

The Patient as a Partner in Gene Therapy Decision-Making

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

6:00-7:00 PM GST

Great Ballroom (Ground Level)

Complimentary drinks and snacks will be available

Program

Welcome and Introduction

Leonard A. Valentino, Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist

Engagement in Shared Decision-Making

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Empowering Partnership: Involving Patients in Treatment Decisions

Kate Khair, Nurse

The Pathway to Success: Lexicon Development

Cédric Hermans, Hematologist

Q&A

All Speakers

Faculty



Leonard A. Valentino

Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist — Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL, USA

Prof. Dr. Leonard A. Valentino is Entrepreneur in Residence at Pathways to Cures, a venture philanthropy of the National Bleeding Disorder Foundation and President of the World Federation of Hemophilia - USA. He is a Professor at Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL, USA, where he founded and directed the Rush University Hemophilia and Thrombophilia Center. After his retirement from academic medicine, he switched to the biopharmaceutical industry, where he worked for Baxter Healthcare, Baxalta, Shire, and Spark Therapeutics. Dr. Valentino has published over 160 papers on bleeding disorders and has led numerous clinical trials.



Kate Khair

Nurse — Haemnet, London, UK

Dr. Khair is Co-founder and Director of Research at Haemnet, London, UK, and Patron of the UK Haemophilia Society. After becoming a state-registered nurse, she acquired several credentials, including a PhD in health and social care. In the past, Dr. Khair was Chair of the Nurses Committee of the World Federation of Hemophilia. She is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Haemophilia Practice. Dr. Khair has a long-standing interest in hemophilia and bleeding disorders outcomes research and is widely known for promoting the nurse’s role in the multidisciplinary care team for hemophilia patients.



Cédric Hermans

Hematologist — Saint-Luc University Hospital, Brussels, Belgium

Prof. Dr. Cédric Hermans heads the Division of Hematology, the Hemostasis and Thrombosis Unit and the Hemophilia Center of the Saint-Luc University Hospital in Brussels, Belgium. He is a Professor at the Medical School of the Catholic University of Louvain, an associate member of the Belgian Royal Academy of Medicine, a member of the Board of Directors of the World Federation of Hemophilia, Editor-in-Chief of the Haemophilia Journal and the former President of the European Association for Haemophilia and Allied Disorders. Dr. Hermans’ main interests lie in hemostasis and thrombosis, especially (novel) therapeutic management options.