PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP
WHAT TO EXPECT AS A PARTICIPANT IN A GENE THERAPY CLINICAL TRIAL
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SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022
All times listed below ET

Planned by the Patient Outreach Committee
Co-chairs: Emily McGinnis
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Description
This workshop is intended for patients and caregivers, along with advocates and providers to better understand what to expect when participating in a clinical trial for gene therapy. It is a complex process with many important considerations from eligibility, to understanding the procedure, potential risks or outcomes, and logistical challenges an individual or family may face. The speakers will share their knowledge to address these topics and help manage expectations for those considering clinical trial participation.
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Schedule
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1:00–3:00 PM
Session 1  The Process: From Setting Up a Clinical Trial to Being a Participant

Current Trends in Clinical Trials
Kimberly Goodspeed, MD, UT Southwestern Medical Center

How a Clinical Trial is Setup and Run
Megan Waldrop, MD, Nationwide Children’s Hospital

Complexities of Eligibility: Why do we have to exclude patients?
Heather Lau, MD, Yale University School of Medicine, Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical Inc.

What to Expect Before and During a Clinical Trial
Nicolas Abreu, MD, NYU Langone Health

What to Expect After a Clinical Trial
Perry Shieh, MD, PhD, FAAN, University of California, Los Angeles

Panel Q&A
moderated by Emily McGinnis, Taysha Gene Therapies

3:00–3:30 PM
Break
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Session 2  Risks, Challenges, and Hopes

Caregiver Insights on Clinical Trial Participation
Emily McGinnis, Taysha Gene Therapies

Weighing the Risks for Participation in a Gene Therapy Clinical Trial
Diana Bharucha-Goebel, MD, National Institutes of Health

Participant Challenges
Pat Furlong, Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy

Making the Decision
Natalie Wheatley, Mother of a child who received gene therapy
Julia Vitarello, Mila’s Miracle Foundation

Panel Q&A
moderated by Kimberly Goodspeed, MD, UT Southwestern Medical Center