WAISMAN CENTER
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Waisman Center Day with the Experts: Cerebral Palsy

Learn about the latest advances in cerebral palsy research and clinical services and hear from a panel of experts—individuals with cerebral palsy and family members.

Saturday, November 2, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

(Complimentary coffee & bagels at 8:30 a.m.)

9:00 - 9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction to the Waisman Center**
Qiang Chang, PhD, Director, Waisman Center

9:15 - 9:45 a.m. **Looking at the Whole Person with Cerebral Palsy Related to Prematurity and Periventricular Leucomalacia**
Michael Ward, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation Medicine
Prematurity is strongly associated with MRI changes in the white matter of the brain called periventricular leucomalacia. This is the most common abnormality underlying the motor disability of cerebral palsy, but is also associated with challenges in sensory processing and cognition. We will discuss how the white matter supports critical interconnection in the brain tissues and review how and why certain patterns of motor, sensory and cognitive function are challenged by periventricular leucomalacia.

9:45 - 10:15 a.m. **A Neuropsychological Perspective on Cerebral Palsy**
Paige Mission, PhD, LP, Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology
Among the many causes of cerebral palsy there are common clinical findings implicating the central nervous system including corticospinal tracts, basal ganglia, the brainstem and cerebellum. Neuropsychological testing has been shown to be useful in informing functional outcomes, educational programming, and intervention planning. In this presentation we will discuss neuropsychological testing, common findings, and ways that to make use of results in an effort to promote independence and resiliency.

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10:30 - 11:00 a.m. **Considerations for Supported Decision Making**
Elizabeth Hecht, Senior Outreach Specialist for Public Policy, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
Supported decision-making as an alternative to guardianship for individuals with disabilities is an emerging concept. Wisconsin recently passed legislation recognizing supported decision-making agreements. This presentation includes sources of decision-making support and skill building opportunities for youth and young adults. An explanation of legal tools for decision-making will be discussed, including guardianship, power of attorney (POA) and release of information.

11:00 - 11:30 a.m. **Question and answer session with a panel of clinicians**

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **PANEL DISCUSSION**—A panel of experts that includes individuals with CP and family members. Panel discussion moderated by Abygail Marx, MS, CCC-SLP, Clinical Speech Pathologist, Waisman

Please register at waisman.wisc.edu/event/experts-cerebral-palsy-2019/

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