

The First Inaugural Guthrie Symposium on Newborn Screening & Metabolic Disorders, June 28, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

The first inaugural Guthrie Symposium on newborn screening and metabolic disorders will be June 28, 2021—on the 105th birthday of Dr. Robert Guthrie, the “father of newborn screening.” The Guthrie Foundation, University at Buffalo (UB), Oishei Children's Hospital (OCH), and the Children's Hospital of Buffalo Foundation (CHOBFB) are hosting this half-day educational symposium to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Guthrie, whose groundbreaking work at UB and OCH has saved thousands of lives worldwide. The event will include several keynote speakers, world-renowned researchers, and clinicians in genetic and metabolic disorders. We anticipate that the symposium will help revive the clinical and academic atmosphere that helped spark the newborn screening revolution in Buffalo decades ago. The symposium will be a forum where the top physicians and scientists worldwide can share their knowledge with providers, families, and community stakeholders. The theme of this year’s symposium will focus on “The past, present, and future of newborn screening and metabolic disorders.”

Target audience: biochemical geneticists, clinical geneticists, genetic counselors, nutritionists, pediatricians, industry partners, staff in newborn screening labs, patients, and patient families.

The lineup of confirmed speakers for this year's symposium include:

Michael Cain, MD: Dean, University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Stephen Turkovich, MD: Chief Medical Officer, Oishei Children's Hospital

Steve Lipshultz, MD: Chairman and A. Conger Goodyear Professor of Pediatrics, University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; President UBMD

Patricia Guthrie: Independent Journalist from Seattle, Washington, and Dr. Guthrie's daughter

Harvey Levy, MD (Keynote): Senior Physician in Medicine/Division of Genetics and Genomics at Boston Children's Hospital and Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School

Margie McGlynn, R Ph. Hon D.Sc.: President of the Board of HCU Network America

Michele Caggana, ScD: Deputy Director of the Division of Genetics; Chief of the Laboratory of Human Genetics; and Director of the Newborn Screening Program at the New York State Department of Health's Wadsworth Center

R. Rodney Howell, MD (Keynote): Professor of Pediatrics and Chairman Emeritus of Pediatrics at the Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami

Mark Korson, MD: Director of Physician Support Service and Director of Education VMP Genetics

Taosheng Huang, MD, Ph.D.: Chief of Human Genetics, Department of Pediatrics of the University at Buffalo's Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; Director of Medical Genetics at the John R. Oishei Children's Hospital

The symposium will also feature panel discussions with physicians, patients, and researchers about their unique perspectives on the state of the field. We encourage everyone interested in newborn screening and metabolic disorders to attend. For its inaugural year, the meeting will be held virtually over Zoom. Anyone interested in attending should register by June 25, 2021, at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3dWiObI>

For more information, please visit:

https://medicine.buffalo.edu/departments/pediatrics/news_and_events/rgs.html

We look forward to seeing you in June!

Sincerely,

The Guthrie Symposium Planning Committee

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