



Duchenne Foundation's Melbourne Symposium 2014

# A Breath of Fresh Air

29th March 2014



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## From the Conference Convenors

Research is currently the closest it has ever been to developing proven strengthening compounds for Duchenne. With each conference (this is number 5), we assemble international and national experts. Melbourne 2014, will showcase international respiratory and cardiac experts in order to give those affected by Duchenne, first-world knowledge and longer, stronger lives. Our visiting education and psychology expert will be assisting young boys, teachers and families to "breathe deeply" in order to thrive.

As dozens of breathless cyclists ride into Melbourne ending their week-long Tour Duchenne ride in support of Duchenne Foundation we will be focusing on breathing easier – physically and mentally. Our delegates understand that achieving personal bests for each patient requires: international collaboration, best practice and supporting only the best research. Take this opportunity to network with patients, colleagues and peers who care about the same things we do – helping our youths and families to be the best they can be no matter where they live in the world.

**Duchenne Foundation** is Australia's peak body not-for-profit DMD charity, whose directors are both parents and professionals, assisted by many willing supporters. We focus on providing up-to-date treatment information, support, advocacy and funding only the most worthwhile research which will support Australia's sons (and rare daughters) to be the best they can be. As associate members of United Parent Projects Muscular Dystrophy, our mission continues to drive progress of the highest integrity.

**Philips** is the leading provider of innovative solutions for the global sleep and respiratory markets. By combining ingenuity and passion Philips delivers solutions that improve people's lives. Philips is committed to providing reliable and effective therapy including ventilators and airway clearance devices that benefit neuromuscular patients. Philips is excited to be working with the Duchenne Foundation to bring international respiratory experts to the symposium in Melbourne. If you are living with Duchenne or know someone who is, you can't miss "A Breath of Fresh Air" in Melbourne at the Jasper Hotel, March 29, 2014.

Even one new insight can make a world of difference to your child(ren) or your patient(s).

**Limited funding is available to assist families. Please contact us to discuss options.**

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Venue: Jasper Hotel 489 Elizabeth St Melbourne VIC 3000

## Who should attend?

**Adult patients and their carers:** Feel confident about your cardiac care and learn about new interventions with Dr Larry Markham. Discuss non-invasive ventilation, sip-mouthpiece, clearance, swallowing and emergency care with the world's best practitioners, including Dr Michel Toussaint and Dr Lisa Wolf.

**Young parents:** Consult US child psychologist and schooling expert Dr James Poysky about your child's learning issues, behaviour and even your own couples relationships! Learn about preventative cardiac care from Dr Larry Markham. Refresh your child's physiotherapy routine with our experienced panel. Consider the latest nutraceutical research and dietary recommendations from our own Dr Zoe Davidson and be updated about the most promising research by Pat Furlong.

**Sleep and Breathing Exponents:** Attend respiratory sessions and breakout workshops to network with respiratory experts including Dr Michel Toussaint and Dr Lisa Wolf about equipment and patient care.

**Doctors, Specialists and Scientists:** Network with colleagues to discuss specific cases and compare alternate pathways.

**Therapists and Nurses:** Improve your understanding of interventions and best practices; and network with each other to share your ideas and solutions to benefit the patients in your case load.

**Educators and Counsellors:** Learn how to support your student(s) to improve learning, social interactions and self esteem so that these children can experience greater success from your new toolkit of ideas and resources.

**Carers & Managers:** Gain a holistic understanding of the issues of living with Duchenne as they relate to all ages and all aspects of medical care, educational and social aspirations.

## Costs:

EARLY BIRD closes 28/02/14	STANDARD TICKET PRICE from 01/03/2014
Family \$80 /couple (2 tickets)	Family \$50 per ticket
	Student \$60 ea
Professional: \$100 ea	Professional \$120 ea
	Half Day Professional \$80 ea

**NB: Professionals:** PD certificate available to earn CE credits.