FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When should I arrive?
The conference kicks off with a welcome reception and two introductory sessions running in tandem the evening of Thursday, June 18th. These sessions are particularly helpful for those newly diagnosed, caregivers of adults with Dravet syndrome, and/or those attending our conference for the first time. Conference sessions begin Friday morning, June 19th. The full agenda is available on our conference app or at our website at https://www.dravetfoundation.org/2020-dsf-conference/agenda-speakers/.

Q: Where are sessions held at?
All sessions are held at Cook Children’s Medical Center, with the exception of the Marriage & Relationships with a Special Needs Child sessions on Saturday, June 19th. The relationship sessions, Super Siblings Camp drop off, and the Dravet Hospitality Room are held at the Renaissance Worthington Fort Worth, which is our flagship hotel for the event.

Q: Where should I stay?
Our flagship hotel for the event is the Renaissance Worthington Fort Worth hotel, approximately 2 miles from the hospital. The hotel is located in Sundance Square (https://sundancesquare.com/) which offers a variety of dining options within a short walk. Evening social events, sibling camp, and the Dravet hospitality room will all be housed at the Renaissance Worthington. Please note there is another large conference in town on the same weekend, so we advise booking your lodging early whether you plan to stay at the flagship hotel or elsewhere.

Q: What does my conference registration include?
A conference registration includes access to all sessions for the day(s) it is purchased. Registrants may also conference pass share with another adult in their party. This allows one person at a time to attend sessions. Extended family and caregivers who are not registered for sessions are welcome to join for the evening social events. Super Siblings Camp is an additional fee per child, and we offer a free Dravet Hospitality Room with activities and crafts for Dravet patients and their caregivers at our flagship hotel.

Q: What will my child(ren) do while I am attending sessions?
Continuing Medical Education (CME)-designated sessions and/or recorded sessions do not allow children or patients to be in attendance. There is a Dravet hospitality room at the Renaissance Worthington stocked with toys and activities for patients with Dravet syndrome and their caregivers. Siblings are encouraged to attend the Super Siblings Camp Friday and Saturday during the day.
Q: Where do I check in for registration?
Registration is available at several times at the hospital and flagship hotel. Early packet pickup will take place on Thursday evening, June 18th, from 4:00pm-4:45pm prior to the start of the 5:00pm sessions at the flagship hotel. On Friday, June 19th, and Saturday, June 20th, packet pick-up is available at the hospital from 8:00am-8:45am before sessions begin at 9:00am. Give yourself enough time to register and pick up your conference packet and badge. Make sure to wear your badge to the hospital each day for entrance to the session rooms. We also suggest you wear your badge at the evening social events. U.S. participants will have a color-coded ribbon to match them to their DSF Family Network region and help them identify other families who live nearby.

Q: Do I have to attend each session?
No, you do not need to attend each session. Some sessions run concurrently, so you couldn’t attend every session even if you wanted to. You should consult the conference app ahead of time to plan a schedule of the sessions that most appeal to you. The majority of sessions will be recorded and available on our website a few weeks after the event.

Q: What types of activities are available during the day?
There are four types of activities: CME/CNE Track Sessions, Family Track Sessions, Super Siblings Camp, and the Dravet Hospitality Room. All activities, along with topics and presenters, will be listed in the conference app and on our website. Times and locations occasionally shift, so make sure to check the conference apps for updates in real-time. Tip: You can select and tag the sessions you would like to attend within the conference app. Attending sessions is included with your conference registration so you do not need to sign up in advance. If you choose to leave a session, please be courteous as you exit. Everyone is welcome to ask questions during designated Q&A times.

- CME / CNE Track Sessions are designated as such as a courtesy to our professional attendees who are seeking continuing medical education credits. Registrants - laypersons or professionals - are welcome in all tracks. Those who are attending for CME / CNE credits will be required to sign in for these sessions. No individuals under 18 are permitted, nor are patients or adults with Dravet syndrome, as sessions are being recorded.
- Family Track Sessions are designed to educate and facilitate extended conversations on the day-to-day challenges of living with Dravet syndrome. No individuals under 18 are permitted, nor are adults with Dravet syndrome permitted on Friday or Saturday, as sessions are being recorded.
- Super Siblings Camp is a special time for siblings-only of Dravet patients. The camp gives them a time to connect with other sibs who understand their journey. No Dravet children are permitted in camp as some sessions talk about what it means to have a sib with special needs. Plus, we want to allow the sibs an experience that is all about them. Note that camp requires additional fees and participants must be registered and the parent or caregiver must have submitted a completed waiver form by Friday, May 22, 2020, for the child(ren) to participate - NO EXCEPTIONS.
- The Dravet Hospitality Room offers an area for Dravet patients and their caregivers to meet up during the day when sessions are taking place at the hospital. The room, sponsored by Ciara’s Light, is at the Renaissance Worthington and will offer activities and crafts.

Q: What should I wear?
We recommend dressy casual attire. Be sure to dress in layers; conference centers often range from drafty to stuffy. June in Texas has an average high of 93 degrees and an average low of 73 degrees.
GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE APP
No printed materials are provided at the event. All sessions, speaker info, and event details can be found on our conference app. It will also include powerpoints or other documents that presenters opt to share. Updates are made in real time and app users will receive alerts on any last minute agenda changes. The app is downloadable to a smartphone, tablet or computer approximately one month before the event. Search “Dravet” in i-Tunes or Google Play for the free download.

VENUE & HOTEL LOCATIONS

Cook Children’s Medical Center
801 7th Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76104
https://cookchildrens.org/medical-center/

Renaissance Worthington Fort Worth (Flagship Hotel)
200 Main Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

DIRECTIONS, TRANSPORTATION & PARKING
If you are traveling from the airport, the following transportation options are recommended:

TAXI
Fee: $50-60 per cab
Travel time: 15-25 minutes

UBER/LYFT
Fee: $20-30 per car
Travel time: 15-25 minutes

SUPERSHUTTLE
Fee: $18 per person, shared ride
Travel time: 20-30 minutes
Contact: (303) 370-1300; reservation required

RENTAL CAR
Travel south on Pena Blvd. Merge onto I-225 S via exit 282 toward Aurora/Colorado Springs. Take Colfax Avenue/US-40/US-287 exit, Exit 10. Turn right onto E. Colfax Avenue. The hospital is on the north side of Colfax. Turn north on Children’s Way or Aurora Court and look for dedicated parking for Children’s Hospital Colorado. Alternatively, the Hyatt Regency is located on the south side of Colfax, accessed by turning left onto 14th place. Parking at the Hyatt for registered guests is $8 per night. Parking at Springhill Suites for registered guests is free. A limited number of parking spaces are available each day at the hospital. DSF will have its own shuttle bus on Friday and Saturday to take conference participants back and forth from the hospital to the Hyatt and Springhill Suites, or it is a short
walk. This bus will run each day from 8am to 6:30pm. The hotels also offer their own shuttle buses for trips within a short radius.

REGISTRATION PACKET PICK UP
Registration packet pick up and badges will be held on Thursday at the flagship hotel and on Friday and Saturday at Cook Children’s Medical Center.

Thursday, June 18, from 4:00pm-4:45pm at Renaissance Worthington
Friday, June 19th, from 8:00am-8:45am at Cook Children’s Medical Center
Saturday, June 20th from 8:00am-8:45am at Cook Children’s Medical Center

U.S. family attendees will be given a colored ribbon for their badge that coordinates with their region within the DSF Family Network to help them connect with other families nearby. Badges will be required each day for entry to the hospital conference area.

SESSIONS & EXHIBIT AREA
Registration packets should be picked up before you attend your first session at the hospital. A conference badge is required for admittance to all sessions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There will be an exhibit area outside of the conference session rooms with information and products pertinent to the Dravet community, including DSF merchandise.

DRAVET HOSPITALITY ROOM
Ciara’s Light will host our Dravet hospitality room this year at the Renaissance Worthington. It will offer toys and activities for Dravet patients and their caregivers throughout the day. Watch for updates on the conference app for planned activities. The hospitality room will also offer a polaroid station for those who would like to take a photo of their Dravet child to adhere to their name badge. Breakfast and lunch will be made available.

SUPER SIBLINGS CAMP
Super Siblings Camp drop off and pick up will take place at the Renaissance Worthington on Friday and Saturday. The camp is for siblings only. Parents or caregivers must register their child(ren) and complete and return the camp waiver no later than May 22nd. NO EXCEPTIONS. Siblings will be provided with breakfast and lunch, as well as snacks during the camp. They will have some onsite and offsite activities, including swimming on Sunday. You can view the camp schedule on our conference website at

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS
Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to jennifer@dravetfoundation.org. Cancellation requests received on or before May 22nd are refundable, subject to a $50 administrative fee. Cancellation requests received after May 22nd, are nonrefundable. Exceptions may be made for family emergencies and must be submitted in writing to jennifer@dravetfoundation.org. No-shows at the 2020 Family & Professional Conference are not eligible for a refund. If you cancel and are entitled to a refund, you can expect the refund within 30 days. All refunds will be issued back to the original payment type.

SOCIAL EVENTS
On Friday and Saturday evening, we will have social events at the Renaissance Worthington. Friday evening’s event is sponsored by Greenwich Biosciences and Saturday evening’s event is sponsored by Zogenix. Along with dinner there will be an opportunity to socialize and enjoy family-friendly activities,
courtesy of our sponsors. On Saturday evening we will announce the winner of the 2020 Ciara’s Spirit of Hope award and allow all of the Dravet children in attendance the opportunity to introduce themselves to the conference attendees.

SOCIAL MEDIA
When sharing event photos or updates from the event, please use the hashtag, #Dravetconference2020

NEARBY GROCERY STORE & PHARMACY
If you have a child on the keto diet or other family members with special dietary needs, the nearest grocery store is located in Target at 301 Carroll St, Fort Worth, approximately 2.2 miles from the hotel. The closest pharmacy is CVS at 515 Houston St, Fort Worth, just a few blocks from the hotel. The hotel does have a restaurant and offers room service, and there are onsite vending machines with water and soda. There is a Starbucks kiosk within the hotel that offers beverages and pastries, but it does have limited hours.