

The Dystroglycanopathies: 2016 Patient and Family Conference

**Join us on
Saturday, August 6, 2016**

Conference Location:

Sheraton Iowa City Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, IA 52240

The patient and family conference is free and open to anyone interested in the dystroglycanopathies.

All conference attendees must be registered.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, August 4

Research Exams 9:00 am-5:00 pm *

Friday, August 5

Research Exams 8:00 am- 5:00 pm *

Iowa Muscular Dystrophy Research Center Lab Tours 2:00-5:00 pm **

Welcome Reception 6:00-8:00 pm ***

Saturday, August 6

Breakfast 7:30-8:30 am

Optional Breakfast Breakout 8:00 am

Conference 8:30 am-5:15 pm ****

Social Gathering 5:30-6:00 pm

Dinner and Entertainment 6:00-8:00 pm

Sunday, August 7

Research Exams 8:00-2:00 pm *

Family Activity Area is available during morning and afternoon conference sessions.

Please note that the Activity area is supervised by volunteers who are not trained provide medical care.

Lodging

- To make a room reservation at the **Sheraton** you may register online at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1604074260&key=7A204F7> or by phone at 1-800-848-1335, or via fax at 319-337-7037.
- To make a reservation at **hotelVetro**, 201 South Linn St, Iowa City, IA 52240 you must phone the hotel directly at 319-337-4961.
- Wellstone Conference room rate at either hotel is \$116 plus tax.
- **Hotel reservations must be received by July 11, 2016 to obtain discounted rate.**

* Research Exams

- Exams take place on the Clinical Research Unit (CRU) at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, 200 Hawkins Drive, Iowa City, Iowa 52242. Map: <http://www.uihealthcare.org/parking-and-wayfinding/>.
- Parking in Hospital Ramp #1 is closest to the CRU.
- Inside the hospital, take Elevator A (far north end of the hospital) to 2nd floor. Turn right (north) as you exit the elevator. At the 'T' in the hall, turn left (west) and proceed to the end of the hall.
- Please allow 4-5 hours for your exam.
- The number of study exams that can be performed Friday afternoon and Sunday morning is limited. If your travel arrangements allow, we appreciate your flexibility as we schedule appointments. Please specify any travel constraints on the Registration Form.

* * Lab Tours

The Iowa Muscular Dystrophy Research Center Laboratories at the University of Iowa Carver Biomedical Research Building will be open on Friday, August 5 from 2:00-5:00 pm. Please join Dr. Kevin Campbell, Dr. Steve Moore and many dedicated researchers for tours and presentations. Address: 4294 Carver Biomedical Research Building, 285 Newton Road, Iowa City, IA 52242. Map: <http://maps.uiowa.edu/cbrb>. Parking is available in the Newton Road Ramp.

* * * Welcome Reception

Relax after your travels, meet old friends, and make new friends at the Sheraton Iowa City Hotel. Snacks and beverages will be served.

* * * * Conference Sessions

- Enjoy presentations and Q&A about the dystroglycanopathies, research, and self-care in large and small group settings.
- Conference sessions will be held in the Sheraton Iowa City Hotel Conference Center in the Lower Level of the hotel.
- Conference rooms are usually cool, so please bring a sweater or light jacket.

Travel

- The Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids (CID) <http://www.eiairport.org/> is approximately 20 minutes from Iowa City. Other commercial airports in/around Iowa include the Quad City International Airport in Moline, Illinois (MLI) <http://www.qcairport.com/>, which is about one hour from Iowa City, and the Des Moines International Airport (DSM) <http://www.dsmairport.com/>, which is about two hours from Iowa City. Airfare may vary quite a bit between these airports.
- Rental cars are available at the airports.
- Shuttle service is available from the Eastern Iowa Airport through Airport Shuttle Service (800) 725-8460 and Airport Express (319) 626-5466. Both shuttle services are available for all flights, but reservations must be made in advance.
- Taxi Service: Marco's Taxi 319-337-8294.

Accessible Transportation

- Rental of wheelchair vans may be available through Siebert Mobility (877) 543-8826 (www.siebertmobility.com).
- Wheelchair accessible shuttle service from the Eastern Iowa Airport to Iowa City:
 - 1) Care Ambulance (319) 512-8811 <http://www.careambulance.us/services.htm>
 - 2) Special K's transport (319) 373-5555
 - 3) American Class Taxi (319) 363-8294 <http://americanclasstaxi.com/>

Call at least two days ahead for wheelchair shuttle services.

Questions

If you have any questions about the conference or research exams, please contact Carrie Stephan at (319) 356-2673 or carrie-stephan@uiowa.edu.

