Conference 2010

This year will be the FMDSA's third annual conference. It will be held in Cleveland, Ohio at the Doubletree Hotel Downtown, on May 21-22.

At this point, speakers for this year include Dr. Jeffery Olin, Dr. Heather Gornik, Dr. Leopoldo Pozuelo, Dr. Karen Broer, Dr. Kevin Meyers, as well as geneticists, Dr. Patrick Willems and Dr. Nazli McDonnell. This is the best line up of speakers we've ever had!

Registration can be done via the FMDSA website: [www.fmdsa.org/conference.html](http://www.fmdsa.org/conference.html)

Rooms will be available at a discounted rate for members. Be sure to book yours early, to avoid disappointment, as we expect this year's conference to be full to capacity!

A big thanks to this year's sponsors:

The Cleveland Clinic, UC Davis Vascular Center, and Massachusetts General Hospital.

UC DAVIS

Pam Mace and FMDSA volunteer Mimi Petersen visited the UC Davis Vascular Center and met with medical director Dr. John Laird and his staff to discuss care for patients with FMD, the FMD patient registry, and ways to help raise awareness about this disease.

Dr Laird and his team at the UC Davis Vascular Center are committed to helping patients with FMD and are proud to collaborate with FMDSA as a West Coast center, serving patients with fibromuscular dysplasia. They are very motivated and we look forward to working with them. To learn more about this center click [HERE](http://www.ucdavis.edu/)

Please help support FMDSA! You will soon be able to sign up for your own FMDSA VISA. A percentage of each sale will be donated to our organization and will help with research and spreading awareness! MORE INFO SOON!

Meet Jeffrey!

Jeffrey is one of our newest members. He is 14 years old, and from Georgia.

Please learn more about why we use the tree as our symbol, by visiting: [http://fmdsa.org/treesymbol.html](http://fmdsa.org/treesymbol.html)
Dr. Jeffrey Olin, professor of cardiology and director of vascular medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City, and Chair of the FMDSA Medical Advisory Board, offers his insights on FMD. Dr. Alfred Bove hosts.

Listen to this informative interview here: http://reachmd.com/xmsegment.aspx?sid=5161


ANNUAL FUNDRAISER HELPS FMDSA!

Sandi Pileggi hosted the Second Annual Fundraiser in her husband’s memory, along with sisters-in-law Cecile Pileggi, M.D. and Antonia Pileggi-Keg, in suburban Philadelphia on October 15, 2009 to benefit the American Stroke Association and FMDSA. Sandi’s husband, Walter Pileggi, died suddenly after suffering a stroke a few months after turning fifty. To continue the spirit of Walter’s generosity in the community, she initially planned a benefit for the American Stroke Association with funds to be used to aid stroke victims in their community. Her sister-in-law, Cecile, also suffered a stroke a few months after turning fifty and was subsequently diagnosed with Fibromuscular Dysplasia. After attending the first FMD Conference in 2008 with Cecile, Sandi decided to divide the money raised between the two organizations. The 2008 event raised $11,150 for each organization and was important in starting the FMD Registry. This year, the Benefit was successful in raising $8,560 for each organization and will be valuable again to local stroke survivors and in advancing our knowledge of FMD. “We Thank You All!”
The February 2010 issue of Fitness Magazine featured an excellent article on FMD. It is titled: “A Moving Target”. Several doctors and patients (FMDSA Members) were interviewed. It is a very comprehensive and informative article and we encourage everyone to read it (we are told we will be able to post this article on our site soon - so keep checking for it!)

Help Fund Research & Spread Awareness!

Visit our FMDSA Cafe Press store and purchase a gift for someone you love, or for yourself! Money raised helps the FMDSA fund research and spread awareness.

Wearing/using the items with our logos, helps to spread awareness and open dialogue about fibromuscular dysplasia. Get yours today!

The UC Davis Vascular Center held their Vascular Care 2010 continuing medical education conference February 28th through March 3rd at the Ritz-Carlton Highlands at Lake Tahoe. The conference focused on current management of peripheral vascular disease and included a talk given by Shirley Daffin, RN, BSN, during the Vascular Nursing session. Her talk titled "A string of beads: Fibromuscular dysplasia - a non-atherosclerotic cause of arterial stenosis", provided details for diagnosing and treating patients with FMD and her talk was very well received. Our thanks to Shirley!
FirstGiving: Our Fundraising Champs!

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO THE FMDSA MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED US IN RAISING MONEY FOR THE FMDSA BY SETTING UP A FIRSTGIVING WEB PAGE TO HELP RAISE MONEY THAT WILL BE USED BY THE FMDSA TO FUND RESEARCH AND SPREAD AWARENESS ABOUT FIBROMUSCULAR DYSPLASIA!

WE ENCOURAGE ALL FMDSA MEMBERS TO FOLLOW SUIT - IT'S AN EASY WAY TO HELP (AND IT SPREADS AWARENESS TOO!).

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

OUR TOP FIRSTGIVING FUNDRAISERS:

PAM MACE - $4,600
KARI ULRICH - $3,877
MIMI PETERSEN - $2,600
ROCHELLE DESROCHERS - $2,470
TRACY VANDENBERG - $2,415
CAMERON AUXER - $1,020
KATE KIGER - $495

FMD EDUCATION

Sandra Yesenko, BS, RVT, RDMS, lead technologist-education coordinator in the non-invasive vascular laboratory at the Cleveland Clinic presented an overview on fibromuscular dysplasia and a review of case studies to vascular technologists at their monthly educational meeting. Vascular laboratory technologists are at the front line in helping to identify patients with FMD. FMD awareness is important for all health care professionals including allied health and imaging specialists. The Cleveland Clinic vascular laboratory sees large number of fibromuscular dysplasia patients each year. Sandra wanted to be sure all the technologists are up to date on technique.

THANK YOU SANDRA!

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE

Our thanks to Cecile Pileggi ($1590.40) and Antonia Keg ($269.15) for helping the FMDSA by donating their used vehicles! Get more info about donating a car on fmdsa.org

Be sure to drop by one of the most popular sections of our website and read some of our members stories. New ones to be added soon. We encourage members to submit their own story and photo. Click here to VISIT NOW.

FMD involving the mesenteric arteries (arteries that supply the intestines, liver and spleen with blood) can result in abdominal pain after eating and unintended weight loss.
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