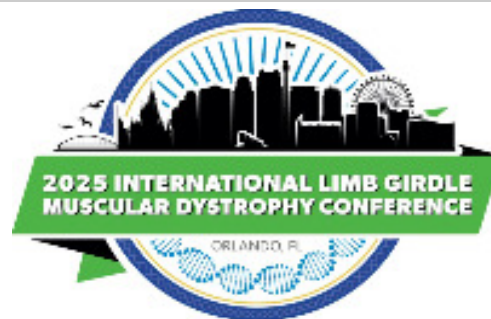


2025 International Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Conference

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Friday, July 18, 2025

3:00 – 6:00 PM	GENERAL REGISTRATION - CHECK IN	Grande Registration Desk
4:00 – 6:15 PM	Exhibitor Setup	Palazzo Foyer
6:30 – 8:00 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION & MIXER	Valencia / Terrace

Saturday, July 19, 2025

8:00 – 11:00 AM	GENERAL REGISTRATION - LATE CHECK IN	Grande Registration Desk	
8:00 – 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST SNACKS	Palazzo Foyer	
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Session 1:	WELCOME, OVERVIEW, AND CLINICAL CARE:	Palazzo Ballroom
		Conference Welcome	
		• Kathryn Bryant Knudson, President, The Speak Foundation	
		Patient Advocacy Organization Introductions	
		• Kathryn Bryant Knudson, President, The Speak Foundation	
LGMDs: What should patients know to get productive clinical care?			
• Matthew P. Wicklund, MD, University of Texas			
Developing Formal Standards of Care for LGMDs			
• Volker Straub, MD, PhD, University of Newcastle, UK			
• Meredith James, PhD, University of Newcastle, UK			
10:30 – 10:45 AM	BREAK		

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10:45 – 11:45 AM	Session 2: Breakout	Understanding Diagnosis and Genetic Test Reports	Palazzo Ballroom
		• Lee Kugelmann, NMSc, CGC, University of Florida	
		• Conrad (Chris) Wehl, MD PhD, Washington University School of Medicine	
		• Peter Kang, MD, University of Minnesota	
		• Brad Williams and Sara Yemm	
		Building Community Connections: Young Adulthood with LGMD - Ages 18-25 (no parents)	Palazzo A
• Cerys Davage and Serena Desiderio			
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	BREAK		
	12:00 – 12:50 PM	LUNCH	Sarepta Therapeutics Symposium
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12:50 – 1:00 PM	BREAK		
1:00 – 1:45 PM	Session 3: Breakout	How does an idea become a drug? Moving from the lab to clinical trials	Palazzo Ballroom
		• Kevin Campbell, PhD, University of Iowa	
		• Sharon Hesterlee, PhD, Muscular Dystrophy Association	
		• Nicholas E. Johnson, MD, Virginia Commonwealth University	
		Genetic Counselors: Q&A	Palazzo A
		• Lee Kugelmann, NMSc, CGC, University of Florida	
		• Brianna N. Gross, MS, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	
		• Ashley Cannon, MS, CGC, PhD, University of Alabama	
		Building Community Connections: Adolescents - Meetup for Ages 12-17 (no parents)	Palazzo B
		• Peter Frewing, Brooklyn Garza, and Sammy Brazzo	
		Living with Dominant LGMDs and Treatment Approaches	Palazzo C
		• Jeffrey Statland, MD, Kansas University Medical Center	
• Victoria Nedza, Patient			
• Natasha Lowery, LGMD-1D DNAJB6 Foundation			

Saturday, July 19, 2025 - continued

1:45 – 2:00 PM	BREAK			
2:00 – 2:45 PM	Session 4: Breakout	Current Drug Development Pathways for LGMDs • Barry Byrne, MD, PhD, University of Florida • Matthew P. Wicklund, MD, University of Texas	Palazzo Ballroom	
		Physical Therapy and Rehab: Areas to watch with LGMD • Lindsay Alfano, PT, DPT, PCS, Nationwide Children's Hospital • Vovanti Jones, MD, University of Missouri	Palazzo A	
		BREAK		
		3:00 – 3:45 PM	Session 5: Breakout	Ask the Expert: Q&A • Lindsay Alfano, PT, DPT, PCS, Nationwide Children's Hospital • Vovanti Jones, MD, University of Missouri • Volker Straub, MD, PhD, University of Newcastle, UK • Matthew P. Wicklund, MD, University of Texas • Peter Kang, MD, University of Minnesota • Barry Byrne, MD, PhD, University of Florida • Bjarne Udd, MD, PhD, Tampere Neuromuscular Center • Conrad (Chris) Wehl, MD PhD, Washington University School of Medicine
Exercise, Weight Management & Nutrition in LGMD • Tina Duong MPT, PhD, Stanford Medicine • Tanja Taivassalo, PhD, University of Florida	Palazzo A			
Navigating Mental Health with Changing Disability • Melissa Grove MS, LPC	Palazzo B			
GROUP PHOTO				Palazzo Ballroom
BREAK				
COCKTAIL RECEPTION, AWARDS CEREMONY & SCIENTIFIC POSTER SESSION				Palazzo Ballroom

Sunday, July 20, 2025

8:00 – 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST SNACKS		Palazzo Foyer	
9:30 – 10:45 AM	Session 6:	UPDATES FROM CLINICAL TRIALS:	Palazzo Ballroom	
		ML Bio Solutions:		
		• Douglas Sproule, MD, MSc, Chief Medical Officer		
		Sarepta Therapeutics:		
		• Louise Rodino-Klapac, PhD, Head of R&D, Chief Scientific Officer		
		AskBio:		
		• Samuel Hopkins, PhD, Senior Vice President of Therapeutics		
9:30 – 10:45 AM	Session 6:	Edgewise Therapeutics:	Palazzo Ballroom	
		• Joanne M. Donovan, MD, PhD, Chief Medical Officer		
		Atamy Therapeutics:		
• Sophie Olivier, MD, Chief Medical Officer				
10:45 – 11:00 AM	BREAK			
11:00 – 11:50 AM	Session 7: Breakout	Cardiac & Respiratory Management	Palazzo Ballroom	
		• Frank Raucci, MD, Virginia Commonwealth University (Cardiac)		
		• Beth McNally, MD, PhD, Northwestern University (Cardiac)		
		• Megan Lowery, MD, University of Florida (Pulmonary)		
		• Amy Fulford, RT, Millennium Respiratory Services		
		Rare Recessive LGMD Subtypes	Palazzo A	
		• Christina Pacak, PhD, University of Minnesota		
		• Monkol Lek, PhD, Yale School of Medicine		
		• Bjarne Udd, MD, PhD, Tampere Neuromuscular Center		
		Natural History Studies - What to expect & Why should I participate?	Palazzo B	
		Moderator: Carla Zingariello, DO Montefiore/Albert Einstein College of Medicine		
		• Ruby Langeslay, MPH, Virginia Commonwealth University		
		• Kevin Warf, BS, Nationwide Children's Hospital		
• Sujethra (Suji) Vasu, MD, Caregiver				
• Dan Pope, Patient				
Life Hacks for Successful Living with LGMD	Palazzo C			
• Tips & Tricks: Carol Abraham & Victoria Nedza				
• Driving Independence: Cerys Davage & John Faver				

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11:50 AM - 12:00 PM	BREAK		
12:00 – 12:50 PM	LUNCH	ML BIO UPDATES BBP-418 • Sponsored by ML BIO	Palazzo Ballroom
12:50 - 1:00 PM	BREAK		
1:00 – 1:35 PM	Session 8:	LGMD ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES Laying Out the Upcoming LGMD Advocacy: Lessons from the Rare Disease Community • Annie Kennedy, Chief of Policy, Advocacy, and Patient Engagement, Everylife Foundation Drug Approval and Advocacy Readiness for the LGMDs (GROUP PANEL) • Annie Kennedy & Kathryn Bryant Knudson Call to Action 2025 LGMD Day on the Hill • Kathryn Bryant Knudson, President, The Speak Foundation	Palazzo Ballroom
1:35 - 1:45 PM	BREAK		
1:45 – 2:45 PM	Session 9:	EMERGING TREATMENTS Stem Cells + Gene Editing • Simone Spuler, MD, Charité - University Medicine Repurposing Treatments • Mohan Viswanathan, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Development of Novel Gene Therapy for FKRP Disorders • Jeffrey Chamberlain, PhD, University of Washington Prime Editing • Scot A. Wolfe, PhD, UMass Chan Medical School	Palazzo Ballroom
2:45 – 2:50 PM	Closing Remarks	"We cannot do this without everyone" • Kathryn Bryant Knudson, Brad Williams, and Carol Abraham	Palazzo Ballroom
2:50 PM	ADJOURN		

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