

AAN Scientific Program

Thursday September 21, 2023

8:00 – 9:00 [Registration and Breakfast](#)

Scientific Session 1 9:00 – 10:15 am

9:00 – 9:15am Welcome and Announcements
Dr. Vathany Kulasingam, University Health Network

9:15 – 10:15am **Keynote Lecture:** Autoantibodies: Past History, Pragmatic Challenges & Promising Future
Dr. Marvin Fritzler, University of Calgary & Mitogen Diagnostics

10:15 – 10:30 [Coffee Break](#)

Scientific Session 2 10:30 – 12:00 pm Moderator: Dr. Wali Khan

10:30 – 11:15am Antiphospholipid Antibodies and the Antiphospholipid Syndrome: From Coagulation to the Clinic
Dr. Rita Selby, University Health Network & Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center

11:15 – 12:00 Myasthenia Gravis a model disease in immunology - "New precision drugs drive more accurate diagnostics"
Dr. Hans Frykman, University of British Columbia & Neuroimmunology Lab

12:00 – 12:15 *Autoantibody Summit 2023 Group Picture*

12:15 – 13:30 [Lunch](#)

Scientific Session 3 13:30 – 15:00 pm Moderator:

13:30 – 14:15 Neuropsychiatric Lupus
Dr. Zahi Touma, University Health Network

14:15 – 15:00 Association of maternal anti-Ro/La autoantibodies with immune-mediated fetal heart disease
Dr. Edgar Jaeggi, Hospital for Sick Children

15:00 – 15:15 [Coffee Break](#)

Scientific Session 4 15:15 – 17:00 pm Moderator: Dr. Donglai Ma

15:15 – 16:00 An update on vasculitides with auto-antibodies: how do we treat patients in 2023, and the still unclear value of serial antibody measurements
Dr. Christian Pagnoux, Mount Sinai Hospital

16:00 – 16:30 Role of anti-HMGCR antibodies in idiopathic inflammatory myopathies
Sam Siporin, Clinical Autoimmune Specialist, Werfen

16:30 – 17:00 TBD

17:00 – 18:00 [Cocktail Hour](#)

18:00 **Dinner Event & AAN Activities**

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Scientific Session 5 **9:00 – 10:30 am**
Moderator: Dr. Vathany Kulasingam

9:00 – 9:45am Nephritic Factors in C3GN
Dr. Arenn Jauhal, University Health Network

9:45 – 10:30 TBD

10:30 – 10:45 [Coffee Break](#)

Scientific Session 6 **10:45 – 12:00 pm**
Moderator:

10:45 – 11:30am Alzheimer's Disease: Autoimmunity & Beyond
Dr. Donglai Ma, McMaster University

11:30 – 12:15 Neural antibody testing for autoimmune encephalitis: Impact of Autoimmune Neurology approval process on test utilization
Dr. Adrian Budhram, London Health Sciences Center

12:15 – 13:30 [Lunch](#)

Scientific Session 7 **13:30 – 15:00 pm**
Moderator:

13:30 – 14:15 TBD

14:15 – 15:00 Laboratory Assessment of Inflammatory Myopathies
Dr. Matthew Lafreniere, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center

15:00 – 15:15 [Coffee Break](#)

Scientific Session 8 **15:15 – 17:00 pm (Trainee Corner and Practical Quality discussions)**
Moderator: Dr. Vathany Kulasingam

15:15 – 15:45 Lean into IFA: Optimizing workflows with the implementation of electronic imaging and interfacing of IFA testing
Tina Henderson, Hospital for Sick Children

15:45 – 16:15 Assessment and reporting practices of antinuclear antibodies: A report from tertiary care hospital
Dr. Veni Bharti, University of Toronto

16:15 – 16:45 TBD

16:45 – 17:00 Closing Remarks and Announcements
Dr. Vathany Kulasingam, University Health Network