

# Annual ARVD/C Patient and Family Seminar

*Presented by  
The Johns Hopkins ARVD/C Program*

You and your family members are invited to join us for our annual ARVD/C Seminar! This year the seminar will once again be held in-person, but it will also be livestreamed for those unable to join us in Baltimore. We hope you will consider joining in person to take advantage of the opportunity to meet other individuals and families, participate in research opportunities, and interact with industry, specifically gene therapy companies.

We are thrilled to have two invited guest speakers, Sam Sears, PhD, cardiac psychologist, and Andre La Gerche, MBBS, PhD, sports cardiologist. In addition, we will have presentations from our own Johns Hopkins faculty; Andreas Barth, MD, PhD; Nisha Gilotra, MD; Oliver Monfredi, MD; Cindy James, PhD; and Brittney Murray, ScM. You won't want to miss this unique opportunity to meet and network with other families affected by ARVD/C and to learn the latest advances in the field. It will be exciting to share the collaborative efforts all around the world in solving the mysteries of ARVD/C.

Make plans to come into Baltimore early to attend a reception at the Hilton Garden Inn Friday evening (7pm-9pm). Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. This event is for patients and family members only. No industry representatives please.

**Please register early!** There is no registration fee for this seminar, but we continue to be mindful of our gathering capacity. You must register to attend.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 8:00am-5:00pm

**COST:** Registration is **FREE**. You just need to get here!

**WHO:** Patients and Families affected by ARVD/C, Healthcare Professionals

**WHERE:** Chevy Chase Conference Center Auditorium  
Main level of Sheikh Zayed Tower  
1800 Orleans Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21287

**REGISTRATION:** ALL participants must register! It is also helpful to list names of family members that will be attending with you so we can determine appropriate research opportunities. Register online by April 13<sup>th</sup>.

<https://tinyurl.com/2024ARVCSeminar>

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## **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS – RESERVE EARLY!!!**

Hotel rooms are available (limited) at the Hilton Garden Inn, Baltimore Inner Harbor (625 South President Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202) at a special rate of \$169/night plus tax until March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 or as long as they are available.

Hotel reservations can be made through the Hilton Garden Inn Central Reservations Line at **888-429-7482**. The group name is **Johns Hopkins ARVD/C** and the group code is **ARV**. Reservations can also be made through the online booking link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/arvc-program-seminar/>

The hotel front desk can be reached at 410-234-0999. Check-in 3pm / Check-out 11am. Self-Parking is available at a rate of \$25 and valet \$35 per day.

## **TRAVEL TIPS**

The Baltimore/Washington International (BWI) Thurgood Marshall Airport is the closest international airport to Johns Hopkins ([www.bwiairport.com](http://www.bwiairport.com)). It is approximately 30 minutes from the seminar location.

Transportation from Hotel to Seminar – Uber and Lyft are recommended and is at your own expense. There is **no** bus transportation to and from the seminar.

## **PARKING AT THE SEMINAR**

Parking is available at your own expense (max \$15) in the Orleans Street Garage. There is a bridge that connects the garage to the main level of Sheikh Zayed Tower (4<sup>th</sup> floor).

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

Join us for a Meet ‘n Greet Reception, **7:00-9:00pm**, on **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024** in the Great American Grill at the Homewood Suites/Hilton Garden Inn. Please register for this event when you register for the seminar or contact Crystal. Patients and family members only. No industry representatives please.

## **CLINIC CONSULTATIONS – REQUEST YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW!!!**

Dr. Hugh Calkins and the genetic counselors will be available Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> for consultations. Dr. Nisha Gilotra will also have a few clinic slots available. Diagnostic tests can also be arranged if necessary. We ask that if you live locally to please consider arranging your appointment at another time to allow new patients and patients traveling from a distance an opportunity to schedule. These appointments will be billed to your insurance. Please contact Crystal via email at [ctichnell@jhmi.edu](mailto:ctichnell@jhmi.edu) **ASAP** to schedule an appointment.

## **Share Your Story**

Looking for patient/family stories to share! If you are interested in sharing your story for others to read, please make sure your story and any photos you'd like to include can fit on an 8x10 page. Stories need to be submitted to Crystal by April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **COVID-19**

Masking is optional. We encourage self-testing prior to attending.

## **QUESTIONS**

Contact Crystal Tichnell, MGC, RN at 410-502-7161 or [ctichnell@jhmi.edu](mailto:ctichnell@jhmi.edu)