



# The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration Education Conference & Annual Meeting

Join AFTD and Emory University for a  
day of education and networking!

## **Date/Time:**

Friday, April 27, 2012  
11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
(reception to follow)

## **Where:**

Westin Buckhead Atlanta  
3391 Peachtree Road NE  
Atlanta, GA 30326

## **To Reserve a Hotel Room:**

The Westin Buckhead Atlanta will have a block of rooms set aside at a rate of \$127/night (+ taxes) until 5:00 p.m. on April 5th. Please call 800.937.8461 (use "AFTD Meeting" as the code) to reserve a room. Parking is \$10-14/day.

## **To Register for the Conference:**

Visit [www.theaftd.org](http://www.theaftd.org); Registration ends on April 19th. Information on travel grants for patients and caregivers is available on the website.

## **Questions:**

Visit [www.theaftd.org](http://www.theaftd.org); send an email to [info@theaftd.org](mailto:info@theaftd.org); or call 267.514.7221.

## **Hosted by:**



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## The Course for the Day:

<b>Registration and Lunch</b>	<b>11:30</b>
<b>Welcome</b> Beth Walter, AFTD Board chair	<b>12:30</b>
<b>Clinical Speaker</b> <i>FTD 2012: Progress and Challenges</i> William T. Hu, M.D., Ph.D., Assist. Professor Department of Neurology Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases Emory University School of Medicine	<b>12:50-1:50</b>
<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <i>See sidebar at right for details</i>	<b>2:00-3:30</b>
<b>Networking Time</b> <i>The afternoon break will be extended for informal networking. Meet with experts from AFTD, local FTD/PSP caregiver support groups, Emory's ADRC, Palliative Care or Emory tissue donation and autopsy programs.</i>  <i>Optional meetings will be held at this time for people with specific interests. Pre-register for one of these if interested:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- People diagnosed with FTD</li><li>- Getting involved with regional FTD advocacy</li><li>- Meditation experience for caregivers</li></ul>	<b>3:30-4:15</b>
<b>AFTD Annual Meeting</b> Susan L-J Dickinson, MS, CGC AFTD Executive Director	<b>4:20-4:50</b>
<b>Keynote Address</b> Tim Langmaid, Sr. Managing Editor CNN Medical	<b>5:00-6:00</b>
<b>Reception</b> Hosted by AFTD Board <i>Stay for food &amp; drink and conversation with today's speakers, AFTD Board &amp; staff, and most importantly, each other.</i>	<b>6:00-8:00</b>

## Breakout Sessions:

Register for the breakout session that best fits your interest and needs.

### **Finding True North: Refocusing in Light of a New Diagnosis**

This session is for people who have emerged from the confusion of early symptoms and face a new diagnosis of FTD. Find out what steps you can take and what resources exist to maximize the future.

*Susan Peterson-Hazan, MSW, LCSW, Emory ADRC Education Core Co-Leader; Eleanor Vaughan, caregiver; author of "The Gift of Now"*

### **Holding Steady at the Helm: Caring and Coping with FTD at Home after Diagnosis**

This session will address care strategies and healthcare services to help meet the changing needs of managing a progressive disease at home.

*Michelle Hammond-Susten, LCSW, Emory ALS Clinic Social Worker; Matt Sharp, MSW, AFTD Program Coordinator*

### **Expanding the Crew: Partnering with Facility Staff in Residential Care**

It can be daunting to consider facility care because many long-term care programs do not understand FTD. Learn about resources, strategies and insider tips that can ease the transition and ensure quality care.

*Sharon Denny, MA, AFTD Program Director; Andrea Kipples, MSN, BSN, Nurse Practitioner, Emory ADRC*

### **Staying on an Even Keel: The Role of Hospice and Palliative Care in Late Stage Care**

Hospice is a resource FTD families should understand and access for a holistic approach to managing advanced illness. Learn about hospice and how to advocate for valuable services that can enhance compassionate care.

*Janet Cellar, R.N., C.N.S., ADRC Administrator, Clinical Nurse Specialist; Nicole Yarab, RN, ALS Nurse Clinician, Emory ALS Center; Bonnie Shepherd, former caregiver*



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