

8th International Costello Syndrome Family Forum – Orlando, Florida

BIOGRAPHIES

THURSDAY SPEAKER



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Deborah Leach-Scampavia, MS is the Director of Education Outreach for the Scripps Research Institute, Scripps Florida. Prior to her appointment with Scripps Research and since 1988 Ms. Leach-Scampavia served as the coordinator for the National ESCA and Surface Analysis Center for Biomedical Problems in the Department of Bioengineering at the University of Washington, Seattle. Her research and publication focus has been in the field of surface characterization of biomaterials using ESCA (Electron Spectroscopy for Chemical Analysis) and ToF SIMS (Time-of-Flight Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry). Throughout her career, she has also been a dedicated science educator. Before her appointment as Director of Education Outreach, she served as a coordinator for the University of Washington Engineered Biomaterials (UWEB) K-12 Science Education Outreach program. Deborah designs and directs outreach programs that allow biomedical researchers to share their understanding of the processes of science and contemporary scientific discovery. A goal of Scripps Research outreach is to contribute directly to greater science literacy in the K-16 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education community.

FRIDAY SPEAKERS



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Gareth Baynam, MD is a Clinical Geneticist at Genetic Services of Western Australia, a state-wide clinical service that works in close liaison with the Office of Population Health Genomics in the Western Australian Health Department. He is a Clinical A/Professor at the School of Paediatrics and Child Health, University of Western Australia and at the Institute for Immunology and Infectious Diseases, Murdoch University. Other current positions include the Branch President of the Human Genetics Society of Australasia and membership of the Australian National Rare Diseases Coordinating Committee. He is a Chief Investigator on a partnering European Union Seventh Framework Programme (EU FP7)-Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grant: RD-connect: An integrated platform connecting databases, registries, biobanks and clinical bioinformatics for rare disease

research where he is responsible for coordinating studies of objective phenotyping measures including 3D facial analysis. He is also involved in multiple other rare diseases grants including the EU FP7-NHMRC grant RARE-Bestpractices: A platform for sharing best practices for management of rare diseases. His clinical interests include paediatric genetics, with a focus on dysmorphology, and familial cancer. The subject of his PhD was genetic modifiers of vaccine response in children. His research interests include genetic and rare diseases; 3D facial analysis, and other objective high-throughput phenotyping technologies; rare diseases registries; and translation of bioinformatic and other enabling tools for clinical application.



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Emma Burkitt-Wright MBChB graduated in medicine (MBChB with Honours, with an intercalated MPhil in Clinical Psychology) from the University of Liverpool in 2002, and undertook posts in general internal medicine and paediatrics in and around Liverpool from 2002-6. She started a specialist career in clinical genetics in Manchester in 2006, as the first academic clinical fellow in the UK's integrated clinical academic training scheme. Part of her research time was 5 months spent with Professor Mariano Barbacid's group at the Spanish National Cancer Centre (CNIO), helping to characterise the B-Raf CFC mouse (Urosevic et al, *PNAS*, 2011). In 2009, She started her PhD on a Manchester Biomedical Research Centre training fellowship, then secured a Wellcome Trust Research Training Fellowship (May 2010-April 2013). Dr. Burkitt-Wright's PhD focuses on de novo germline disorders of the Ras-MAPK pathway, in particular cardio-facio-cutaneous syndrome (CFC). This has included clinical and molecular characterisation of patients with CFC, and some further work with the mouse models generated in Professor Barbacid's group. In collaboration with the Manchester Regional Molecular Genetics Laboratory she has also been examining the introduction of massively parallel ('next generation') sequencing technologies in the molecular diagnosis of Ras-MAPK pathway disorders. This has led to the introduction of a new diagnostic testing panel for these conditions.

She has continued to benefit from her supervisor Dr. Bronwyn Kerr's wealth of insight and clinical expertise throughout her studies. She has also been extremely fortunate to have as her other supervisors Professor Graeme Black and Dr. Alan Whitmarsh, whose expertise in molecular genetics and signal transduction respectively have been invaluable for her project. Her future aim is to establish a career as an academic clinical geneticist, with specific research and clinical interests in germline Ras-MAPK pathway disorders.



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Dr. Chatfield's clinical interests include Noonan-spectrum disorders, Marfan syndrome and related connective tissue disorders, familial congenital heart disease, metabolic and inherited forms of cardiomyopathy. Her research focus is

the role of mitochondrial energy metabolism in pediatric cardiomyopathy and heart failure. She is also currently doing research related to the role of cardiac transplantation in children with Noonan-spectrum disorders and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.



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Dan Doyle MD is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Thomas Jefferson University and AI dupont Children's Hospital. His interest is in the natural history of growth and the use of growth hormone in Costello syndrome. His previous measurements of the children with CS have resulted in the recent publication of "Normative Growth Curves in Children with Costello Syndrome" in the American Journal of Medical Genetics. He will discussing the use and limitations of these curves as well as the natural history of growth and the use of growth hormone in CS children.



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Karen W. Gripp, MD is the Chief of the Division of Medical Genetics at the AI duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, DE, and a Professor of Pediatrics at T. Jefferson University and Medical School in Philadelphia, PA. She is also an Associate Editor of the *American Journal of Medical Genetics*. Karen is a co-director of the Professional Advisory Committee for the Costello Syndrome Network. She organized and hosted the 3rd International Costello Syndrome meeting in Wilmington, DE in 2003. She was the director of the multidisciplinary Costello syndrome clinic, which opened at the du Pont Hospital in Wilmington in 2003 and has now become the "MAP" clinic for all rasopathies. Karen's long standing research interest in Costello syndrome and its underlying genetic cause was recognized in 2003 through the John M. Opitz Young Investigator Award. Dr. Gripp is the author of more than 70 peer reviewed publications, many of these resulting from her ongoing research on Costello syndrome. Karen is the PI (Principal Investigator) on the project "Costello Syndrome: Clinical and Molecular Investigations", which encompasses the various areas presented here today. Our research focuses on the clinical problems seen in individuals with Costello syndrome, and how the different Costello syndrome causing mutations present. During the last meeting we asked you about brain malformations and hydrocephalus. We have learned that a Chiari malformation, a herniation of the lowest part of the brain, occurs frequently in individuals with Costello syndrome. We think that this is due to overgrowth of the cerebellum, the hindbrain. This has implications for clinical care. We have also learned more about patients a rare Costello syndrome causing mutation, p.G13C. These individuals are somewhat taller than other individuals with Costello syndrome and they often have extremely long eye lashes.



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Bronwyn Kerr, MD is a consultant clinical geneticist who studied medicine at the University of Sydney before qualifying in paediatrics and genetics in Australia. After completing a two year research fellowship into X-linked mental retardation with Professor Gillian Turner, she moved to the UK in 1993. She was appointed Consultant Clinical Geneticist in the Regional Genetic Service in Manchester in 1995, based largely at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital (RMCH). Her main clinical interest is in the causes of developmental disability and congenital abnormality. Her principal research interest has been Costello syndrome, and more recently, other disorders of the RAS/MAPK pathway. She was a founder member of the Medical Advisory Boards of the International Costello syndrome support group, the Association Française des syndromes de Costello and CFC, and the Costello Family Support Network. She has a number of key publications in this area, and is frequently consulted by national and international colleagues for advice on diagnosis and management in this group of disorders. A particular interest is developing an evidence base for management of rare disorders, an endeavour for which international collaboration in the long-term is critical.

Dr. Kerr has a professional interest in medical management, and a strong commitment to improving the patient experience and the quality and safety of healthcare. She was Clinical Director of the Regional Genetic Service in Manchester, one of the largest and most comprehensive genetic services in Europe, from 2003-2010. In April 2010, she was appointed as Associate Medical Director, Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, with responsibility for Clinical Effectiveness.



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Angela E. Lin, MD is a Philly girl who attended St. Joseph's University and Thomas Jefferson Medical College. After completing a residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, and fellowship in pediatric cardiology at UCLA, she realized that her organizational skills were well-suited to medical genetics. After a fellowship at the West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh, she moved to Boston in 1990. She is an Associate Clinical Professor at Harvard Medical School, and sees genetic patients at Massachusetts General Hospital. She's happy to tell this audience that she is now part of MGH's NF Clinic group, although she has not been able to convince them to change the name to NF and Related Syndromes! She is developing clinics for Turner Syndrome, CHARGE syndrome and HHT.

An equal part of her career is devoted to birth defect epidemiology working in birth defects surveillance programs at the Brigham-Women's Hospital, the state and National Birth Defects Prevention Study. She is also an Associate Editor of the American Journal of Medical Genetics. Dr. Lin's clinical research deals with the type and pattern, and epidemiologic aspects of heart defects, especially in children with genetic syndromes, and especially those with Costello syndrome. Using data from the 1999 First Costello Syndrome Conference, she published a review with several other geneticists and cardiologists about heart abnormalities, and published in 2002. It only took nine more years to publish the update, but in 2011, she and several international colleagues reported on a large series of Costello syndrome persons of many ages.

Dr. Lin has worked closely with Dr. Karen Gripp and Dr. Kate Rauen, and other geneticists to develop the professional advisory committee. They are proud of their commitment to research, the families and each other. Dr. Lin is passionate about disease specific advocacy groups, in general, and this one in particular. One of her goals is to encourage trainees in genetics to have some participation in a conference during fellowship.



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Katherine (Kate) Rauen, MD, PhD is a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Medical Genetics at the UC San Francisco where she currently serves as the acting Chief of Medical Genetics. She received a MS in Human Physiology and a PhD in Genetics at UC Davis doing research on gene dosage compensation and genetic evolution. She obtained her MD at UC Irvine where she also did research in cancer genetics. Dr. Rauen did her residency training in Pediatrics (boarded) and fellowship in Medical Genetics (boarded) at UC San Francisco. Dr. Rauen is internationally known for her pioneering work in the application of array CGH in clinical genetics and as a leader and major contributor to the understanding of the "RASopathies", the Ras/MAPK pathway genetics syndromes. Her research program at UCSF involves the clinical and basic science study of cancer syndromes with effort to identify underlying genetic abnormalities affecting common developmental and cancer pathways. Dr. Rauen led the research team, including the CFC International Family Support Group that discovered the genetic cause of CFC syndrome. She has successfully obtained both intramural and extramural funding for her research activities, and currently holds a 5-year NIH grant studying skeletal myogenesis in CS and CFC. She is the Director of the world-renowned NF/Ras Pathway Clinic at UCSF which she initiated in 2007 and is the Director for the UCSF Medical Genetics Residency Program. In addition, she serves on the medical advisory board of CFC International and is a Co-Chair of the Physicians Advisory Committee for the Costello Syndrome Family Network. Dr. Rauen was the PI and Chair for the R13 grant and symposium, "1st International Costello Syndrome Research Symposium 2007". With the success of

the symposium, she initiated and Chaired the first all-inclusive RASopathy meeting in 2009 held in Berkeley, CA, “Genetic Syndromes of the Ras/MAPK Pathway: From Bedside to Bench and Back 2009”.



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Suma P. Shankar MD PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Human Genetics and Department of Ophthalmology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Shankar joined Emory University in January, 2010 with dual appointments in the Department of Human Genetics and the Department of Ophthalmology. She received her medical degree from Bangalore Medical College, India and did her Ophthalmology residency training and obtained the Membership of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists in London and Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh in the United Kingdom. She obtained a PhD, focusing on molecular genetics of eye diseases and completed a fellowship in pediatric ophthalmology at the University of Iowa. She then went to the University of California in San Francisco for another fellowship in medical genetics. Since 2007 she has been involved with the cardio-facio-cutaneous syndrome, Noonan syndrome and Costello syndrome groups. Her research interests include ophthalmic manifestations in Ras/MAPK pathway syndromes and molecular genetic studies of ophthalmic diseases. She has won the Western Scholar and Henry Christian Award for Excellence in Research from American Federation of Medical Research, and the best poster award from Ras/MAPK symposium 2009, for her research on the “ocular features of the Ras/MAPK syndromes”. She is leading the “Ocular Predictive Health Initiative” project with a goal of establishing a data base and DNA bank for inherited and complex eye diseases with genetic etiology at Emory.



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SATURDAY SPEAKERS

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Dianne Brown has lived in Orlando for the past 22 years. She is the proud parent of a son, Daniel, who was born with multiple disabilities and medical challenges and is now 27. They are natives of San Antonio, Texas. There, she provided services at Brooke Army Medical Center and Beech Pavilion by counseling parents of newborn babies with special needs at the request of her son's physician. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communications at the University of Florida, including a concentration in Special Education. She is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary with a Masters in Counseling. Although Dianne began counseling informally in 1983, she is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in Florida. She works with clients with and without special needs, including individuals diagnosed with developmental and cognitive disabilities and medical and mental health challenges in various capacities. She also provides parent training, parent collaboration, and school consultation.

Dianne has traveled extensively in the United States and abroad. She has been speaking to groups at conferences in the US and abroad since 1990. In addition to working at Nathaniel's Hope part time, privately she provides coaching for new and existing respite programs on how to interact with children with special needs and their parents, program development, curriculum development, and training. She also travels to locations across the country for the launch of new programs. She can be found building community relationships with local businesses, organizations, and families, including the medical community to offer support for children with various special needs and provide social service referrals.

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Nancy worked from 1983 to 1993 as a Speech Language Pathologist in various disability services in New York including Hebrew Institute for Deaf & Exceptional children, Variety Preschoolers Workshop, St. Charles Hospital & Rehabilitation Center and ACLD Early Intervention Program. Nancy moved to Ireland in 1993 and was part of the team at Enable Ireland, a specialist service for individuals with physical, sensory and learning disabilities. Nancy has specialized in the area of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and is committed to finding solutions to enable effective communication for all!

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Dr. Karjoo grew up in Central New York. She earned her bachelor degree in psychology and biology from the State University of New York at Binghamton University, and her medical degree from Upstate Medical University. During Medical school training, she gained an interest in nutrition and gastroenterology. Over the years, she has helped take care of many children with feeding and gastrointestinal problems while working at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

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Susan has been awarded a National United Cerebral Palsy grant to design a "family friendly" assessment process; published as "Arena Assessment". She also designed the Outcomes Measurement Protocol system for upstate New York for the Head Start and Early Head Start programs (a data based system to prove child progress).

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Shelby Nurse and her dad, Tom Nurse, have been presenting nationally together the past 16, starting when Shelby was just six years old. Now a young adult at 22, Shelby brings tremendous insights into living a life of meaning, while facing the challenges of cerebral palsy and visual impairments. As a college senior, Shelby utilizes assistive technology, accommodations and self-advocacy skills to gain access and success with the rigors of attending University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Tom Nurse continues to be active in the special needs community, both personally and professionally. As a parent and advocate, Tom serves on several boards including the Florida Alliance on Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST) and the Family CAFE. Professionally, Tom works with families across the county, as a special needs financial planner at his firm Manning and Nurse: Personal Financial Advisors for Families with Special Needs. Together this father/daughter team presents a powerful message that is bound to inform and inspire.

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Dr. Szuhay has developed teaching curriculum on the neurological aspects of pediatric sleep medicine for the weekly Multidisciplinary Pediatric Sleep Medicine Conference at Children's National Medical Center and lectured numerous times on topics related to sleep disorders. He has provided consultation for the pulmonary and behavioral sleep clinics at Children's National Hospital and lectured on sleep disorders for the Boot Camp pediatric neurology lecture series to medical students, neurology residents and fellows. He developed a Neuro-Sleep Clinic at A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children. He has published several articles on sleep disorders, presented at the annual Pediatric Neurology Society meeting in Louisville, KY and the annual Pediatric Neurology update at Children's National Medical Center. His research includes a prospective historical review of existing cases of NF Type 1 and sleep disordered breathing at Children's National Medical Center. He has also developed a sleep software application (patent pending).

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families, school personnel, and community agencies to provide supportive partnerships that ensure success for children. She has also been active in identifying and facilitating partnerships with community agencies looking to provide services, support, respite and/or funds for families of children with disabilities. She was a member of RTI teams that serviced children with disabilities and families for over 19 years. Dr. Wolford has provided numerous training in-service opportunities for educators and parents.

Dr. Wolford and her husband, Youngstown State University Head Football Coach Eric Wolford, established the No Stone Unturned Foundation. Their foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the support and research of children with health initiatives and/or disabilities and their families. They founded the No Stone Unturned Therapeutic Learning Center in Manhattan, KS in December of 2012. The Wolfords were inspired by their son, Stone, who was diagnosed at 2 years of age with CFC Syndrome.