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# **WDA SPRING SUPPORT SYMPOSIUM**

## **DRAFT AGENDA**

### **APRIL 11, 2026 | 8:00 AM - 4:00PM**

**08:00 - 09:00 | BREAKFAST / REGISTRATION**

**09:00 - 09:10 | WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING**

*DR. FRED ASKARI*

**09:10 - 09:30 | WILSON DISEASE TRIVIA**

*ALICE WILLIAMS, WDA COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR & CANADA CHAPTER DIRECTOR*

**09:30 - 09:45 | WILSON DISEASE OVERVIEW**

*DR. GRAHAM BRADY*

**09:45 - 09:55 | NAVIGATING MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES FOR THOSE LIVING WITH WD**

*ALEXANDER DICHIARA, PSYD*

**09:55 - 10:05 | WD NURSING: OPTIMIZING THE PATIENT AND NURSE RELATIONSHIP**

*KIM LEIGH, RN*

**10:05 - 10:25 | Q&A**

*MODERATOR: DR. FRED ASKARI*

**10:25 - 10:40 | BREAK**

**10:40 - 10:55 | NEUROLOGIC WILSON DISEASE SYMPTOM IMPROVEMENT**

*DR. MATTHEW LORINCZ*

**10:55 - 11:05 | UNDERSTANDING CLINICAL TRIALS AND THEIR LANDSCAPE**

*DR. FRED ASKARI*

**11:05 - 11:15 | SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT: WORKING WITH YOUR CLINICAL TRIAL SUPPORT TEAM**

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11:15 - 11:30 | **GENE THERAPY & CLINICAL TRIALS: A DOCTOR - PATIENT CONVERSATION**  
*DR. FRED ASKARI & LANA ESCAMILLA, WDA PATIENT ADVOCACY DIRECTOR*

11:30 - 11:50 | **Q&A**  
*MODERATOR: DR. GRAHAM BRADY*

11:50 - 12:00 | **UPDATES FROM THE WDA**  
*RHONDA ROWLAND, WDA PRESIDENT*

12:00 - 13:00 | **LUNCH (PHYSICIAN ROUND TABLES)**

13:00 - 13:15 | **PATIENT STRUGGLES WITH MEDICATION ADHERENCE: A PATIENT STORY**  
*DR. FRED ASKARI & GINTA GINAITYTE, WDA-MAP COORDINATOR*

13:15 - 13:30 | **WILSON DISEASE TREATMENT WITH ZINC & TRIENTINE**  
*DR. FRED ASKARI*

13:30 - 13:40 | **GETTING ACCESS TO MEDICATION**  
*BRITTANY MYRAND*

13:40 - 14:00 | **Q&A**  
*MODERATOR: DR. MATTHEW LORINCZ*

14:00 - 14:30 | **PANEL DISCUSSION: REAL LIFE STORIES FROM WD PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS**  
*MODERATOR: RHONDA ROWLAND, WDA PRESIDENT*

14:30 - 14:45 | **CLOSING REMARKS**  
*DR. FRED ASKARI*

14:45 - 15:00 | **BREAK / AFTERNOON SNACK**

15:00 - 16:00 | **PHARMA / SPECIALTY PHARMACY ROUND TABLES**