



Parents Network Sessions and Conference Schedule

United Ostomy Association Annual Conference

The Galt House – Louisville, Kentucky

August 4 – 7, 2004

Wednesday, August 4

3:00 – 4:30

Parents Network Opening Session - Welcome and introductions

Facilitated by Cathy Tague, UOA's Parents Network Committee Member and Vice-President of the Pull-thru Network.

4:45 – 5:45

UOA Area Meetings - Meet with other UOA members by geographic region

8:00 – 10:00

UOA Ice Cream and Dixieland Social

Thursday, August 5

8:00 – 9:45

UOA Conference Opening Session

10:00 – 11:15

Accommodations in Daycare and School - Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Individualized Education Plans are federal laws which are designed to help both disabled children and those with special health requirements get the necessary assistance and accommodations in school.

Hollie Gabler Filce, Ph.D., Institute for Disability Studies, The University of Southern Mississippi, and a member of the Pull-thru Network.

11:15 – 12:30

Lunch Break

12:30 – 1:30

Just For Siblings – A special session just for the brothers and sisters of the affected child.

This is their chance to express their feelings about having a sibling with special health needs and to share with other children who are facing the same things in their family.

Eva Glahn Atkinson, M.A., Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Director, Counseling Center, Brescia University, and a member of the Pull-thru Network

12:30 – 1:45

Accessing Support and Family Resources - How to find Federal, State and Local Agencies and Programs for assistance

Joleen Jungling - UOA Parents Network Committee and a member of the Waterloo, Iowa UOA chapter and the Pull-thru Network.

2:15 – 5:15

Exhibit Hall Open

Your chance to speak directly with the manufacturers and distributors of ostomy, incontinence and skin care products. UOA's National Networks and major programs will also be exhibiting.

2:15 – 5:15

Dads Only Session - A confidential meeting designed to give these special Dads a place to share and offer support to each other. All discussions "stay in the room".

Facilitated by Doug Parker, UOA Conference veteran and member of the Pull-thru Network

6:00 – 11:00

ConvaTec Party

Friday, August 6

8:00 – 9:00

Meet and Greet Time

9:00 – 12:00

Bowel Management for Fecal Incontinence - A pediatric surgeon and a bowel management nurse will discuss the physical factors which impact a child's chance for continence; what tests are used to determine these factors; and how to develop a program to achieve social continence when natural continence is not possible.

Michael Allshouse, D.O.; Chief of Pediatric Surgery, East Tennessee State University James H. Quillen College of Medicine, Johnson City, Tennessee.

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Friday, August 6 continued

- 12:15 – 1:45 **UOA Awards Luncheon**
- 2:00 – 3:30 **Taking Care of Yourself and Your Family** - Managing the stress on the entire family when you have a child with special health needs
Eva Glahn Atkinson, M.A., Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Director, Counseling Center, Brescia University, and a member of the Pull-thru Network
- 3:45 – 5:00 **Surgical Options for Bladder and Urinary Disorders** - Discuss both surgical and other options for urinary incontinence and neurogenic bladder with a pediatric urologist.
George Kaplan, MD, UOA Medical Advisor and a pediatric urologist with Pediatric Specialists Medical Group and the Children's Hospital and Health Center, San Diego, California
- 6:00 – 9:00 **Parents Network Buffet Dinner and Entertainment** - An event for the entire family featuring a child friendly menu and special after-dinner entertainment.

Saturday, August 7

- 8:00 – 9:00 **Meet and Greet Time**
- 9:00 – 10:30 **Ostomy and Skin Care** - A nurse specialist will answer your questions on stomas, skin care and post pullthrough diaper rash.
Jan Clark, RN, CWOCN, UOA Director and a wound, ostomy and continence nurse specialist..
- 10:45 – 12:00 **Parents Network Closing Session** - Your chance to give the PN Committee your input on UOA programs and next year's conference
Facilitated by Bonnie McElroy, UOA Director and Chair of UOA's Parents Network and the President of the Pull-thru Network.
- 6:00 – 11:00 **UOA Banquet**

All Parents Network educational sessions will be held in the Collins and Brown meeting rooms. Adjacent to the session room will be a playroom for the children. There will be games, art and craft supplies and a TV/VCR for appropriate movies or videos. Children may be left to play in this area ONLY during the time their parents are in the PN educational sessions. However, the playroom will be closed during the "Dad's Only Session" due to the confidentiality of this session. Should a child need any assistance during the time they are in the playroom his or her parents will be notified immediately. Bonnie and Dennis Sullivan are the playroom managers.

There will be a **Parents Network Committee** meeting on Tuesday night. If you are interested in serving on the committee please let us know and we will update you with the meeting time and place.
E-mail parents@uoa.org or call 205-978-2930

Conference Registration - Complete registration and hotel information is available on the UOA website at www.uoa.org. Should you need additional information contact the UOA office at 800-826-0826 -- info@uoa.org - or - Bonnie McElroy at 205-978-2930 -- parents@uoa.org