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Health Education Conference

Genetics in the Plain Community and the Facts about Lyme Disease

Thursday, 6 October 2022

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Registration: 8:00 am-8:30 am

Gordonville, PA 17529

Invitation

You are cordially invited to a one-day conference about genetics and its effects on health and healing among the Amish and Mennonite communities, as well as Lyme Disease—facts, myths, and treatment options.

This educational program is free and will include the science about genes, the molecules that help make you who you are, and what’s currently known about Lyme Disease.

In the first part of the morning, subject-matter experts from both the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the Clinic for Special Children will describe the basics of genes and chromosomes, and discuss some of the genetic variants that are more prevalent in the plain community. Genetic counselors from the CSC will also discuss genetic return of results in their setting and explain the advantages and disadvantages of genetic carrier testing for couples.

In the second part of the morning these experts along with others will convene as a panel after the presentation to address questions from the audience and foster thought-provoking discussion.

Based on input from the Plain community, Lyme Disease was identified as a topic of interest. During the afternoon session, University of Maryland Lyme Disease and Integrative Medicine expert Kalpana Shere-Wolfe, MD will separate fact from myth, inform on what steps to take if exposed/infected, outline the treatment options, and describe preventative measures.



About Our Clinics

Amish Research Clinic

The Amish Research Clinic of the University of Maryland, Baltimore is a non-profit research facility that has conducted genetic research in the Amish and more recently, the Mennonite communities since 1995. The Amish Research Clinic is the backbone of the Amish Research Program and contributes to improvements in healthcare through research. It also serves as a resource for health information and knowledge to the Amish Community.



The Clinic for Special Children

The Clinic for Special Children is a non-profit medical and diagnostic service for children with inherited metabolic disorders in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The mission of the clinic is to serve children and adults who suffer from genetic and other complex medical disorders by providing comprehensive medical, laboratory, and consultative services, and by increasing and disseminating knowledge of science and medicine.



Agenda

8:00-8:30 am

COFFEE/REGISTRATION

8:30-8:45 am

INTRODUCTIONS
Alan Shuldiner, MD

9:00 –10:00 am

SPEAKERS
Amber Beitelshoes PharmD, MPH, FAHA, FCCP
University of Maryland School of Medicine

Topic: **Basic Genetics and Genetic Variants in the Plain Community**

10:00—11:00 am

Susan Walther, MS, CGC
Clinic for Special Children

Topic: **Return of Genetic Results and Carrier Testing**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

PANEL

Dr. Amber Beitelshoes, Susan Walther, Dr. Keith Wright,
Dr. Alan Shuldiner

Topic: **Panel Discussion and Q & A**

12:00–1:00 pm

LUNCH

(by M. S. Catering)

1:00 - 2:15 pm

SPEAKER

Kalpana Shere-Wolfe, MD

Topic: **Lyme Disease: Facts & Myths**

2:15 - 3:00 pm

PANEL

*Bull's Eye Rash
Characteristic of Lyme→*

Topic: **Q & A**



3:00pm

CLOSING REMARKS

Alan Shuldiner, MD