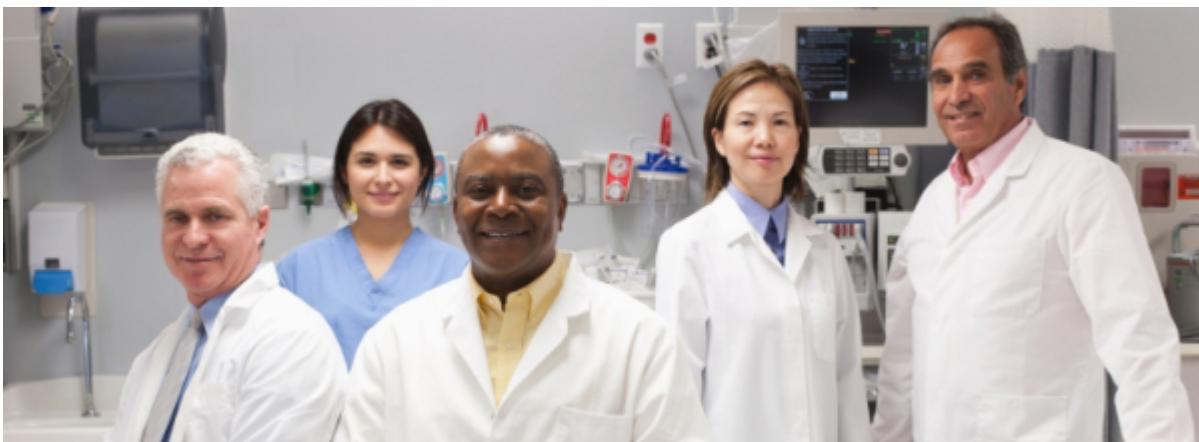


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FOUNDATION FOR  
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## Spring 2021 Quarterly Newsletter



### **FWGBD Announces New Board and Medical Advisory Committee Members**

The Foundation for Women & Girls with Blood Disorders is proud to announce the recent appointment of its newest board members, **Jeffrey H. Lawson, MD, PhD**, and **Sarah O'Brien, MD, MSc**.

**Dr. Lawson** is a Professor of Surgery and Pathology, Vice Chair of Research, Program Director of the Surgical Research Residency, and the Medical Director of the Department of Surgery Clinical Research Unit, which oversees all clinical research activities in the Department of Surgery at Duke University. [\*\*>>Read More\*\*](#)

**Dr. O'Brien** is a pediatric hematologist in the Nationwide Children's Hospital Hemostasis and Thrombosis Center, an investigator in the Center for Innovation in Pediatric Practice at Nationwide Children's Research Institute, and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. [\*\*>>Read More\*\*](#)

Additionally, the Foundation would also like to announce that **Dr. Biree Andemariam** (UConn Health), **Dr. Jim Curtis** (Prisma Health-Midlands), and **Dr. Leslie Skeith** (University of Calgary) have joined our Medical Advisory Committee (MAC).

We are thrilled to have them all join us and are thankful for their incredible leadership and ongoing commitment to ensuring that all women and girls with blood disorders are correctly diagnosed and optimally managed across the lifespan.

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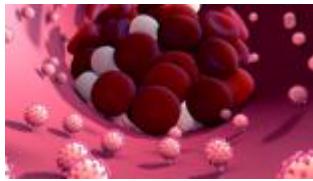
## UPCOMING WEBINAR:

### Vaccine Induced Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia: What We Know & Don't Know

Thursday, April 29th, 2021

12:00 - 1:00 PM ET

**REGISTER NOW**



This state-of-the-science Webinar will detail and disseminate information related to the diagnosis and

management of vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia (VITT) post-vaccination. The Webinar will feature a leading expert in the area of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT) who will provide an overview of this emerging HIT-like disorder, as well as the most recent information regarding its background, diagnosis, and clinical management. The presentation will be followed by a brief Q & A with the audience.

**Faculty:** Gowthami M. Arepally, MD, Professor of Medicine, Division of Hematology, Vice Chair of Research, Duke University Medical Center

**Moderator:** Roshni Kulkarni, MD, Professor Emerita, Former Director of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Michigan State University

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## UPCOMING WEBINAR: Case-Based Conversation on FNAIT:

### Fetal and Neonatal Thrombocytopenia

**When:** Tuesday, May 12, 2021

**Time:** 12:00 - 1:00 PM ET



This state-of-the-science Webinar will detail information related to the diagnosis and management of fetal and neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia (FNAIT). The Webinar will feature a leading expert in the area of immune thrombocytopenia who will listen to the presentation of two current cases and then provide an overview of the necessary diagnostic testing when FNAIT is suspected, as well as the recent recommendations for FNAIT management and treatment. The case presentations and discussion will be followed by a brief Q & A with the audience.

*Complimentary CMEs will be offered.*

**Faculty:** James B. Bussel, MD, Professor Emeritus, Pediatrics, Weill Cornell Medicine

**Moderator:** Andra H. James, MD, MPH, Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Duke University

*The production and archiving of this program were made possible in part by an educational grant from Momenta Pharmaceuticals.*

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## NEWLY UPDATED: ITP Resource Page - New Videos Added

Using the ASH evidence-based guidelines for treatment and management of ITP as its basis, [FWGBD has collected best-in-class resources](#) on the optimal treatment and management of patients with ITP. Three Ask-the-Experts videos on managing ITP in complex cases have been added to the page, including:

- Patient management when corticosteroids and rituximab fail, featuring Alice Ma, MD
- Treatment and management of patients with ITP with chronic conditions, featuring Michael Tarantino, MD
- Treating and managing the patient who presents with severe, life-threatening bleeding, featuring Michele Lambert, MD

*The ITP Resource Center and Ask-the-Experts ITP Videos were made possible in part through support received from Dova Pharmaceuticals.*

[VIEW VIDEOS](#)

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## Become a FWGBD Member Today!

Have you signed up for FWGBD membership yet? You could be taking advantage of our many benefits, including:

- Advance invitation and discounted registration to [FWGBD's Biennial Conference](#) (next conference: September 2022)
- Access to our full [Ask-the-Experts Video resource library](#)
- Advance notice about programs, events, and research fellowship award opportunities
- Invitation to join FWGBD's Learning Action Networks (LANs) and an invitation to attend the annual in-person LAN meeting (Note: LAN membership is limited to healthcare professionals only and certain requirements apply)
- Receipt of our Quarterly Member Newsletter
- A FWGBD lapel pin, membership card, and more!

We also have a great joint membership program in concert with HTRS. Take advantage and save money! To learn more, visit [HERE](#).

Questions? Contact Jennifer Longo, Database and Membership Services Manager, at 845-642-2925 or [membership@fwgbd.org](mailto:membership@fwgbd.org).

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## **NEW: FWGBD's Hemostatic Disorders Colloquium Recordings Now Available!**

Recordings from FWGBD's Colloquium on Hemostatic Disorders in Women and Girls held on March 9, 2021 preceding HTRS are now available.

- Welcome and Opening Remarks

Faculty: Andra H. James, MD, MPH

- Women with Hemophilia

Faculty: Sarah H. O'Brien, MD, MSc

- Management of Delivery in Women with Hemophilia

Faculty: Andra H. James, MD, MPH

- Thrombosis and Exogenous Hormones

Faculty: Naomi K. Tepper, MD, MPH, FACOG

- Thrombotic Microangiopathies in Pregnancy

Faculty: Gowthami Arepally, MD

*The production and archiving of this program were made possible in part through support from Grifols.*

**WATCH NOW**

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### **National Hemophelia Foundation's Wednesday Webinar**

The National Hemophelia Foundation's Wednesday Webinars for April 2021 will feature an array of speakers and topics of interest to both healthcare providers and patients and families with blood disorders alike. To register, please [visit the following link](#):

**April 28, 2021, from 2:00-3:00 pm ET**

HTC Patient Satisfaction Survey

Speakers: Judith R. Baker, DrPH, MHSA; Brenda Riske, MS, MBA, MPA

*Stay tuned for the announcement of the May Wednesday Webinar topics!*

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### **Meet FWGBD's Newest Lifetime Member, Michael Recht**

Our sincere thanks goes to our newest Lifetime Member, Dr. Michael Recht—thank you for your dedication to the field and to FWGBD!

Michael Recht, MD, PhD, MBA, is the Chief Science Officer of the American Thrombosis and Hemostasis Network and a Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine, The Hemophilia Center, at Oregon Health and Science University. At ATHN, Dr. Recht works at the strategic and policy level to inform its scientific direction and works across the organization to define, develop, and implement ATHN's science and research strategy. Dr. Recht is also an FWGBD Board Member. We appreciate your long-time commitment to FWGBD!



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