Conference registration is now open!

The registration fee is $75. A fee waiver and travel grants are available for caregivers and individuals diagnosed. Follow the link below to register:

http://tinyurl.com/AFTD2017

Lodging: The Sheraton Hotel has set aside a block of rooms at discounted rates, starting at $169 + applicable taxes per night. Call 410-962-8300, ask for reservations and mention the AFTD Spring Conference Group by April 14th, 2017 or visit http://tinyurl.com/AFTD-Hotel to reserve your room today.

AFTD’s 2017 Education Conference is dedicated to people with FTD, caregivers, families and health professionals. We hope that you’ll join us in Baltimore to learn and network with all whose lives are impacted by this disease.

**Highlights**

- Expert clinicians and scientists will discuss research and care advancements in FTD worldwide.

- Attendees will benefit from a more robust program, with more breakout session options for caregivers and persons diagnosed.

- Our 2017 conference will provide new opportunities to connect with others, gain valuable support and learn how to become engaged with AFTD’s mission.

**Featuring speakers from Johns Hopkins University and other leading organizations.** As one highlight, the clinical presentation will be provided by:

Chiadi Onyike, MD

Dr. Onyike is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Johns Hopkins University, and Director of the Johns Hopkins Frontotemporal Dementias and Young-Onset Dementias Program.

Dr. Onyike will provide a detailed overview of the different types of FTD, their pathology and how creating partnerships can benefit treatment.
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**Featured Speakers**

Attendees will hear from expert speakers from the Penn FTD Center, Thomas Jefferson University and the Duke Family Support Program.

**Lisa P. Gwyther**, MSW, LCSW, Associate Professor in the Duke Department of Psychiatry and Director of the Duke Family Support Program.

**Catherine Piersol**, PhD, OTR, Associate Professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy and Director of Jefferson Elder Care at Thomas Jefferson University.

**David Irwin**, MD, Assistant Professor of Neurology at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine.

**Lauren Massimo**, PhD, CRNP, Research Associate at The Pennsylvania State University College of Nursing and the University of Pennsylvania Frontotemporal Degeneration Center.

**Maya Lichtenstein**, MD, MHS, Behavioral Neurologist with Geisinger Health System.

**Mary Anne Wylie**, RN, Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurse in the Johns Hopkins Frontotemporal and Young Onset Dementia Clinic.

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Halima Amjad, MD, MPH, is Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Geriatric Medicine at Johns Hopkins University. Halima's father was diagnosed with primary progressive aphasia when she was graduating from medical school in 2009. She shared her family’s journey and coping strategies in a prize-winning essay “Caring for Dementia: Returning to the Village” written for the John A. Hartford Foundation’s Better Caregiving Better Lives story contest in 2015, which can be found here: http://tinyurl.com/Halima-s-Story.

Halima will discuss her personal struggles as a medical student navigating the emotional complexities of FTD, and how it has affected her family in her keynote address.
Break-Out Sessions

This year, in response to feedback from attendees, AFTD’s Education Conference will offer more breakout sessions than ever before.

10:45 a.m. Break-Out Sessions: Clinical Issues
Demystifying Diagnosis of FTD: How Evaluation Can Inform Care
Maya Lichtenstein, MD, MHSc
Peter Stewart, PhD, Geisinger Health

Brain-Behavior Relationships: Why Does He Act That Way?
Lauren Massimo, PhD, CRNP
Penn FTD Center

Medications and Non-Pharma Approaches to Treatment
David Irwin, MD
Penn FTD Center

FTD Research: The Value of Studies and Opportunities for Involvement
Ann Fishman, Sarah Lawrence and Weiyi Mu, CGC
Johns Hopkins University

Building Bridges: Communicating with Partners About Care Needs and Challenges
Matt Sharp, Teresa Webb

2:00 p.m. Break-Out Sessions: Care Strategies
Navigating Key Care Decisions in FTD
Mary Anne Wylie, RN
Johns Hopkins University, FTD Clinic

Enhancing Quality of Life Through Activities
Catherine Piersol, OTR
Thomas Jefferson University

Communication Strategies and Emerging Research in PPA
Kyrana Tsapkini, PhD, Johns Hopkins University
Stephanie Grasso, M.A., CCC-SLP, Doctoral Student
The Aphasia Research and Treatment Lab
The University of Texas at Austin

Comfort Care in Advanced FTD
Nancy Flowers, MSW, LCSW
Rainbow Hospice & Palliative Care

Moving Forward with an FTD Diagnosis
For People with FTD
Rod Hall, Matt Sharp, Diana Winoker

3:15 p.m. Break-Out Sessions: Support & Networking
Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Exercises
Corey Esannason
AFTD Regional Coordinator Volunteer

Making a Difference: Share Experiences and Learn Opportunities as an AFTD Volunteer
Sarah Sozansky Beil
AFTD Regional Coordinator Volunteer

What About the Kids? Meet Others Facing FTD with Kids & Teens in the Home
Shana Nissen, AFTD Volunteer

Connecting with Online Friends
For Caregivers

Connecting with Online Friends
For People with FTD
Matt Sharp