

17th 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! You won't want to miss this unique opportunity to meet other families affected by ARVD/C and to learn the latest advances in the field. We are thrilled to have a number of Johns Hopkins faculty members present this year: Dr. Hugh Calkins – overview of ARVD/C, Dr. Hari Tandri – catheter ablation, Dr. Dan Judge – Genetics, Dr. Stuart Russell – heart failure and transplant, Dr. Jane Crosson – screening and managing pediatric patients. Brittney Murray, genetic counselor, will also present the ABC's of ARVD/C Saturday morning before the official start of the seminar. If you are new to ARVD/C or need a refresher, you'll want to make sure you attend this talk. In addition, we are delighted to have two guest speakers: Professor André La Gerche, MBBS, PhD and Dr. Samuel Sears, PhD.

Professor La Gerche will be joining us from Melbourne, Australia where he is Head of Sports Cardiology at the Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute Melbourne and cardiologist at the Alfred Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital Melbourne. Dr. La Gerche will share his work studying the effect of endurance exercise on the heart.



We are truly excited to have Dr. Samuel Sears, cardiac psychologist from East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina, back again this year. Dr. Sears is known for his work in understanding psychosocial adjustment of patients living with ICDs, response to ICD treatment, and shock acceptance strategies to name a few.

After lunch, there will be an opportunity to participate in small group discussions as well as opportunities to participate in research.

Make plans to come into Baltimore early to attend a reception at the Hilton Garden Inn Friday evening. Once again, we have an exciting and packed agenda so we look forward to seeing many of you in April! Please register early! There is no registration fee for this seminar. All are welcome!

WHEN: Saturday, April 30th, 2016 8:00am-5:00pm

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 15th.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ARVCSeminar2016>

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HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS – 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 \$149/night plus tax (single/double) until March 29th, 2016 or as long as they are available. Call 1-877-STAY-HGI or 1-877-782-9444 and mention the “ARVD Group room block rate” to receive the special rate. Check-in 3pm / Check-out 12pm. Hotel front desk phone is 410-234-0065. Self-Parking is available at a rate of \$23 and valet \$32 per day.

www.baltimoreinnerharbor.hgi.com

Reservations can also be made online using this link:

http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/B/BWIIHGI-RVD-20150429/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

TRAVEL TIPS

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

A bus will be available to transport seminar participants to the seminar on Saturday, departing only from the Hilton Garden Inn at 7:30am with a 2nd bus leaving at 8am. The bus will leave the seminar at 5:00pm to return to the Hilton Garden Inn.

Taxi Services – For Taxi services call Sun Cab at 410-235-0300 or Yellow Cab at 410-752-1096.

PARKING AT THE SEMINAR

If you are not taking the bus from the hotel, parking is available at your own expense (max \$12) in the Orleans Street Garage. There is a bridge that connects the garage to the main level of Sheikh Zayed Tower.

SPECIAL EVENT

Join us for a Meet ‘n Greet Reception, **7:00-9:00pm**, on **Friday, April 29th, 2016** in the Great American Grill at the Hilton Garden Inn. H’ors deuvres will be served. Please register for this event when you register for the seminar or contact Crystal.

CLINIC CONSULTATIONS – CURRENTLY THERE IS A WAITING LIST

Dr. Hugh Calkins and the genetic counselors will be available both Friday, April 29th and Monday, May 2nd for consultations. Diagnostic tests can also be arranged if necessary. These appointments will be billed to your insurance. Please contact Crystal **ASAP** to schedule an appointment.

RESEARCH

Research opportunities will be available on Saturday afternoon and will include blood drawing, ICD interrogations, etc. **We must have your medical records ahead of time** to determine if you are eligible for research.

QUESTIONS

Contact Crystal Tichnell, MGC at 410-502-7161 or ctichnell@jhmi.edu