



27th Annual **National MPS Society Family Conference**

Oct. 24–26, 2013 • Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade • San Antonio, TX

The National MPS Society invites you to attend the 27th Annual Family Conference, held at the Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade in San Antonio, TX. The event begins Thursday evening with dinner and syndrome breakout sessions. Newly diagnosed families will join together Thursday evening with Dr. Joseph Muenzer and Dr. Kimberly Frye for an overview of the diseases and to share their experiences and strategies about coping.

San Antonio was chosen as the site for this year's conference because it is the home of Morgan's Wonderland, a 25-acre family fun park that is accessible for those with special needs. Saturday will be spent at Morgan's or, if you prefer, Saturday can be spent at the historical Alamo and San Antonio River Walk. Bus transportation will be available for both attractions.

Knowing only one day is available for educational sessions, we asked you, our members, what is important to you; those areas are research and new treatments. Our speakers Friday morning will focus on these topics with specific subjects, such as management of MPS and related diseases, presented in concurrent sessions in the afternoon.

There will be time to catch up with friends, beginning with dinner Thursday evening and ending with dinner at the hotel Saturday after a full day at Morgan's Wonderland.

The 2013 walk/run and fundraiser organizers are invited to attend a Society sponsored breakfast on Saturday. The board of directors will

meet Thursday, Oct. 24, at 8:00 a.m.; Society members are welcome to attend.

As always, there is no registration fee for individuals with MPS and related diseases, and complimentary childcare will be provided Thursday evening for the syndrome breakout sessions and for the Friday sessions.



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online conference registration!*

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THURSDAY, OCT. 24

- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Registration
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Welcome buffet dinner
6:45 p.m. Camp Courage opens
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Syndrome breakout sessions
9:15 p.m. Camp Courage closes

For Newly Diagnosed Families

- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration and dinner for newly diagnosed families (*diagnosed in the last 12 months*)
5:45 p.m. Camp Courage opens for families attending the newly diagnosed session
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. *Overview of MPS and Related Diseases*, Dr. Joseph Muenzer
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *Coping with MPS and Related Diseases*, Dr. Kimberly Frye

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Continental breakfast
8:30 a.m. Camp Courage opens
8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Welcome
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. *Potential New Therapies*, Dr. Joseph Muenzer
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. *Research Update*, Dr. Matthew Ellinwood
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Sibling workshop, ages 12–18
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. *One Family's Experience*
11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Fundraising workshop
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Legislative workshop
12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m. Remembrance ceremony
12:15 p.m. Camp Courage closes
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Box lunch and annual general membership meeting of the National MPS Society

FRIDAY, OCT. 25, *continued*

- 1:45 p.m. Camp Courage opens**
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sibling workshop, ages 7–11
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
• Management of MPS and Related Diseases
• Reproductive Issues
• Helping Your Child Transition to Adolescence
• Palliative Care
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Treatment and Clinical Trial Updates
• BioMarin
• Genzyme
• Shire
5:15 p.m. Camp Courage closes
6:00 p.m. Awards banquet

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Continental breakfast
10:00 a.m. Bus to Morgan's Wonderland
5:00 p.m. Last bus returns to hotel from Morgan's Wonderland
11:00 a.m. Bus to San Antonio River Walk
4:00 p.m. Bus returns to hotel from San Antonio River Walk
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Buffet dinner

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Please consider attending the annual meeting of the National MPS Society and learn more about the activities of the Society. For more information, visit www.mpssociety.org. Call 919.806.0101 or send an e-mail to laurie@mpssociety.org with questions.

Hotel and conference registration deadlines are Sept. 22, 2013.

MORGAN'S WONDERLAND

Morgan's Wonderland is the first park of its kind in the world specifically designed for the recreation and enjoyment of individuals with special needs. The park, which is completely wheelchair-accessible, features more than 25 elements and attractions including rides, playgrounds, gardens, an eight-acre fishing lake, an 18,000 square foot special event center, 575-seat amphitheater, picnic area and rest areas throughout the park. Signature touches include rides that can accommodate guests in wheelchairs, Braille signage, and the Sand Circle™ play area where children and adults in wheelchairs can scoop up sand and play on swings. There is also the Sensory Village™, a cluster of themed spaces such as an auto fix-it shop, grocery store and TV station that offer sensory stimulation through colors, lights, sounds and textures.

Morgan's Wonderland is the world's first ultra-accessible theme park designed with special-needs individuals in mind and built to be enjoyed by everyone.

www.morganswonderland.com

OMNI SAN ANTONIO HOTEL AT THE COLONNADE

The Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade is alive with the spirit of Texas. This four-diamond, luxury hotel captures the essence of the city with impeccable service and charm.



Overlooking the rolling Texas hill country, this 19-story high-rise is close to the area's most exciting sites and attractions such as the historic Alamo, Sea World San Antonio, Six Flags Fiesta Texas Theme Park and the enchanting Riverwalk.

The hotel boasts a large indoor heated pool with hydrotherapy pool and an outdoor pool. The outdoor pool has lap swimming. Massage services are available from Body N Balance. The fully equipped health club includes top-of-the-line exercise equipment, whirlpool and dry sauna.

Huebner Oaks shopping center is five minutes from the hotel and includes Regal Cinemas plus a variety of shops and dining options.

The Omni San Antonio Hotel is just 15 minutes from the San Antonio International Airport. Complimentary shuttle transportation to and from the San Antonio International Airport is provided between 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. There is no charge for self-parking in the two parking lots adjacent to the hotel.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade

9821 Colonnade Blvd.
San Antonio, TX 78230
210.691.8888
210.691.1128 (fax)

Room features:

- 100 percent non-smoking luxury hotel
- Plush robe
- Foam and feather pillows
- Fully stocked refreshment center
- Guest room dining available 6 a.m. – midnight



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- Coffeemaker with complimentary coffee
- Hair dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Complimentary newspaper
- AM/FM alarm clock radio
- High-speed wireless Internet access – *complimentary for National MPS Society meeting guests in sleeping rooms and common areas of lobby and pool. This does not extend to the meeting rooms.*
- Individual climate control
- Two dual-line phones with dataport
- Lodgenet system in-room movies and Nintendo game system
- Voicemail
- Video checkout
- Cable TV with remote

To book your room: Call Omni Reservations, 1.800.THE.OMNI (1.800.843.6664), and reference the National MPS Society 2013 annual conference. A major credit card is required at the time of making a reservation to guarantee the reservation. The guaranteed room rate is \$99 per night, single or double occupancy, and will be honored until **Sept. 22, 2013, or until the Society's room block is filled.** The total amount per night with tax is \$116. After Sept. 22, room rates will increase. You may reserve rooms at the \$99 per night group rate for three days before Oct. 24 and three days after Oct. 26, based upon availability. **We encourage you to book hotel rooms for your complete stay as soon as possible to ensure you will be guaranteed a room at the Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade at the special rate.**

DINING

Award-winning dining, beginning with breakfast and ending with dinner, can be found at Bolo's Rotisserie Grille. The Lobby Bar features live piano music in the evenings and serves light menu items and cocktails daily.



In the next block are Texas Land & Cattle Steakhouse, The Egg & I, and Order-Up Restaurant and Ajuua Mexican Restaurant.

GETTING TO THE OMNI SAN ANTONIO HOTEL AT THE COLONNADE

FROM SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – 8 MILES/16 MINUTES: Follow signs to I-410 West to I-10 West; exit Wurzbach Road/Medical Drive and proceed for about one mile to the Colonnade Office Complex. Turn right onto Wurzbach Road, then turn left onto Colonnade Blvd. Hotel is located on the right.

Other transportation options from the airport:

- **Taxi service:** Approximately \$20 one way (available 24 hours).
- **Hotel shuttle service:** Complimentary hotel shuttle from 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE NORTH – VIA I-35 SOUTH: Take I-35 South, Loop 410 West, proceed to I-10 West, exit Wurzbach Road. Go straight through intersection on access road. Hotel is two blocks on the right after intersection.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE SOUTH – VIA I-35 NORTH: Take I-35 North, then take I-10 West toward El Paso, exit Wurzbach Road. Go straight through intersection on access road. Hotel is two blocks on the right after intersection.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE SOUTH – VIA I-37 NORTH: Take I-37 North into the city, take I-35 South, I-10 West toward El Paso, exit Wurzbach Road. Go straight through intersection on access road. Hotel is two blocks on the right after intersection.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE EAST – VIA I-10 WEST: Take I-10 West through the city, pass Loop 410 twice, exit Wurzbach Road. Go through light, continue on access road two blocks, hotel is on the right.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE WEST – VIA I-10 EAST: Take I-10 East, pass 1604 (Anderson Loop), exit Wurzbach Road. Stay left, take turnaround to access road. Continue on access road two blocks, hotel is on the right.

DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN: Take I-35 North, then take I-10 West toward El Paso, exit Wurzbach Road. Go straight through intersection on access road. Hotel is two blocks on the right after intersection.

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