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NAF Founder Recognized

NAF Founder Awarded "Stars of Advocacy" Honor

One of the many organizations that the NAF partners with throughout the

March 2016

The NAF invites you to attend the 10th Annual "Neuropathy Action Awareness Day" on Thursday, June 23rd at the Intercontinental Hotel in Los Angeles. This event will be the largest neuropathy gathering in the United States this year and will bring together patients and caregivers from across the country to learn about neuropathy, strategies for managing the painful condition, and empowering patients to become advocates for their own health care.

"Neuropathy Action Awareness Day" provides an opportunity for patients to interact with other patients, providers and exhibitors. The event consists of a full day of educational presentations, luncheon, exhibit area and silent auction.

The event is free of charge; however, the NAF requests a \$25 donation from patients and caregivers and \$125 from others who attend the luncheon. Register today at [\(877\) 512-7262](tel:8775127262) or www.neuropathyaction.org

Don't want to miss this important patient opportunity but can't attend

U.S. is the California Chronic Care Coalition (CCCC). The CCCC is an alliance of health organizations and provider groups that collectively improve the health of patients with chronic conditions. On January 29 the CCCC held its inaugural "Stars of Advocacy Gala" which highlighted the work of legislators and volunteers who have dedicated themselves to improving the lives of those living with chronic conditions through outreach and education.

At this event Dominick Spatafora, Founder and President, of the NAF was recognized as one of the Stars of Advocacy. Dominick was honored for his outstanding contribution and leadership improving the lives of people with neuropathy. Jerry Mathers (The Beaver from Leave It to Beaver) provided the introduction to the award via video. Dominick was joined at the event by Bev Anderson, Karen Polastri, Pam Hart and Brad Livingood who are all Board Members of the Western Neuropathy Association.



Dominick V.
Spatafora, Founder &
President of the NAF

Educational Online Videos

NAF Educational Videos Seen By Over 7 Million People in February

The NAF is committed to reaching patients with

in person? Register for our free online streaming! You can participate anywhere you have access to the internet - at home, the office, your support group - anywhere!

10th Annual "Neuropathy Action Awareness Day"

Agenda

9:30 - 10:00 Registration & Exhibits

10:00 - 10:10 Welcome

10:10 - 10:50 The Whole Body Experience: Neuropathy from Head to Toe

10:50 - 11:30 Understanding a Neurologist's Approach to the Diagnosis and Treatment of Peripheral Neuropathy

11:30 - 12:00 Break and Exhibits

12:00 - 1:15 Lunch Program

1:15 - 1:50 Immune Mediated Neuropathies and IVIG 101

1:50 - 2:30 Food As Medicine: Improve Health, Increase Vitality & Live Longer!

2:30 - 3:00 Refreshments and Exhibits Break

3:00 - 3:30 Championing Healthcare Rights for Yourself and Others Through Patient Advocacy

3:30 - 4:00 Managing Fatigue Through Lifestyle Modifications

[Click here to see the full agenda.](#)

Invitation to Upcoming FDA Meeting

FDA Public Meeting for Neuropathic Pain Associated with Peripheral Neuropathy-- Registration closes June 3, 2016

On behalf of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), we invite you to an upcoming public meeting on neuropathic pain associated with peripheral neuropathy to be held on June 10, 2016 from 1pm-5pm (EDT) at the FDA Campus in Silver Spring, Maryland. Specific details are outlined below.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather patients' perspectives on symptoms and daily impacts that matter most to them, and to discuss available approaches for treating neuropathic pain associated with peripheral neuropathy. This meeting is an exciting opportunity for patients to bring their voice to FDA and the drug development process.

We're asking you to help make this meeting a success by encouraging patients to participate either in-person or through the live webcast. FDA needs your help to make this meeting a success. Please direct patients to the links below to register, explore the discussion questions and meeting format, and find more information on FDA's Patient-Focused-Drug Development initiative.

education, aiming to ensure the ability to obtain the resources and information necessary to access individualized treatment to improve quality of life. The NAF continues to partner with Chicago based ContextMedia:Health (CMH), a mission-driven organization, committed to patient education. Through CMH's broad reach in provider waiting rooms and hospitals, the partnership provided over 7 million impressions/possible views of NAF educational videos during February 2016. CMH is currently helping the NAF reach more patients by showing our Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN) and Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy (DPN) Public Service Announcements throughout the U.S.

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Registration: <https://peripheralneuropathypfdd.eventbrite.com>

Meeting website: [Public Meeting on Neuropathic Pain Associated with Peripheral Neuropathy Patient-Focused Drug Development](#)

Background: Watching these [webinars](#) on FDA and Patient-Focused Drug Development in advance may be helpful in preparing for the meeting.

The meeting format maximizes patient participation. For each discussion topic, a small panel of patients or caretakers will provide brief comments to start the dialogue. The panel comments will be followed by a facilitated discussion with other patients and patient representatives in the audience. Patients or caregivers who would like to be considered to be on the opening panel can indicate that as part of registration. They will be asked to send a short summary of their responses to the discussion questions (posted on our registration site) to PatientFocused@fda.hhs.gov.

We look forward to this exciting meeting and hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at PatientFocused@fda.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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