



OLIVIA'S LIGHT
Pediatric Rare Disease
Conference

Keeping Genetics Top of Mind

June 9-10, 2025

UVA Student Health & Wellness
550 Brandon Ave, Charlottesville, VA



Program Overview

The Olivia's Light Pediatric Rare Disease Conference aims to improve patient care for children and families impacted by a rare disease. It will highlight aspects of the rare disease journey, with an emphasis on rapid broad genetic testing, ethical considerations, and strategies to empower families.

Target Audience

All stakeholders in pediatric rare diseases, including but not limited to: Pediatric Geneticists, Developmental specialists, Pediatric Neurologists, Neonatologists and other Pediatric subspecialties, Maternal Fetal Medicine, Physician Associates, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Genetic Counselors, Clinical Psychologists, Pediatricians, Dietitians, Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Respiratory Therapist, Speech Pathologists, Social Workers

Families and others involved in this area are welcome to attend.

Educational Outcomes

1. Describe the diagnostic odyssey for families of children with undiagnosed genetic conditions.
2. Describe the evidence for the need of rapid genetic testing in acute setting.
3. Identify the impact of rapid testing on patient care: where both positive and negative results matter.
4. Identify a novel pathway to access whole exome sequencing
5. Identify key prenatal phenotypes and neonatal presentations that may indicate underlying genetic disorders.
6. Apply comprehensive imaging techniques to characterize phenotypes and achieve early diagnosis of genetic conditions.
7. Implement shared decision-making from multiple lenses: contrasting parent and provider perspectives
8. Define ethical considerations related to prenatal/neonatal consultations
9. Describe the development of a novel clinical telehealth model providing behavioral interventions and caregiver training for individuals with fragile X syndrome (FXS)

Course Directors

Jenna King

Olivia's Light Co-Founder & President
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David Kaufman, MD, FAAP

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Invited Guest Faculty

Ricki S Carroll, MD, MBE

Skeletal Dysplasia and Palliative Care
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Director of Myelin Disorders and
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Children's National Hospital

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Monday, June 9, 2025

7:00AM – 7:50AM

Registration, Breakfast (provided), and Exhibits

8:00AM – 8:30AM

Welcome, Conference Overview & Goals, and Parent Testimony (CME)

Jenna King, Parent

8:30AM – 9:30AM

KEYNOTE: Exceptional Care without Exception: Ending Genetic Exceptionalism to Advance Child Health (CME)

Bimal P Chaudhari, MD, MPH

9:30AM – 10:30AM

Rapid Exome & Genome: Fast Diagnosis is Necessary to Improve Patient Care (CME)

Dmitriy Niyazov, MD

10:30AM – 11:00AM

Network Break/Exhibits

11:00AM – 11:20AM

Parent Testimony (CME)

Amanda Soroka, NP

11:20AM – 12:20PM

Shortening the Diagnostic Odyssey: Current and Genomic Testing on the Horizon (CME)

Paul Kruszka, MD

12:20PM – 12:45PM

The Expanding Role of Genetic Counselors and What it Means for Patients (CME)

Anna Platt, MS, LCGC

12:45PM – 1:45PM

Lunch (provided) & Exhibits

1:50PM – 2:50PM

A Novel Pathway to Increase Whole Exome Sequencing Access for Pediatric Patients with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (CME)

Michelle Curtin, DO

Jennifer Harmon, MD, PhD

2:50PM – 3:50PM

From Clinical Care to Community Outreach: A Framework for Increasing Access to Care in Individuals with Fragile X Syndrome and Other Rare Genetic Disorders (CME)

Debra Reisinger, PhD

3:50PM – 4:50PM

Early Recognition of Genetic Conditions: Prenatal and Neonatal Red Flags (CME)

Jamie Fraser, MD

4:50PM – 6:00PM

Networking Reception

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

7:00AM – 7:45AM

Registration, Breakfast (provided), and Exhibits

7:45AM – 8:00AM

Conference Overview & Today's Goals (CME)

Jenna King, Parent

David Kaufman, MD

8:00AM – 8:45AM

PANEL: The Rare Disease Journey from the Diagnosis and Beyond: Insights from Veteran Nurses in the Trenches (CME)

Paula Darradji, Nurse

Julia Figueroa, RN, BSN

Joy Miller, PNP, CHPPN

Sarah M Lepore, NP (Moderator)

8:45AM – 9:45AM

Small Populations, Big Breakthroughs: The Evolving Therapeutic Landscape for Rare Disease Patients (CME)

Elizabeth Jalazo, MD

9:45AM – 10:15AM

Network Break/Exhibits

10:15AM – 11:15AM

Facilitating Shared Decision Making in the Context of Rare Diagnoses and Uncertain Prognoses (CME)

Connie Williams, MD, PhD

11:15AM – 12:15PM

Teams, Technology and Families Changing Outcomes in Rare Diseases that were Formerly Considered "Lethal": Lessons Learned from Skeletal Dysplasia Patients (CME)

Ricki S Carroll, MD, MBE

12:15PM – 1:30PM

PANEL: The Weight of Our Words: Considerations in Prenatal/Neonatal Consultation (CME)

Bimal P Chaudhari, MD, MPH

Jamie Fraser, MD

Connie Williams, MD, PhD (Moderator)

Lisa Zuckerwise, MD

Ricki S Carroll, MD, MBE

1:30PM – 1:35PM

Adjourn with lunch provided to go

Accreditation and Designation Statements



In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by the UVA Health Continuing Education and Olivia's Light. UVA Health Continuing Education is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 12.25 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credit for learning and change.



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Registration and Fees

Registration and payment are available at the UVA Continuing Medical Education portal www.cmevillage.com or the QR Code.

Registration will close midnight on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. **No walk in registration.** Syllabus will be available online the week of the conference until 30 days after the program. See cancellation policy prior to registration.



Register by May 27, 2025

Physician or PhD	\$275
Other HCP/Trainee	\$140
Parents or Advocates	\$99
Industry or Government	\$275

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