

Duchenne Care Conference 2026



Tuesday May 26

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Welcome

15:00 Welcome and introduction

Elizabeth Vroom – Chair of the World Duchenne Organization (NL)

15:05 When does cardiac MRI add the most value in DMD Care

Prof Karim Wahbi – Cardiologist at Cochin Hospital & Institute of Myology, Assistance Publique – Hôpitaux de Paris (FR)

15:25 Building a multidisciplinary neuromuscular ecosystem in India

Dr Ann Agnes Matthew - Pediatric Neurologist at Bangalore BaptistHospital (IN)

15:45 Seating Guide

Prof Imelda de Groot – Retired rehabilitation specialist, Program Lead at the Accredited Duchenne Centers Program (NL)

16:05 Timing and benefits of PEG tube placement in Duchenne patients

Dr Kent Williams - Attending Pediatric Gastroenterologist and Medical Director of Endoscopy at Nationwide Children's Hospital (USA)

16:25 Reducing fragmentation and improving coordination of care for DMD patients

Prof Rosaline Quinlivan – Professor of Neuromuscular Disease at University College London (UK)

16:45 Role of internal medicine in managing care for DMD patients

Dr Karolína Podolská – Internal medicine physician and Coordinator of Center for adults with DMD at General University Hospital, Prague (CZ)

17:00 Urgency of an emergency card

Elizabeth Vroom – Chair of the World Duchenne Organization (NL)

17:20 BIND screener, screening for brain related comorbidities

Dr Rubén Miranda - Associate Professor at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (SP)

17.40 Optimize DMD, Optimizing Endocrine and Bone Health Management

Prof Leanne Ward - Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Ottawa (CA)

18:00 Wrap-up, agenda for tomorrow

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15:00 Be prepared for the unexpected

Prof Francesco Muntoni - Chair of Pediatric Neurology at University College London and Director of the Dubowitz Neuromuscular Centre

15:20 Hypoglycaemia and ketoacidosis in DMD patients

Dr Mahalekshmi Desikan – Consultant Neurologist at the Neuromuscular Complex Care Centre (NMCCC) at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, London (UK)

15:40 Use of Givinostat in DMD

Dr Anna Sarkozy – Neuromuscular Consultant at Great Ormond Street Hospital (UK)

16:00 Vamorolone and steroid management in DMD

Prof Michela Guglieri – Senior Clinical Lecturer and Consultant Neurologist at Newcastle University (UK)

16:20 Difference between DMD and BMD from a drug development perspective

Prof Annemieke Aartsma-Rus – Professor of Translational Genetics at Leiden University Medical Center (NL)

16:40 Clinical trials in Becker muscular dystrophy

Prof Eugenio Mercuri – Pediatric Neurologist at Fondazione Policlinico Universitario Agostino Gemelli (IT)

17:00 Natural history of Becker muscular dystrophy: DMD gene mutations predict clinical severity

Prof Elena Pegoraro, Professor of Neurology at the Department of Neurosciences, University of Padova (Italy)

17:20 Discussion Panel: When do we call Becker a Becker

Prof Francesco Muntoni, Prof Rosaline Quinlivan, Prof Nathalie Goemans

17:40 Respiratory function in Becker muscular dystrophy

Dr Pietro Riguzzi, Clinical Research Associate at Newcastle University (UK)

18:00 Closing

Elizabeth Vroom and Karolína Podolská