



Global Action Network for Sickle Cell
and Other Inherited Blood Disorders

3RD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

ON SICKLE CELL & OTHER INHERITED
BLOOD DISORDERS

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NOVEMBER 14, 2025 – FRIDAY

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DAY ONE

7:00 - 7:15 AM

OFFICIAL OPENING & WELCOME ADDRESS

Speaker

Ms. Lanre Tunji-Ajayi, M.S.M
Dr. Leonard A. Valentino

7:30- 7:55 AM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Charting the Pathway to Health Equity for
Inherited Blood Disorders

Speaker: Keri L. Norris, PhD, JM, MPH, MCHES
Moderator: Mr. Delaney Hines

8:00- 8:55 AM

PLENARY SESSION

The Future of Gene Therapy in Inherited Blood
Disorders

- Current and Future Innovations in Gene Therapy in Hemoglobinopathies
- Gaps in Gene Therapy for Bleeding and Other Inherited Blood Disorders.

Speakers:

Dr. Julie Kanter
Dr. Sarah Patterson

Moderator: Dr. Leonard A. Valentino

9:00- 9:55 AM

SIMULTANEOUS SESSION

Clinician Track

Comprehensive Care in the Management of
Thalassemia

- Identification of and Genetic Counselling in Thalassemia.
- Iron Chelating Agents & Recent Therapies in the Management of Thalassemia

Speakers:

Dr. Yap Yee Yee
Dr. Suman Jain

Moderator: Mr. Riyad Elbard

Community Track

Pain Management in Sickle Cell Disease

- Pharmacological and Non-Pharmacological Pain Management in Sickle Cell Disease.
- Hot Innovation in SCD Pain Management

Speakers

Dr. Sophia Delicou
Dr. Leon Rivlin

Moderators:

Mr. Zakareya Alkadhem
Mr. James Opere

10:00- 10:55 AM

SIMULTANEOUS SESSION

Clinician Track

Important Advances in the Management of
People with Bleeding Disorders

- Advances and Challenges in the Management of People with Bleeding Disorders, especially in Low-Medium and High-Income Countries.
- Improving Diagnosis and Care for Women and Girls with Bleeding Disorders: A Guide for Clinicians

Speakers

Dr. Leonard A. Valentino
Dr. Sarah O'Brien

Moderator:

Prof. Theresa Nwagha

Community Track

Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency, Diagnosis and
Management

- Diet Plans: From Ketosis to Vegetarian
- PKD Diagnosis and Management (Clinicians and Patient Community)

Speakers

Dr. Tamara Schryver
Dr. Rachael Grace

Moderator:

Mr. Carl Lander

11:00- 11:15 AM

BREAK

11:15- 12:15 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Transition of Care: From Pediatric to Adult
Services in Inherited Blood Disorders

- Bridging Gaps between Pediatric and Adult Providers for the Efficient Transition Program
- Addressing Psychosocial and Mental Health Needs
- Key Experiences in Transitioning from Pediatric to Adult Care

Speakers

Dr. Uma Athale
Dr. Sandra Newton
Mr. Paris Chatzipares - Patient Partner

Moderator:

Dr. Agnes Jonathan



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DAY TWO

7:00 - 7:55 AM

PLENARY SESSION

Comparison of Guidelines for Blood and Blood Products Management Across Low, Medium, and High-Income Resource Countries - A Case Study of Nigeria, India, and Canada

- Exploring the Standards or Approaches for a Safe Blood and Blood Products Supply (Donor Recruitment, Donor Eligibility, Donor Testing, Product Manufacturing)

Speaker

Prof. Saleh Yuguda (Nigeria)
Ms. Vinita Srivastava (India)
Dr. Aditi Khandelwal (Canada)

Moderator:

Mr. Ellis Westwood

8:00- 8:55 AM

SIMULTANEOUS SESSION

Clinician Track

- Best Practices in Clinical Management of Leg Ulcers in Sickle Cell Disease.
- Psychosocial Impact of Leg Ulcers on People Living with Sickle Cell Disease: A Psychologist's Perspective
- Patient's Perspective on the Impact of Leg Ulcers on Quality of Life

Speakers

Prof. Caterina Minniti
Dr. Mary Akua Ampomah
Mr. Anthony Defor - Patient Partner

Moderator: Mr. Lora Wogu

Community Track

Creating a Novel Research Program: A Case Study from the National Bleeding Disorders Foundation, USA

Speaker

Dr. Michael Recht

Moderator:

Ms. Andrea Trinidad

9:00- 9:55 AM

Clinician Track

Innovative Cell and Gene Therapy Approaches to Improving Outcomes for Patients with Fanconi Anemia

Speaker

Dr. Agnieszka Czechowicz

Moderator: Dr. Vasiliki Danilidou

Community Track

Aplastic Anemia- What is it?

- Identification and Diagnosis of Aplastic Anemia
- Living with Aplastic Anemia- Lessons for the Next Generation

Speakers

Dr. Derek Chan
Ms. Kristin Reinhart - Patient Partner

Moderator: Dr. Yigal Dror

10:00- 10:55 AM

PLENARY SESSION

Advancing Global Registry in Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)

- GANSID's Efforts in Strengthening Data Collection and Standardization in SCD
- Collaborative Efforts of Comprehensive Care Centres in Advancing Global SCD Registry.
- Building on the Sickle in Africa Data Collection Program

Speakers

Dr. Adekunle Adekile
Dr. Jane Little
Dr. Catherine Chunda-Liyoka

Moderator: Dr. Edward Donnel Ivy

11:00- 11:15 AM

BREAK

11:15 - 11:45 PM

ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

- Characterizing Cerebrovascular Dynamics in Children with Sickle Cell Disease Using Quantitative MRI
- Variability of Musculoskeletal and Pulmonary Symptoms and the need for Physiotherapy in Sickle Cell Disease
- Epidemiological and Comorbidity Burden in Transfusion-Dependent Patients with Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Disease in Greece

Speakers

Dr. Andrea Kassner (Canada)
Ms. Darshi Vyas (India)
Dr. Vasiliki Kamosou (Greece)

Moderator: Dr. Shipra Kaicker

11:50 - 12:50 PM

PLENARY SESSION - INDUSTRY ALLIANCE SYMPOSIUM

Strategies for Effective Advocacy in Advancing Inherited Blood Disorders, Regardless of Where You Live

- Using Data as a Tool for Advocacy
- Important Advocacy Lessons in Advancing Thalassemia Care in India
- Clinician Role in Advancing Improved Health Outcomes in Inherited Blood Disorders
- Industry Collaboration with Patient Organizations to Advance Advocacy in Inherited Blood Disorders

Speakers

Ms. Daniella Aluoch
Ms. Anubha Taneja
Dr. Titilope Fasipe
Dr. Benson Uzoma (Novartis)
Ms. Janie Davis (Agios)
Ms. Angela Bilikhu (Roche)

Moderator: Ms. Lanre Tunji-Ajayi, M.S.M

12:55 - 1:25 PM

PFIZER SPONSORED SESSION

Development of a Treatment Decision-Making Tool for Sickle Cell Disease Management: The Manage, Monitor, Realize Framework

Speaker

Dr. Emily Riehm Meier

1:30 PM

OFFICIAL CLOSING/CLOSING REMARKS

Moderator: Ms. Lanre Tunji-Ajayi, M.S.M