

Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) Symposium Schedule

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

- 12:30pm **Registration and Welcome Reception**
- 1:00pm **Opening Remarks**

Terence Dermody, Vira I. Heinz Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
- 1:05pm **Development of Immunoassays and Reagents for the Detection of Enterovirus D68 Infection**

Bernardo Mainou, PhD; Team Lead, Population Immunity Laboratory, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- 1:30pm **Vaccine Development for Enterovirus D68**

Tracy Ruckwardt, PhD; Staff Scientist and Chief, Respiratory Viruses Core, National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- 1:55pm **Respiratory Pathogen Surveillance for Causative Agents of Acute Flaccid Myelitis**

Kristen Mertz, MD, MPH; Medical Epidemiologist, Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD)
- 2:20pm **Break**
- 2:40pm **Human Spinal Cord Organoids as a Model for EV-D68 CNS Infection**

Megan Culler Freeman, MD PhD; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
- 3:05pm **Acute Flaccid Myelitis: Clinical Neurological Approach and Management**

Carlos Pardo-Villamizar, MD; Professor of Neurology, Johns Hopkins University
- 3:30pm **Surveillance for Enterovirus D68 Acute Flaccid Myelitis: Past, Present, and Future**

Kevin Messacar, MD; Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Colorado
- 3:55pm **Keynote Presentation - Lessons Learned from Vaccination Against Polio**

Peter L Salk, MD; President, The Jonas Salk Legacy Foundation; Professor (part-time), Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health
- 4:55pm **Panel Discussion with Speakers**
- 5:30pm **Reception**
- 6:00pm **End**