2018 Annual SMA Conference
Hilton Anatole Hotel
Dallas, Texas
June 2018

Wednesday, June 13th
3:00pm – 7:30pm  Registration Open for all Conference Attendees

Thursday, June 14th
7:30am – 5:30pm  Registration Open for all Conference Attendees
1:00pm – 3:00pm  Newly Diagnosed Children’s Program (Drop off opens at 12:30pm)
1:00pm – 3:00pm  Newly Diagnosed Program
(For Newly Diagnosed Families Only)
6:00pm – 8:30pm  Meet & Greet
Includes Researcher Relay Race and Games
7:30pm – 10:00pm  Teen Social
7:30pm – 10:00pm  Adults with SMA Reception

Friday, June 15th
7:30am – 8:45am  Family Attendee Breakfast Items
7:30am – 5:30pm  Registration and Check-In
7:30am – 5:30pm  Exhibitor Tables Open
9:00am – 12:30pm & 2:00pm – 5:15pm  Children’s Program (Drop off opens at 8:30am and 1:30pm)
9:00am – 12:30pm & 2:00pm – 5:15pm  Baby Room (Drop off opens at 8:30am and 1:30pm)
9:00am – 10:15am  General Session Opening Remarks
9:00am – 10:15am  Kids Talk it Out (Kids Only – Ages 6-9)
9:00am – 10:15am  Siblings Talk it Out (Kids Only – Ages 12-17)
10:30am – 12:30pm  Workshop Session # 1
Share Your Experience – Type I
Share Your Experience – Type II
Share Your Experience – Type III
Share Your Experience – Adults with SMA
Grandparents Talk it Out – Type I
Grandparents Talk it Out – Type II/III
12:15pm – 2:00pm  Family Lunch with Symposium: Biogen Lunch and Learn
Sponsored by Biogen
2:00pm – 3:30pm  Memory Boxes for Siblings: Creating a Lasting Treasure (Kids Only)
2:00pm – 3:30pm  Workshop Session # 2
Ethics and Realities in SMA Research and Emerging Therapies
Breathing Strong All Day Long: BiPAPs and Ventilators
Medical Management of Adults with SMA
Yoga Therapy for SMA
What it Means to be a Teen on Wheels
Getting the Most Out of What You Eat! Nutrition for Oral Feeders
Healing the Grieving Heart – Part I
3:45pm – 5:15pm  Workshop Session # 3
Making Choices to Optimize Care and Quality of Life
Aquatic Physical Therapy for Fun & Function – Teens and Adults
Genetics and Reproductive Options for SMA Families
The Role of Therapy (PT, OT, and SP) in Your Child’s Life – Being Part of the Team!
Keepsake Creation: Grieving Through Art
Driving and Community Mobility
Dad’s Time: A Workshop for Fathers Only – Type I
Dad’s Time: A Workshop for Fathers Only – Type II/III
6:30pm – 8:00pm  Family Friendly Researcher Poster Session
7:30pm – 9:00pm  Family and Researcher Dance Party

Saturday, June 16th

7:15am – 8:30am  Family Attendee Breakfast Items
7:30am – 5:30pm  Registration and Check-In
7:30am – 5:30pm  Exhibitor Tables Open
8:45am – 12:00pm  Children’s Program (Drop off opens at 8:15am and 1:00pm)
& 1:30pm – 5:15pm
8:45am – 12:00pm  Baby Room (Drop off opens at 8:15am and 1:00pm)
& 1:30pm – 5:15pm

8:45am – 10:15am  **Workshop Session # 4**
Orthopedic Management
“I Need to Cough” – Ways to Keep Your Lungs Clear
Aquatic Physical Therapy Q & A Session
Care for the Caregiver
Personal Care Assistants – How to Find, Hire, and Manage Your PCAs
Laughter Yoga for Caregivers and Grieving Family Members
Tube Feeding and SMA: Recommendations and Practices

10:30am – 12:00pm  **Kids Talk it Out (Kids Only – Ages 10 and up)**

10:30am – 12:00pm  **Workshop Session # 5**
Independent Living with SMA Panel – Tips & Tricks for Living with SMA
Yoga Therapy for Teens & Adults with SMA
An Approach to Exercise in Individuals with SMA
Navigating the Special Education Process: Setting Our Kids Up for Success
Aquatic Physical Therapy for Fun & Function – Children with Supported Head Control
Care for the Caregiver
Family Readiness for Emergencies

12:00pm – 1:30pm  Family Lunch with Symposium: Explore Gene Replacement Therapy
Sponsored by AveXis

1:30pm – 3:00pm  **Siblings Talk it Out (Kids Only – Ages 5-11)**

1:30pm – 3:00pm  **Workshop Session # 6**
Special Plans for A Special Life
Healing the Grieving Heart – Now What? Part II
Finding a Job, Interviewing, and How to Ask for Modifications Panel
Top Tips on Travelling Around the World
Aquatic Physical Therapy for Fun & Function – Children with Independent Head Control
Oral Motor Exercises for Speech Clarity and Feeding
Fundraising 101

3:15pm – 5:15pm  Researcher Q & A Session

6:30pm – 8:30pm  Family PJ Party & Movie Night

7:30pm – 10:00pm  Roll-a-Palooza, Live Music Event
Sponsored by Adyn’s Dream

**Sunday, June 17th**

7:30am – 8:45am  Family Breakfast with Symposium: Bringing the Patient Voice into SMA Research
Sponsored by Genentech/Roche
9:00am – 11:15am  Children’s Program (Drop off opens at 8:30am)

9:00am – 11:15am  Baby Room (Drop off opens at 8:30am)

9:00am – 11:15am  Closing General Session – It’s a Wonderful Life Panel