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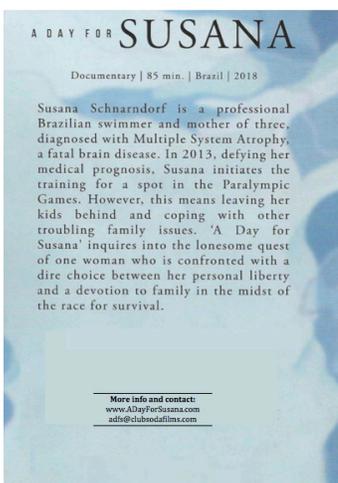
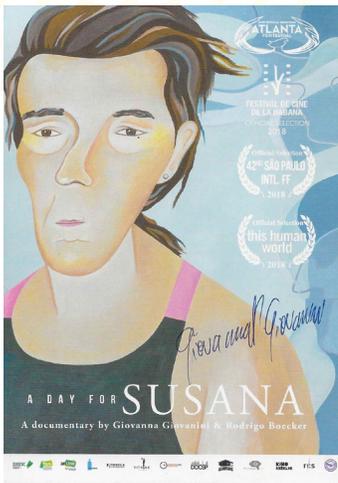


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Global Virtual MSA Conference!

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Free Registration!



FREE FILM!

"A Day for Susana" (Um Dia Para Susana)

After registering for the symposium, attendees will receive a complimentary film pass via email to watch this amazing film - the first feature-length documentary about someone with multiple system atrophy. *(subtitled in English)*

To see a preview trailer, visit :

<https://defeatmsa.org/brazilian-film-campaign/>

**Saturday, September 19, 2020
7:00 PM EST**

Live streamed from:

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SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

(Times and topics subject to change)

9:00 – 9:30am	Opening Remarks Pratik Bhattacharya, MD, MPH	1:00 – 1:45	Research Q & A Moderator: Wouter Peelaerts, PhD
9:30 – 10:00	Clinical Keynote: “Introduction to MSA: Clinical features, Diagnosis, and Pathology” Anthony Lang, MD, FAAN	1:45 – 2:30	Discussion Panel 1: Speech & Swallowing Jennifer Kileny, SLP and Becca Wallace, SLP
10:00 – 10:30	Clinical Keynote: “Current Treatment Options for MSA” Edwin George II, MD, PhD, FAAN	2:30 – 3:00	Speech & Swallowing Q & A Moderator: Elena Fracassa, MUP
10:30 – 11:00	Clinical Keynote: “Clinical Trials in MSA” Horacio Kaufmann, MD, FAAN	3:00 – 3:15	Break
11:00 – 11:45	Clinical Q & A Moderator: Oybek Turgunhujaev, MD (“Dr. Teo”)	3:15 – 3:45	Discussion Panel 2: Physical & Occupational Therapy Michele Weaver, PT and Kerri Vryhof, OTR
11:45 – 12:30	Lunch Break	3:45 – 4:15	Physical & Occupational Therapy Q & A Moderator: Kevin Kwok, PharmD
12:30 – 1:00	Research Keynote: “Possible Disease Mechanisms and Research into Potential Treatments.” Patrik Brundin, MD, PhD	4:15 – 4:30	Closing Remarks: Pratik Bhattacharya, MD, MPH
		7:00 –	Film Live Streaming: “A Day for Susana” <i>(Film pass will be mailed to each registered attendee)</i>

*All times EST (USA)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS & PANELISTS

(IN ORDER THEY WILL BE PRESENTING)



ANTHONY E. LANG, OC, MD, FRCPC, FAAN, FCAHS, FRSC

Dr. Lang is Professor and previous Director of the Division of Neurology at the University of Toronto where he holds the Jack Clark Chair for Parkinson’s Disease Research. He is the Director of the Edmond J. Safra Program in Parkinson’s Disease and the Morton and Gloria Shulman Movement Disorders Clinic and holds the Lily Safra Chair in Movement Disorders at the Toronto Western Hospital, University Health Network. He has published over 750 peer-reviewed papers and is one of the most highly cited investigators in the field of Movement Disorders. Among his awards and distinctions he was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2010; in 2011 he was elected a Fellow of both the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and the Royal Society of Canada; in

2014 he was elected by the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society (MDS) as an Honorary Member “in recognition of his extraordinary contribution to the field of Movement Disorders”; and in 2017 he was the recipient of the first MDS Pan-American Section Leadership Award.

In 2018, he received the Weston Brain Institute International Outstanding Achievement Award for work in accelerating the development of therapeutics for neurodegenerative diseases of aging and in 2020 he received the Dean’s Lifetime Achievement Award for global impact from the University of Toronto.



EDWIN GEORGE, II, MD, PHD, FAAN

Former Chair, Michigan Parkinson’s Foundation, Associate Professor of Neurology, Wayne State University School of Medicine, Harper University Hospital and the John D. Dingell Veterans Administration Hospital, Director of the Movement Disorders Center, Wayne State University. Dr. George is chairman of the Professional Advisory Board of the Michigan Parkinson’s Foundation, and serves on the Movement Disorders Strategic Planning Committee of the American Academy of Neurology. He is Co-Director of the Neuropathophysiology curriculum for the Wayne State University School of Medicine.



HORACIO KAUFMANN, MD, FAAN

Heads the Division of Autonomic Disorders and the Dysautonomia Center at New York University’s Langone Health. He also currently holds the Axelrod Chair for Neurological Research at NYU’s School of Medicine.

Dr. Kaufmann was recently recognized with the 2020 Irwin Schatz award from the American Academy of Neurology (AAN). The award honors clinical neurologists that have made great contributions to the field of autonomic medicine.

Throughout his 35-year career, Dr. Kaufmann has helped hundreds of patients with dysautonomia, as well as taking on some of the most difficult to treat disorders like familial dysautonomia and multiple system atrophy. His work has helped understand prodromal brain disease in patients presenting with autonomic failure, recognize MSA in the early phases, and understand hereditary neuropathies that affect the autonomic nervous system. He has been instrumental in bringing new therapies to the clinic for US patients, helping to secure approval by the Food and Drug Administration for drugs such as midodrine and droxidopa.



PATRIK BRUNDIN, MD, PHD

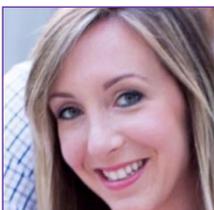
VAI Associate Director of Research Professor, Director of the Center for Neurodegenerative Science. Dr. Brundin is one of the top cited researchers in the field of neuroscience with more than 350 publications on Parkinson’s disease and related topics. He has 35 years of experience studying neurodegenerative diseases. He was among the first to articulate the “prion-like” hypothesis, which describes how abnormal proteins spread from cell to cell in the brain, causing the cellular damage that perpetuates Parkinson’s, Multiple System Atrophy and Lewy Body Dementia.



JENNIFER KILENY, MA, CCC-SLP, CBIS

Jennifer completed both her Bachelor of Arts in Communicative Sciences and Disorders, and Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology, from Michigan State University. She is a Speech-Language Pathologist at The Recovery Project, in Livonia, Michigan. She is a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology. Jennifer is a Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS) and a Certified VitalStim® Therapy Provider. She is LSVT LOUD® and SPEAKOUT!® certified. She completed her clinical fellowship training at a clinic for children with autism and other developmental disabilities. Jennifer has extensive experience working with brain and spinal cord injury

populations, and currently works in the neurological, outpatient setting. She also works as a contingent therapist in skilled nursing facilities, assisting in the rehabilitation of geriatric populations. Jennifer is a member of clinical faculty at Michigan State University. Jennifer currently has no conflicts of interest or disclosures.



REBECCA WALLACE, MA, CCC-SLP, CBIS

Rebecca (Becca) received her Bachelor of Arts in Communicative Sciences and Disorders, and Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology, from Michigan State University. She is currently a skilled inpatient care coordinator for naviHealth, which is based in Brentwood Tennessee. The company partners with health plans, hospital systems, physician groups and healthcare providers across the nation. She currently uses her communication and clinical skills to improve the rehabilitation experience for seniors in post-acute care. Becca is a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology. She is a Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS) and LSVT LOUD® certified.

Becca completed her clinical fellowship training in the subacute rehabilitation setting, has served as a clinical supervisor for graduate students, and has a specific interest in working with high acuity patients on ventilators and with tracheostomies. Becca currently has no conflicts of interest or disclosures.



MICHELE M. WEAVER, PT, DPT, NCS

Michele graduated from Central Michigan University with her Master of Science in physical therapy in 2004 and her Doctorate in physical therapy in 2010. She is a physical therapist and the Neurological Clinical Rehabilitation Specialist at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Michigan with over 16 years of experience. She is certified by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties in Neurologic Physical Therapy and began her 2-year term as a select member of the Specialization Academy of Content Experts, in January 2020. In addition to the clinical care of individuals with neurological and neuromuscular disorders in the out-patient setting, she is the physical therapist for the ALS, Neuromuscular Disease, and the Deep Brain Stimulator clinics. Dr. Weaver has provided

many educational offerings to the community, her colleagues through Internal Speakers Bureaus at Spectrum Health, and is an adjunct instructor at Grand Valley State University’s Doctorate of Physical Therapy program in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Michele currently has no conflicts of interest or disclosures.



KERRI J. VRYHOF, MOT, OTR

Kerri has worked as an Occupational Therapist with Spectrum Health for more than 20 years. In the past 8 years, she specialized in working with people with PD, MSA, and other neuro-muscular conditions. She is LSVT BIG certified, has partnered with the Kirk Gibson Foundation, and enjoys working with individuals or groups, focusing on living well with Parkinson’s. Kerri currently has no conflicts of interest or disclosures.

ABOUT **DEFEAT MSA ALLIANCE**

Realizing that much of the current attention is focused on more widely known diseases, Multiple System Atrophy is overlooked. MSA patients are confronted with a dim prognosis and left with few options. Defeat MSA Alliance is an inclusive US based 501(c)(3) charity that aspires to balance efforts to support patients, educate medical professionals, raise public awareness and nurture promising research. Staffed entirely by volunteers, Defeat MSA Alliance aims to achieve a four-fold mission:

- To build a community that truly serves those that suffer from MSA.
- To cultivate promising research into treatments and slowing MSA.
- To nurture better education of health professionals about MSA.
- To raise greater public awareness about living with MSA.

Defeat MSA Alliance invites all other like-minded individuals, around the world, to join us in this noble fight: to speak for those who cannot, with one mind, one heart and one voice: to **defeat MSA forever!**

WATCHING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE SYMPOSIUM

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