



Building Hope and Smiles

Cleft Lip and Palate Family Conference

June 23-24, 2023



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When your child needs a hospital, everything matters.

Building Hope and Smiles

Our inaugural Cleft Lip and Palate Family Conference, Building Hope and Dreams, is designed for your entire family. There will be inspirational and educational sessions for parents and caregivers, concurrent activities for kids, and combined experiences for all. The program will allow you to learn and to network with other families while allowing children and teens make new friends, learn new things, and embrace the understanding that their future is truly limitless.

Conference Dates

Friday, June 23, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Who Should Attend

Parents, guardians, family members, caregivers of children who have a cleft lip and/or palate. This is a family friendly conference, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Conference Cost

Adults\$70

Health care professionals\$140

Children under age 18..... Free

Price includes admission to all sessions and all meals. Hotel room costs are separate.

Confirmation

A confirmation email will be sent to all participating families.

Conference Location

Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center
100 Green Meadows Dr. S.
Lewis Center, Ohio 43035

Tucked in a 15-acre park-like setting adjacent to beautiful Highbanks Metro Park, Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio offers a complete collection of services and amenities for an all-inclusive experience. The hotel has 93 guest rooms.



Every room and suite include free parking, Wi-Fi, an HDTV, pillow-top mattress, refrigerator, microwave and Keurig® coffee maker. The property has indoor and outdoor pools, a fitness center and yoga/meditation room.

Special conference room rate:

- \$131 per room per night plus tax on dates June, 22-24, 2023.
- Reservations can be made by calling (614)-880-4300 or via the hotel website at NWhotelandconferencecenter.com and entering group code 289880.
- To receive this rate, reservations must be received by May 23, 2023. Reservations received after this date will be offered on a rare and space available basis.

Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center is a smoke and tobacco-free facility. All guest rooms including balconies, are non-smoking.

Check-in starts at 3:00 PM. Check-out by 11:00 AM. For guests arriving earlier than the check-in time or staying later than the check-out time, luggage storage will be provided, based upon availability.

About Columbus

Columbus is Ohio's capital, the nation's 14th largest city, and the 2nd most populous city in the Midwest with a dynamic business climate, a commitment to diversity, exciting annual festivals and cultural events, unique arts and entertainment opportunities and great professional, amateur and college sports. Columbus is located at the intersection of Interstate 70 and 71, within a one-day drive or a one hour's flight of 60 percent of the population of the United States and Canada.

Featured attractions for families include Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, voted the favorite zoo of America by USA Travel guide. The zoo also operates an adjacent water park, Zoombezi Bay. Visit www.columbuszoo.org for more information.

COSI, featuring more than 300 interactive exhibits, has been ranked the No. 1 science museum for families by Parents Magazine. Visit COSI.org for information

Exhibitors (as of March 1)

A Kid Again

Magical Moments Foundation



Conference Agenda

Friday, June 23, 2023

- 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast for early arrivals**
- Check-in begins**
- 10 a.m. **The Journey Through Cleft Lip and Palate Team Care**
Moderator: Richard Kirschner, MD
Panel: Adriane Baylis, PhD; Kara Morris, DDS; Ari Rabkin, PhD; Amanda Smith, BSN, RN, CPN
- 11 a.m. **Keynote: Change How You See, See How You Change**
Rick Guidotti
- 11:45 a.m. **Family Lunch**
- 1 - 1:45 p.m. **Breakout Session I**
- A. Cleft Lip/Nose Surgery From Infancy to Young Adulthood
Richard Kirschner, MD; Greg Pearson, MD
- B. Dental and Orthodontic Care for Children With Cleft Lip/Palate
Kaitrin Kramer, DDS, MS, PhD
- C. Speech Therapy for Articulation Problems in Preschool to School-Age Children With Cleft Lip/Palate
Adriane Baylis, PhD, CCC-SLP; Heidi Wyse, MA, CCC-SLP
- D. Feeding Infants and Toddlers With Cleft Lip/Palate
Azure Kohler, FNP; Maleah Blake, MA/CCC-SLP
- 1:55 - 2:40 p.m. **Breakout Session II**
- E. Early Speech Intervention for Infants and Toddlers With Cleft Lip/Palate
Jill Kriner, MA, CCC-SLP; Caitlin Cummings, MA, MA, CCC-SLP
- F. Treatment of Growth Abnormalities of the Upper Jaw
Ibrahim Khansa, MD; Ana Mercado, DMD, PhD
- G. Cleft Palate and Oronasal Fistula Repair
Richard Kirschner, MD; Greg Pearson, MD; Amanda Smith, BSN, RN, CPN; Mary Church, BSN, RN; Azure Kohler, FNP
- H. Promoting Positive Self-Esteem in Children With Facial Differences
Rick Guidotti; Nationwide Children's Psychologist
- 2:50 - 3:45 p.m. **Open Forums With the Experts:**
- Surgery:** *Richard Kirschner, MD; Greg Pearson, MD; Ibrahim Khansa, MD*
- Speech:** *Adriane Baylis, PhD, CCC-SLP; Caitlin Cummings, MA, MA, CCC-SLP; Jill Kriner, MA, CCC-SLP; Heidi Wyse, MA, CCC-SLP*
- Dental/Orthodontics:** *Kara Morris, DDS; Kaitrin Kramer, DDS, MS, PhD; Ana Mercado, DMD, PhD*
- Psychology/Psychosocial:** *Ari Rabkin, PhD; Amanda Grover, MSW, LISW*
- 3:50 - 4 p.m. **Friday Closing Remarks**
- 4:30 p.m. **Family Dinner**
- 7 p.m. **Family Movie Night and *I Am a Wonder* Activities**
- 9 p.m. **Adjourn for the evening**

Conference Agenda (Cont.)

Saturday, June 24, 2023

- 8:15 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 9 a.m. **Keynote: What Did You Say? Memories on a Road Less Travelled**
Hugh Gillard
- 9:45 a.m. **Panel: Talking to Your Child About Facial Differences, Stigma and Bullying**
Moderator: Ari Rabkin, PhD
Panel: Hugh Gillard; Kelly Kirura; Jessica Jones, PT, DPT, CMPT; Nationwide Children's Psychologist
- 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Teen Panel: What the Adults in Our Lives Need to Know About Living With Cleft Lip/Palate**
Moderators: Ari Rabkin, PhD; Kelly Kirura
Panel: Patient Panel
- 11 a.m. **Learning and Behavior in Children With Cleft Lip/Palate**
Ari Rabkin, PhD
- 11:45 a.m. **Family Lunch**
- 1 - 1:50 p.m. **Breakout Session III**
- I. IEPs and 504 Plans
Ari Rabkin, PhD; Amanda Grover, MSW, LISW
- J. Treatment of Ear and Hearing Problems in Cleft Lip/Palate
Jonathan Grischkan, MD; Ursula Findlen, PhD
- K. Mentally and Emotionally Preparing Your Child for Surgery, Procedures and Doctor Visits
Chloe Capuano, MS, CCLS; Amanda Smith, BSN, RN, CPN; Mary Church, BSN, RN; Nationwide Children's Psychologist
- L. Alveolar Bone Graft Surgery
Richard Kirschner, MD; Greg Pearson, MD; Ibrahim Khansa, MD; Kaitrin Kramer, DDS; Ana Mercado, DMD, PhD
- 2 - 2:50 p.m. **Breakout Session IV**
- M. Hypernasal Speech and VPD
Richard Kirschner MD; Adriane Baylis, PhD, CCC-SLP
- N. Early Intervention and Special Needs Preschool Services for Children With Cleft Lip and Palate
Caitlin Cummings, CCC-SLP; Ari Rabkin, PhD; Amanda Grover, MSW, LISW; Chaitali Amin, FNP
- O. Cleft Lip and Palate: Genetic Testing and Genetic Counseling for Families
Scott Hickey, MD
- P. Mentally and Emotionally Preparing Your Child for Surgery, Procedures and Doctors Visits
Chloe Capuano, MS, CCLS; Amanda Smith, BSN, RN, CPN; Mary Church, BSN, RN; Nationwide Children's Psychologist
- 3 p.m. **Chasing Big Dreams and Closing Comments**
Jason Tharp; Richard Kirschner, MD
- 4 p.m. **Adjourn**
- There will be an informal event on Saturday evening for those families staying over.*

Speakers

Keynotes



Rick Guidotti

An award-winning photographer, Rick worked in NYC, Milan, Paris and London for a variety of high-profile clients including Yves St Laurent, Revlon and L’Oreal. He founded POSITIVE EXPOSURE after a chance encounter in 1997 with a young lady living with albinism at a bus stop in New York City. Rick has since spent more than twenty years collaborating internationally with advocacy organizations/NGOs, medical schools, universities and other educational institutions to effect a sea-change in societal attitudes towards individuals living with genetic, physical, behavioral or intellectual difference.



D. Hugh Gillard

What Did You Say? Memories on a Road Less Travelled is the life story of D. Hugh Gillard, a young boy born with a cleft lip and palate who grew to adulthood and achieved great success. Although faced with the many challenges of being “different,” Gillard was raised to see himself only as “normal.” He struggled with the severe speech impediment, unusual appearance, hearing loss, and discrimination so many clefted individuals are forced to deal with, all while trying to build a life and career. Ad that, he did. After four decades in the Oil and Gas industry, Mr. Gillard has retired as a pillar of the community and inspiration to many, including his ever-growing family.



Jason Tharp

Since he was six years old, Jason Tharp wanted to be an author and illustrator. Now, he wrote the books he wished he had when he was a kid. Books that say it’s okay to be different—in fact, being different is what makes you cool! It’s his mission to help kids find the magic in their story. In the few short years since beginning to write he’s published multiple children’s book series with Scholastic, Simon and Schuster, MacMillan, and a few other partners. He loves traveling the country talking to both kids and adults, consults with leaders, and leads groups to achieve individual growth.

Speakers (in order of presentation)

Richard E. Kirschner, MD

Chief, Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery,
Director, Cleft Lip and Palate Center,
Nationwide Children’s Hospital

Adriane Baylis, PhD, CCC-SLP

Director, Velopharyngeal Dysfunction Program,
Co-Director, 22q Center,
Nationwide Children’s Hospital

Kara Morris, DDS

Orthodontist,
Craniofacial Orthodontic Treatment Program,
Nationwide Children’s Hospital

Ari Rabkin, PhD

Neuropsychologist,
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health,
Nationwide Children’s Hospital

Amanda Smith, BSN, RN, CPN

Team Coordinator,
Cleft Lip and Palate Center and Center for Complex
Craniofacial Disorders,
Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery,
Nationwide Children’s Hospital

Greg Pearson, MD

Director, Center for Complex Craniofacial Disorders,
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Kaitrin Kramer, DDS, MS, PhD

Orthodontist,
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Heidi Wyse, MA, CCC-SLP

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Speech-Language Pathologist,
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Speech-Language Pathologist,
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Caitlin Cummings, MA, MA, CCC-SLP

Speech-Language Pathologist,
Nationwide Children’s Hospital

Jessica Jones, PT, DPT, CMPT

Physical Therapist,
Nationwide Children’s Hospital,
Proud of mom of a son and daughter born with a cleft
lip and palate

Ibrahim Khansa, MD

Attending Surgeon,
Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery,
Nationwide Children’s Hospital

Kelly Kirura

Proud mom of a child born with a cleft lip and palate

Ana Mercado, DMD, PhD

Orthodontist,
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Nationwide Children’s Hospital

Mary Church, BSN, RN

Cleft Nurse Coordinator,
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Chaitali Amin, FNP

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Scott Hickey, MD

Clinical Geneticist,
Division of Genetic and Genomic Medicine,
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2023 Registration Form

Ways to Register:

- **Online:** Visit NationwideChildrens.org/Cleft-Lip-Palate-Conference
- **Mail:** Mail this form with payment to:
Nationwide Children's Hospital Community Education,
700 Children's Drive, Columbus, OH 43205
- **Contact us directly** at CommunityEducation@NationwideChildrens.org or by calling (614) 355-0662.

Adults

1. Name _____

2. Name _____

Children

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

	Child Care (<7)	School Age (7-11)	Teen (12-17)
Name _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Family photo consents. Photos will be taken at the conference and may be used on the website and in written materials. We will have the consent for you to sign at the conference. If you do not plan to sign consent, please check here. ____

Workshop Choices (each adult selects one workshop per timeslot)

Friday:

1 - 1:45 p.m. Breakout Session I

- A. Cleft Lip/Nose Surgery from Infancy to Young Adulthood
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- C. Speech Therapy for Articulation Problems in Preschool to School-Age Children
- D. Feeding for Infants and Toddlers

	Adult 1	Adult 2
A. Cleft Lip/Nose Surgery from Infancy to Young Adulthood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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C. Speech Therapy for Articulation Problems in Preschool to School-Age Children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1:55 - 2:40 p.m. Breakout Session II

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H. Promoting Positive Self-Esteem in Children With Facial Differences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Saturday:

Saturday sessions K and P are the same workshop. If you are interested in attending these sessions, you only need to pick one.

1 - 1:50 p.m. Breakout Session III

Adult 1 Adult 2

- I. IEPs and 504 Plans
- J. Treatment of Ear and Hearing Problems in Cleft Lip/Palate
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Please mark if you need: (indicate who this is for)

Dietary needs:

- Vegetarian food _____
- Vegan _____
- Gluten-Free _____
- Other _____

Other needs:

- Wheelchair seating _____
- Other special needs _____

Conference Fees:

- \$70 each adult age 18 and older
- \$140 health care professional
- Children under age 18 are free

If you need a conference fee scholarship, please call (614) 355-0662.

Payment: Cash Visa MasterCard American Express Discover Check

Credit Card # _____

Name on Card _____ Exp. Date _____

Billing Address _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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