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2nd Symposium

Usher Syndrome in Louisiana

Cecil J. Piccard Center, University of Louisiana, Lafayette

August 6, 2016

10:00 - 10:20 a.m. Session: What is Usher Syndrome?

Learn about what we know about Usher syndrome today – causes, diagnosis, types and symptoms.

Jennifer Lentz, PhD

Assistant Professor – Research, Neuroscience Center of Excellence, LSU Health Sciences Center

Special Breakout Session: 10:20 – 11:35 a.m. Teens with Usher

Learn about current technology

for low hearing and vision with hands-on technology demonstrations.

10:20 – 10:45 a.m. Session: Genetic Testing and Usher Syndrome

Learn about the importance of genetic testing and how to get tested for Usher syndrome.

Emily Place, MS LCGC

Senior Genetic Counselor, Ocular Genomics Institute, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

10:45 - 11:10 a.m. Session: Hearing and Balance with Usher Syndrome

Learn about the current clinical management options for hearing and balance impairments for the different types of Usher syndrome – when and how to get hearing tests performed and treatment choices.

Anita Jeyakumar, MD, MS, FACS

Associate Professor – Clinical, Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology, Carilion Clinic, Roanoke, Virginia

11:10 – 11:35 a.m. Session: Vision Loss and Usher Syndrome

Learn about how Usher syndrome affects vision - a typical eye exam and how often you should see your eye doctor.

Katrina Mears, MD

Assistant Professor – Clinical, Department of Ophthalmology, LSU Eye Center

11:35 – 12:00 noon: Break

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Working Lunch (Sessions Continue through Lunch)

Box lunch provided.

12:10 – 12:40 p.m. Session: Life and Usher

Hear from individuals with Usher – their experiences, hopes and dreams.

12:40 – 1:00 p.m. Session: Progress in Usher Research

Learn about progress and how to get involved in Usher research in Louisiana.

1:00 – 1:25 p.m. Session: Nutrition and Usher

Hear from a dietician and parent of a child with Usher syndrome.

Sonia Desormeaux

1:25 - 2 p.m. Session: Questions & Answers

Questions and answers with the speakers.