

SPF Annual Conferences

2024 SPF Annual Conference

1. P. Hande Ozdinler, PhD – [Developing effective treatments for UMN diseases: the future is now.](#)
2. Darius Ebrahimi-Fakhari, MD, PhD – [The dawn of translational research in hereditary spastic paraplegia.](#)
3. Lauren Leiva, DPT – [Inspiration and movement, including a mini-stretch.](#)
4. Thomas J. Hart, JD – [Fast tracking HSP and PLS.](#)
5. Natalie Downs, MSc, CGC – [Delivering novel therapies to patients impacted by genetic disease.](#)
6. Craig Blackstone, MD, PhD – [New therapeutic approaches for the HSPs.](#)
7. Hiroshi Mitsumoto, MD, DSc – [PLS natural history study and PLS International Meeting.](#)
8. Peter W. Baas, PhD – [Development of an M1-spastin antibody for diagnosis, study, and treatment for SPG4 hereditary spastic paraplegia.](#)
9. Emanuella Piermarini, PhD – [Beyond gene therapy, can we promote functional recovery of SPG4-patients?](#)
10. Liang Oscar Qiang, MD, PhD – [Advancing hereditary spastic paraplegia research: insights from human stem cell models.](#)
11. Linda LaFontaine – [The HSP cohort within C-BIG at the NEURO at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.](#)
12. Stephan Züchner, MD, PhD – [Updates on spastic paraplegia genetics and opportunities ahead.](#)
13. Daniel Calame, MD, PhD – [Genetic mechanism underlying undiagnosed pediatric HSP.](#)
14. Luca Schierbaum, PhD – [HSP sequencing initiative: closing the diagnostic gap for childhood-onset HSP.](#)
15. Kim Sanchez – [Podcasts and social media.](#)

2023 SPF Annual Conference

1. Chris Lorek, Katie Gregg, Bridget Lassig and Ece Filiz – [Diagnostic to hope: life as a parent caregiver.](#)
2. Chrissy Smith – [Duo dogs.](#)
3. Darius Ebrahimi-Fakhari, MD, PhD – [Clinical trial readiness for children with HSP.](#)
4. Stephan Züchner, MD, PhD – [Opportunities in HSP genomic and therapy: Centers of Excellence Research Network \(HSP-CERN\).](#)
5. Craig Blackstone, MD, PhD – [Hereditary spastic paraplegia: biology.](#)
6. Darius Ebrahimi-Fakhari, MD, PhD – [Clinical trial readiness for hereditary spastic paraplegia: lessons learned from translational research in rare diseases.](#)
7. Hiroshi Mitsumoto, MD, DSc – [PLS natural history study \(PLS NHS\) update.](#)
8. P. Hande Ozdinler, PhD – [Developing clinical trials.](#)
9. Mukesh Gautam, PhD – [Potential role of cardiolipin in improving upper motor neuron health.](#)
10. Emanuela Piermarini, PhD – [Gene therapy approach for SPG4-based hereditary spastic paraplegia: a preclinical study.](#)
11. D Liang Oscar Quiang, MD, PhD – [Unveiling HDAC6: a promising therapeutic target for SPG4 – insights from human and animal models.](#)
12. [Open forum with doctors.](#)
13. John R. Fink, MD – [Questions and answers.](#)

2022 SPF Annual Conference

1. John K. Fink, MD – [Let's dance. Emerging strategies towards neuro-rehabilitation in primary lateral sclerosis and hereditary spastic paraplegia.](#)
2. Peter W. Baas, PhD – [Mechanistic route to therapy for SPG4 hereditary spastic paraplegia.](#)
3. Hiroshi Mitsumoto, MD, DSc – [PLS natural history study \(PLS NHS\) update.](#)
4. Angie & Jeremy McCord – [Movement matters.](#)
5. Chelsea Burton, PA-C – [Symptomatic management of spasticity.](#)
6. P. Hande Ozdinler, PhD – [Building effective and long-term treatments for UMN diseases: time is NOW.](#)

7. Darius Ebrahimi-Fakhari, MD, PhD – [Childhood-onset hereditary spastic paraplegia: lessons learned from a translational approach to ultra-rare diseases.](#)
8. John K. Fink, MD – [Post discussion.](#)
9. [Questions and answers panel discussion with doctors.](#)

2021 SPF Virtual Annual Conference

1. P. Hande Ozdinler, PhD – [Building effective treatment strategies for UMN \(upper motor neuron\) disease.](#)
2. Sabrina Paganoni, MD, PhD – [What's new in PLS?](#)
3. John K. Fink, MD – [Spasticity and spastic gait in HSP and PLS treatment targets and approaches.](#)
4. Corey Braastad, PhD – [Basic genetics, cell and gene therapy update, and virtual conference talk review.](#)
5. Marcondes Franca, MD, PhD – [Anti-spastic therapies in hereditary spastic paraplegia.](#)
6. Hiroshi Mitsumoto, MD, DSc – [We are making a steady progress in clinical front of PLS.](#)
7. Wladimir Bocca Vieira de Rezende Pinto, MD, PhD – [Hereditary spastic paraplegia in Brazil: recent achievements and current challenges.](#)

2020 SPF Virtual Annual Conference

1. Corey Braastad, PhD – [Basic genetics and therapy update.](#)
2. John K. Fink, MD – [Primary lateral sclerosis, hereditary spastic paraplegia: paths towards therapy.](#)
3. Peter W. Baas, PhD – [HSP: understanding what's wrong so that we can fix it.](#)
4. P. Hande Ozdinler, PhD – [Path to improve upper motor neuron health.](#)
5. Stephan Züchner, MD, PhD – [Genetic topics in HSP & related diseases.](#)
6. Hiroshi Mitsumoto, MD, DSc – [We have made steady progress on the clinical front of PLS.](#)
7. Craig Blackstone, MD, PhD – [Research advances in the HSPs.](#)
8. Darius Ebrahimi-Fakhari, MD, PhD – [A multimodal strategy to finding a cure for an ultra-rare disease.](#)

SPF Talks

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1. Paul Freda, MD – [Mental help part 1](#).
2. Paul Freda, MD – [Mental help part 2](#).
3. Zachary Lipson – [Adaptive training](#).
4. Lori Renna Linton – ["Potato Pants" revised](#).

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Angela Girardier, PT – [Incontinence](#).

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1. Crissy Smith – [Duo dogs](#).
2. Brittany Kasaba – [Disability life-hacks, tips and tricks](#).
3. Brittany Kasaba – [Disability life-hacks, tips and tricks, part 2](#).
4. Kevin Gallagher – [BOTOX](#).
5. David Ball – [Social security disability benefits](#).
6. Melissa Sheorn – [Caregiving](#).
7. Yolanda Heath, ND – [Vitamins and supplements](#).
8. Chris Pace, MSW – [Self-care and chronic illness-disability](#).
9. Christine Patrick Hendrickson, ARNP – [Three mobility assistive devices](#).