

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF Rh DISEASE PREVENTION

## *EXTENDING PROTECTION TO ALL Rh NEGATIVE WOMEN IN NEED*

Columbia University Medical Centre, Stanford University, University of Siena, the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto and the Consortium for Universal Rh Disease Elimination (CURhE)

**THE GOAL:** Enabling all countries to implement comprehensive Rh prevention programs

### MEETING INFORMATION

**Date:** Friday, May 4, 2018, 9:00am – 5:00pm

**Location:** Peter Gilgan Centre for Research & Learning, 686 Bay Street, CRL Event Room 3A  
Toronto, Ontario, M5G 0A4, Canada

**Chairs:** Vinod Bhutani & Alvin Zipursky

### AGENDA

**8:30am** Breakfast

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**9:00am** Welcome – Alvin Zipursky

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**9:15am** Fifty years of preventing Rh disease and the need to “complete the job” – Steven Spitalnick

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**9:30am** The Consortium for Rh Disease Elimination (CURhE) – Vinod Bhutani

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**9:45am** The Burden of Disease

- The global burden - Alvin Zipursky
- Observations in specific countries – Vinod Bhutani

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**10:30am** Break

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**11:00am** Implementation of postpartum Rh prophylaxis (*\*Praveen Kumar*)

- Hospital model programs - Alvin Zipursky, Isaac Odame
- In communities and homes
- Rhesus Solution Initiative, Nigeria – Olufunmilayo Banire

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**12:30pm** Lunch

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**1:30pm** Anti D Production and Distribution – De Giorgi Gioacchino (*\*Alvin Zipursky*)

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- 2:00pm** Strategies for funding of a global Rh prevention program (\**Vinod Bhutani*)
- Role and responsibility of countries to develop sustainable Rh prevention programs
  - Role of international agencies (e.g. WHO, World Bank)
  - Role of funding agencies
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- 2:15pm** Cost-effectiveness of preventing Rh disease (\**Giuseppe Buonocore*)
- Post-partum prophylaxis in India – Praveen Kumar
  - Antenatal prophylaxis — Alvin Zipursky
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- 2:30pm** Surveillance and Compliance (\**Henry Akinbi*)
- The potential and need for surveillance in developing and developed countries – Michael Sgro
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**3:00pm** Break

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- 3:15pm** Identification of Rh negative women at risk (\**Alvin Zipursky*)
- Video presentation
  - Pakistan: Rh prevention in a community- Shaun Morris; Lisa Pell
  - Licensing of Eldon card; Eldon App - Kasper Juul
  - Point-of-care devices now and in the future-Steve Spitalnick
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- 3:45pm** Advocacy and Education
- Press releases and involvement - Richard Hendrick
  - Global reporting system – Alvin Zipursky
  - Video presentations – Bob Fleck; Richard Hendricks
  - Professional publications – Vinod Bhutani
  - Voice of Rh negative mothers – Jillian Baker
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**4:15pm** Planning for the Fall meeting of the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration including the global Rh prevention program; planning of other 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations – Steve Spitalnick