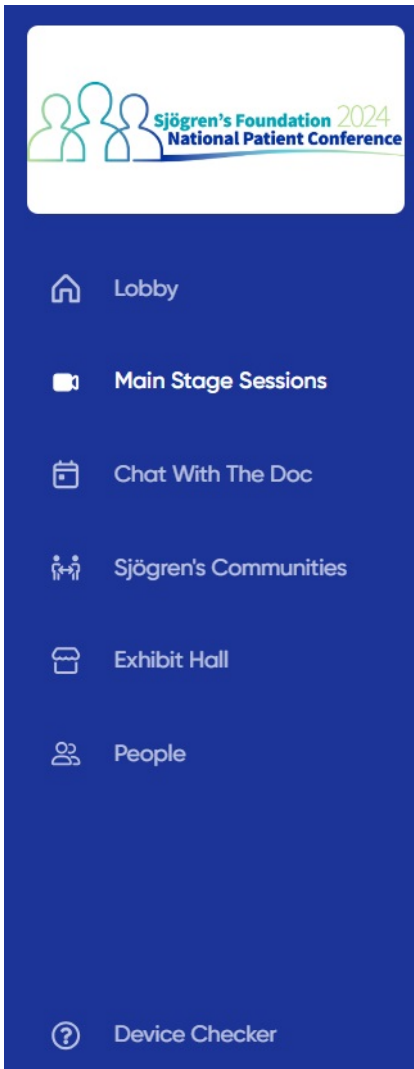
For those interacting with others during the conference, the chat area can be found on the right side of the webpage. This is where you can type public messages during the sessions. The chat rooms will change depending on where you are, and you will be able to see which session or area you are chatting in immediately under the "chat" tab.

If you are not interested in the chat feature, you can minimize this area and expand the size of the presentation area by hovering over the divide to the right of your name and clicking the right arrow. If you decide at any point to open the chat, just click the now left arrow. We ask you to please remember that our chat areas and communities are intended for patients to connect, ***please do not solicit services or products to the attendees of the conference!***

When we begin our main stage presentations, for those who have a Q & A segment, a Q & A tab will be available next to the chat tab. This is where you will be able to ask our presenters questions during those segments. The same directions as above apply if you would like to minimize this area and then open it back up to ask a question.

The Navigation Menu

This will show you all the available sections in the event. You can click the tabs to access the sessions you want to attend, exhibitor booths you want to visit, and communities where you can connect with other attendees.



1. Lobby

This is what you see when you first enter the virtual event hub, where you can see the feed, agenda, and sponsors.

- Feed - where the Foundation will post announcements and other relevant information.
- Agenda - a complete list of all the sessions and speakers for the virtual event. In “Sessions,” click on an individual session to see a full description of what will be presented. In “Speakers,” click on each individual speaker to see which session they are presenting in and their full biography.
- Sponsors – a list of sponsoring companies for this year’s conference.

2. Main Stage Sessions

This is where you will see each conference presentation/session. Below the video player, you will see the upcoming sessions. Please note that only one session will run at a time.

3. Chat with the Doc

This is a special session that will allow you to ask general questions of Dr. Donald Thomas, a rheumatologist. The session takes place on Friday, April 5, at 3:50 pm.

4. Sjögren's Communities

This is where attendees can go to a specific area and have discussions with other attendees about certain topics.

5. Exhibit Hall

This is where you can see all the exhibitor booths. To enter a booth, just click the right arrow in the booth. Inside the booth, you'll see the company details, videos, live stream, offers, and products. You will also be able to chat with company representatives.

6. People

This is where you will see a list of attendees and their profiles. Here, you can request to be connected (like a friend request) and send a direct message.

7. Device Checker

When clicked, it will open a pop-up window showing information and tips on ensuring that your event experience is excellent by using the right browser, adjusting permission settings, and more.

Tips for a Great Virtual Event Experience

When joining a virtual event, it can get frustrating when the video is freezing or when the audio is choppy. Here are some tips that you can try to improve the quality of your virtual event experience:

Restart your device before joining the event.

If you're using your camera or microphone for the event, make sure to restart your device so that any other applications on your device that have access to the camera or microphone are turned off.

Use a fast and stable internet connection.

Video quality depends on your internet speed, so make sure that you have at least 5mbps and that your connection is stable to ensure that your video will come through clearly. It also helps if you have a backup connection just in case.

Use low resolution.

If your internet connection is not strong enough, try changing from High Definition to Low Definition, as it requires less bandwidth. This way, it will lessen any choppy interruptions.

Close other tabs and applications.

The more programs you have open, the slower your device gets, and sometimes it even overheats. Make sure that the opened applications are the only ones that you need while you're in the event.

Refresh.

If your audio or video freezes, or something is not loading, the best suggestion is to simply refresh your browser tab. (many of these types of issues occur due to your internet connection, Wi-Fi connection or bandwidth and therefore we are unfortunately unable to help with this).

Allow browser video and audio access.

There's a lock icon on top of your browser, click that and make sure that the audio and video options are enabled.

You can find additional general troubleshooting guidance here :

<https://support.accelevents.com/en/articles/4613174-general-troubleshooting>.

Sjögren's Communities

The Sjögren's Communities allow attendees to interact and meet through a live forum and share their thoughts about a specific topic. The lounge is open throughout the event, so attendees can enter whenever possible. There have also been specific sessions built into the agenda so that attendees can visit without missing any of the presentations.

There have been seven communities created for this year's conference so that attendees with common interests can gather and discuss. These include:

- **Life Hacks and Daily Living Tips!** A community for any attendees to share their tips for managing your Sjögren's day to day. No self-promotion of products/services or solicitation of attendees allowed.
- **Newly Diagnosed Patients:** A community for those diagnosed with Sjögren's in the last year.
- **Clinical Trial Interest Group:** A community for patients currently involved in or interested in clinical trials to gather and share experiences.
- **Men with Sjögren's:** A community for male attendees living with Sjögren's.
- **Families of Children with Sjögren's:** A community for families who have children living with Sjögren's.
- **Patients in their 20's and 30's:** A community for any attendees in their 20's and 30's living with Sjögren's.
- **Breath of Fresh Air:** A community for attendees looking to step out of the heaviness of living with Sjögren's disease and simply share fun and inspiring quotes, pictures, or stories to help lift each other's spirits.

Post-Event Access: Watching Sessions After the Conference

Whether you were unable to attend, you missed a session, or you would just like to replay a presentation you've already seen - **attendees may still view the replay of the main stage sessions for up to 90 days after the event.**

The enter event button will still appear on the event landing page (<https://www.acelevents.com/e/2024npc>) to allow attendees to still enter the virtual event and watch the recordings of past sessions even after the event has ended. You can also click the link in any of the pre-event emails you received. Additionally, as soon as a session is over, attendees can watch a replay.

To View a Recording

To view the recording after a session has ended, attendees must click the View Recording button from the session in the event hub. You can find the sessions from the Lobby or Main Stage Sessions via the Navigation Bar. If for whatever reason you do not see past sessions, be sure "Show past sessions" is toggled on. (See below example)

From the Lobby, click "Agenda" and "Sessions" and then scroll through until you find the session you would like to view and click the "View Recording" button. (See below example). You can also filter by dates if you would like or search for a specific session

The screenshot shows the 'Agenda' tab of an event hub. At the top, there are tabs for 'Feed', 'Agenda', and 'Sponsors'. Below these are three buttons: 'Sessions' (highlighted in blue), 'Speakers', and 'My Sessions'. A search icon and a 'Show past sessions' toggle switch (which is turned on) are also visible. The main content area displays a session card for 'Welcome & Opening Comments' on Friday, 5 Apr, at 12:30 PM (EDT). The session is categorized as a 'Main Stage Session' and is 10 minutes long. The speaker is Janet Church, President & CEO at Sjogren's Foundation. A blue button with a filmstrip icon and the text 'View Recording' is highlighted with a red rectangular border.

If you go to Main Stage Sessions, you will see each session below the video player and can scroll to the session you would like to watch and click "View Recording".

In the post-event access, you will also be able to:

- Set up and/or edit your profile.
- Explore the Lobby.
- Enter Sjogren's Communities to interact with other attendees if they are also online.
- Enter exhibitor booths in the Exhibit Hall to learn more about their products/services.
- Send connection and meeting requests to other attendees.

Day One – Friday, April 5th (All times are Eastern Time)

12:30pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

Janet E. Church
Sjögren's Foundation President & CEO

12:40pm Sjögren's Overview

Thomas Grader-Beck, MD

1:30pm Oral Manifestations in Sjögren's

Vidya Sankar, DMD, MHS

2:10pm Exhibit Hall Open!

Take a break and visit our exhibit hall to talk with company representatives to learn about our sponsors and how they support Sjögren's patients!

2:40pm Headaches in Sjögren's

Arun Varadhachary, MD, PhD

3:20pm Foundation Update

Janet E. Church

3:50pm Chat with A Doc

Donald E. Thomas, MD, FACP, FACR

3:50pm Community Connections!

Join one of our virtual conference communities and visit with other Sjögren's patients to connect, share and learn!

4:20pm Childhood Sjögren's

Sara Stern, MD

4:50pm Day One Wrap-up

Spring 2023 – Walk for Sjögren's Calendar

May

LIVE Tri-State Walk for Sjögren's in Philadelphia, PA
Saturday, May 11, 2024

June

NEW LIVE Midwest Walk for Sjögren's in Madison, WI
Saturday, June 1, 2024

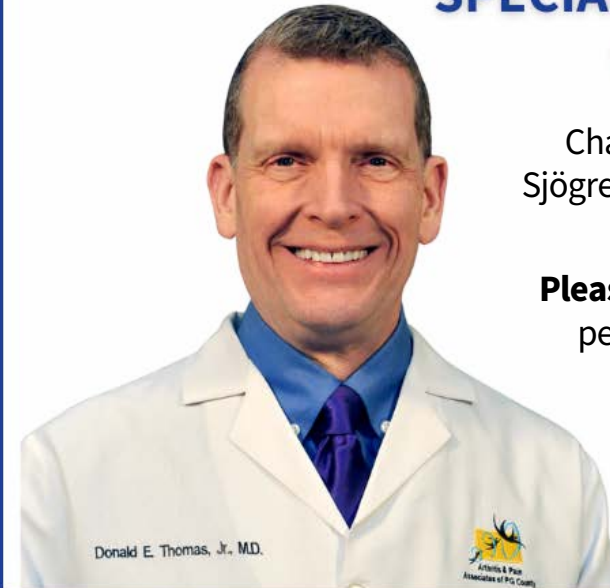
Virtual Colorado Walk for Sjögren's
Saturday, June 22, 2024

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SPECIAL SESSION: CHAT WITH A DOC with Dr. Donald Thomas



Donald E. Thomas, Jr., M.D.

Chat with Dr. Thomas and ask your burning Sjögren's questions that may not be answered by other speakers!

Please note : this is not a private chat area and personal medical advice will not be given.

April 5th at 3:50-4:50PM (ET)

Are you navigating life with Sjögren's?

If so, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical study looking to help relieve symptoms related to Sjögren's and evaluate changes in your quality of life.



By enrolling in this Phase 2 trial, you may participate in a clinical study working to determine if the investigational medication is able to provide relief to symptoms in the following ways:

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Day One – Speaker Bios



Thomas Grader-Beck, MD, PhD

Dr. Grader-Beck is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Rheumatology Division at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD and is a clinician in their Sjögren's clinic. He has

served on the Sjögren's Foundation Consensus Expert Panel for both the recently published guidelines on pulmonary manifestations in Sjögren's as well as the upcoming guidelines on peripheral and autonomic nervous system manifestations in Sjögren's. Active in many clinical trials in Sjögren's, most notably, Dr. Grader-Beck is a Co-investigator for the STAMP team on the NIH AMP/AIM research project. In January, he was a featured speaker at the Sjögren's Foundation's annual State of Sjögren's program for medical professionals where he focused on the many faces of Sjögren's Disease and its wide array of presentations.



Arun Varadhachary, MD, PhD

Dr. Arun Varadhachary is an Associate Professor of Neurology, Section Chief at Washington University, St. Louis. He focuses his practice on seeing patients with autoimmune and

inflammatory disorders of the central and peripheral nervous system, metabolic and degenerative neurologic disorders, and other neurologic manifestations of systemic disease. He has authored a chapter on Sjögren's and the Nervous System in the 5th edition of *The Sjögren's Book* and currently serves on the Topic Review Group for the Foundation's effort to develop clinical practice guidelines for peripheral nervous system manifestations in Sjögren's.



Vidya Sankar, DMD, MHS

Dr. Vidya Sankar is currently an Associate Professor, Division Director for Oral Medicine and Program Director for the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, Oral Medicine Residency.

She has been involved with the Sjögren's Foundation since 1998, when she received her specialty training in Oral Medicine at the National Institutes of Dental Research (NIDCR). Dr. Sankar was the first recipient of the Sjögren's Foundation Research grant while at the NIDCR. Since then, she has spent much of her career helping patients manage their oral symptoms and has continued with research. Dr. Sankar also holds appointments as the President of the American Academy of Oral Medicine as well as Division Director and Associate Professor at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. She is currently the Treasurer of the Sjögren's Foundation Board of Directors.



Sara Stern, MD

Dr. Sara Stern is currently an Assistant Professor in the Division of Pediatric Rheumatology at the University of Utah School of Medicine and Primary Children's Medical Center.

Dr. Stern is dedicated to creating a better future for children with Childhood Sjögren's Disease (cSjD). While her main research focus has been to describe differences in clinical presentation and outcomes of Childhood Sjögren's Disease as compared to adult onset Sjögren's, she has been involved in several projects to help increase the understanding of cSjD. She co-authored a manuscript evaluating the 2016 ACR/EULAR classification criteria for Sjögren's disease for diagnosing cSjD, as well as, the chapter on Childhood Sjögren's in *The Sjögren's Book*. In 2017, she became a co-chair of the Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance cSjD workgroup, as well as the International Childhood Sjögren Disease Workgroup.

Join a Sjögren's Foundation Support Group!

You may feel better knowing that you are not alone, you will learn more about Sjögren's from fellow patients and expert speakers, plus you will find new ways to cope with your disease.



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medicine,
together



Thank you to our Exhibitors!



Day Two – Saturday, April 6th (All times are Eastern Time)

12:30 pm Opening Remarks & Awards Ceremony
Janet Church
Sjögren's Foundation President & CEO

1:00 pm The Engaged and Empowered Patient Panel
Susan Barajas, Tammy Dodson, Allissa Latham,
and Robyn Laukien

1:30 pm Ocular Manifestations in Sjögren's
Sezen Karakus, MD

2:10 pm Exhibit Hall Open!
Take a break and visit our exhibit hall to talk with company representatives to learn about our sponsors and how they support Sjögren's patients!

2:40 pm Healthy Sexual Function Throughout Life's Stages
Cuoghi Edens, MD

3:20 pm Fetal Heart Block Overview
Jill Buyon, MD

3:35 pm Community Connections!
Join one of our virtual conference communities and visit with other Sjögren's patients to connect, share and learn!

4:00 pm Dermatology Issues in Sjögren's
Natalie Wright, MD

4:40 pm What's on the Horizon in Sjögren's
Darise Farris, PhD

5:10 pm Conference Recap and Closing Remarks
Janet E. Church

5:30 pm Conference Adjourns



Day Two – Speaker Bios



Sezen Karakus, MD

Dr. Sezen Karakus is an assistant professor of ophthalmology at the Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Her expertise lies in corneal and external eye

diseases, with a particular focus on ocular surface diseases in patients with autoimmune diseases, such as Sjögren's. Within her clinical practice, Dr. Karakus serves as a team member of the Ocular Surface Diseases and Dry Eye Clinic at Wilmer, where she provides specialized care for patients with complex dry eye, ocular surface diseases, and neuropathic corneal pain. She is also involved in the Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS) program at Hopkins, addressing neuropathic eye pain and ocular surface diseases in patients with autonomic dysfunction.



Cuoghi Edens, MD

Cuoghi Edens, MD is both a board-certified adult and pediatric rheumatologist at the University of Chicago where she is currently an Assistant Professor. Dr. Edens treats

children and adults suffering from a wide array of rheumatic and autoimmune diseases. Her clinical and research passion, however, lies in the interplay between pregnancy, sexual health, contraception, and rheumatic diseases across the age spectrum and she has become a national leader in this area. She is active in the American College of Rheumatology Reproductive Health Initiative and the co-leader of the Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance (CARRA) Reproductive Health Work Group as well as an Executive Committee Member American Academy of Pediatrics Section of Rheumatology.



Jill Buyon, MD

Jill P. Buyon, M.D., Professor of Rheumatology and Director of the Division of Rheumatology at New York University School of Medicine; Director of the NYU Lupus Center, is internationally

recognized as a physician scientist specializing in translational research and management of systemic lupus erythematosus, lupus nephritis, neonatal lupus, and rheumatic diseases in pregnancy. As a postdoctoral fellow in 1985, Dr. Buyon founded the HJD Lupus Clinic, and serves as its Director to this day. Supported by an NIH MERIT award, her studies have addressed the pathogenesis of fetal conduction disease with a focus on linking maternal antibody to fibrosis. In a challenging undertaking projected to enroll 1300 anti-Ro positive pregnancies, she is addressing the use of home doppler recordings to identify emergent reversible fetal block.

Day Two – Speaker Bios



Natalie Wright, MD

Dr. Natalie Wright is a board-certified dermatologist who specializes in the diagnosis and management of autoimmune conditions of the skin, in addition to managing general

dermatologic conditions at her dermatology practice, in Plano, TX. Dr. Wright earned her medical degree from the University of Texas at Houston Medical School and completed a year of fellowship training in autoimmune disorders at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital. There, she specialized in the diagnosis and management of cutaneous lupus, dermatomyositis, systemic sclerosis, eosinophilic fasciitis, morphea, and many other multisystem diseases in both the adult and pediatric populations. She has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals and presented at several national and international meetings. She is a fellow of the American Board of Dermatology and an active member of several dermatology societies.



A. Darise Farris, PhD

Dr. Farris is a molecular and cellular immunologist with a primary appointment of Professor in Arthritis and Clinical Immunology at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation

where she is the Alvin Chang Chair in Biomedical Research. She holds an Adjunct Professor appointment in the Department of Pathology and in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She currently serves as mPI of the Sjögren's Team for Accelerating Medicines Partnership and is the Director of the Oklahoma Sjögren's Research Clinic. She has a strong interest in the role of the adaptive immune system in Sjögren's disease and is the author of seminal studies investigating minor salivary gland CD4+ T lymphocytes, minor salivary gland damage, and autoantibody specificity in individuals with Sjögren's.

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- *Conquering Sjögren's™* Bi-monthly newsletter
- Archived newsletters & patient town hall video recordings
- Members-only Discounts
- Information about upcoming Clinical Trials
- And more!



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2024

Volunteer

Awards Ceremony

Leadership Awards

2024 Healthcare Professional Leadership Award



Sarah McCoy, MD, PhD

This award recognizes a healthcare professional who has given their time and talents to educate their community about Sjögren's while also promoting the mission of the Sjögren's Foundation. Dr. Sara McCoy is an Assistant Professor in

Rheumatology and the Director of the University of Wisconsin Health Sjögren's Clinic. She is both a clinician and researcher who dedicates her time and talents to focus on Sjögren's and Sjögren's patients. Dr. McCoy chose to focus her career on Sjögren's as she recognized the significant gap in care for individuals suffering from the disease, including poor diagnostic tools and lack of approved therapies. Her goal is to critically inform the pathogenesis of Sjögren's disease toward development of novel targeted therapeutics.

Dr. McCoy is considered a rising star in the field of Sjögren's internationally, and is highly respected for her

research, her work with patients, and her leadership in the OMERACT Sjögren's Working Group.

Dr. McCoy has been awarded three Sjögren's Foundation grants and was awarded the Foundation's Outstanding Abstract Award at the 2022 American College of Rheumatology conference. In July of 2022, Dr. McCoy joined the Foundation's Board of Directors. She serves on the Research committee which reviews new proposals for Foundation grants. She has spoken at many Foundation events including our National Patient Conferences and has been a presenting Rheumatologist for our partner CME programs which educate other doctors about the serious and systemic nature of Sjögren's. She has written for us and has been on our Census Expert Panel for both the Pulmonary Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) and our new Peripheral Nervous System CPGs which should be out by the end of 2024. Currently, Dr. McCoy is working with the Foundation as a Sjögren's expert for our presentation to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in May. This year, she has partnered with the parent of a young patient to create and co-chair the Midwest Walk for Sjögren's to be held June 1st in Madison, Wisconsin.



2024 Volunteer Awards Ceremony

2024 Volunteer Leadership Award



David P. Schrader

This award recognizes a Foundation volunteer who has helped to increase awareness, supported patients and their families, and fully supported the mission of the Sjögren's Foundation.

David Schrader is a patient who

continues to make a difference in patients' lives. David built his career as an entertainment industry financial professional including 20 years at The Walt Disney Company. From 2009 to 2016, he served as Executive Vice President and Managing Director for the theatrical production division, Disney Theatrical Productions, leading domestic and international strategy and business development as well as operational functions, marketing, and merchandising. During his time at Disney, the company produced ten Broadway shows as well as touring and international companies. Disney Theatrical Productions has brought events to a global annual audience of more than 19 million people in more than 50 countries.

David was a member of the Broadway League from 2012-2017 where he served on the Finance Committee and as a Tony Awards voter from 2013-2016. He has served on other Boards, including a continued seat on the Board of Miami New Drama.

In 2013, David was diagnosed with Sjögren's; in 2016 he realized he could no longer continue with his executive role at Disney and stepped down, founding his entertainment consultancy, Murray & Kean. When David received his diagnosis, he turned to the Sjögren's Foundation and became a member. He became involved with our programs, attended our events, and was particularly engaged with the New York Sip events supporting fundraising efforts. In 2019, David joined the Foundation's Board of Directors to bring his governance and finance background and represent male patients. As a Board member, has David served as Secretary of the Board and has co-chaired our New York Walk events.

David has been instrumental in building awareness that men are affected by Sjögren's! Not only has David directly supported male patients calling in to connect with other men, he has served as a patient advocate to pharmaceutical companies so they can better understand the male patient's perspective. He has also shared his story on video for CME programs to train healthcare providers to think of Sjögren's as a possible diagnosis for men.



2024 Volunteer Awards Ceremony Service Award

2024 Mission Service Award



Nishant Gupta, MD

Dr. Nishant Gupta is an Associate Professor in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at the University of Cincinnati. He also serves as the Director of Interstitial and Rare Lung Diseases at the University of Cincinnati. An accomplished

and recognized researcher in his field, Dr. Gupta's clinical research program focuses on interstitial and rare lung diseases, including Sjögren's-associated lung diseases.

Dr. Gupta has authored dozens of articles published within peer-reviewed scientific journals, including the Foundation's Consensus Guidelines for Evaluation and Management of Pulmonary Disease in Sjögren's (our Pulmonary CPGs). Dr. Gupta was a key contributor and member of the Topic Review Group in the multi-year effort of developing these guidelines and helped facilitate their publication in the prestigious journal, CHEST. Impressively, this article has been downloaded tens of thousands of times since its publication and represents an incredibly important and successful multi-specialty effort that highlights important aspects of Sjögren's that many before Dr. Gupta may not have considered.

The Foundation was excited to welcome Dr. Gupta to our Board of Directors in 2022, where he also serves as a member of our Research Committee. In this role, he helped shape the Foundation's new grant policies and offerings and serves as a reviewer on grant proposals sent to the Foundation. Additionally, Dr. Gupta has volunteered his time and expertise in writing and reviewing content for our magazine, Conquering Sjögren's. This coming May, Dr. Gupta will represent the Foundation at the American Thoracic Society's Annual Meeting when he speaks on the patient experience and burden of respiratory manifestations of Sjögren's, which may be one of the very few times, if ever, that Sjögren's has been a topic of an oral presentation at this meeting.

Dr. Gupta was an early champion of the Foundation's message that Sjögren's is serious and systemic, and that multi-disciplinary care is required to best care for patients. During the inaugural State of Sjögren's event in 2022, he presented on ILD in Sjögren's, a potentially very serious manifestation, and again, emphasized the need for multi-disciplinary care for patients.



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