



NCS/NINDS Curing Coma Virtual Symposium, Part II May 3 – 4, 2021

The purpose of this 2-day virtual symposium, co-sponsored by the Neurocritical Care Society (NCS) and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), is to bring together a diverse and multidisciplinary group of individuals (scientists, clinician-scientists, patient advocacy representatives, and industry partners) to optimize and accelerate the science of recovery of consciousness.

Throughout these two days, virtual meeting attendees will help shape research priorities for each of the topics outlined in the schedule below. The symposium will comprise individual lectures and sessions. Each session will comprise 30 minutes on discussion of research priorities, 30 minutes on panel discussion, and five minutes on presenting a summary/commentary.

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Meeting Schedule

Monday, May 3, 2021

Time (EDT)	Session Title
10:00 AM – 10:05 AM	Opening Remarks <i>Jeremy Brown, Claude Hemphill, Walter Koroshetz, DaiWai Olson and Jose Suarez</i>
10:05 AM – 10:25 AM	Curing Coma NIH Symposium Part I <i>Jan Claassen</i>
10:25 AM – 10:45 AM	Defining Coma and Disorders of Consciousness <i>Benjamin Rohaut</i>
10:45 AM – 11:05 AM	Stakeholder: The Patient's Perspective <i>Anezi Uzendu</i>
11:05 AM – 11:25 AM	Keynote Presentation: Why Are We Here? <i>Geoffrey Ling</i>
11:25 AM – 11:35 AM	Break
11:35 AM – 11:55 AM	The Biology of Consciousness <i>David Menon</i>
11:55 AM – 12:25 PM	Session 1: Research Priorities for Biology of Coma <i>Session Co-Chairs: Sheila Alexander and Melanie Boly</i> <i>Speaker: Olivia Gosseries</i>
12:25 PM – 12:55 PM	Session 1 Panel Discussion <i>Panelists: Olivia Gosseries, Courtney Robertson, Robert Stevens, and Aurore Thibaut</i>
12:55 PM – 1:00 PM	Session 1 Summary/Comments <i>Summary Presenter: Javier Provencio</i>
1:00 PM – 1:10 PM	Break

- 1:10 PM – 1:30 PM Common Data Elements in Coma Research
Jan Claassen
- 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM Session 2: Research Priorities for Coma Database
Session Co-Chairs: Brandon Foreman and Emily Gilmore
Speaker: Paul Vespa
- 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM Session 2 Panel Discussion
Panelists: Louis Puybasset, Chethan Venkatasubba Rao, and Paul Vespa
- 2:30 PM – 2:35 PM Session 2 Summary/Comments
Summary Presenter: Soojin Park
- 2:35 PM – 2:45 PM Closing Remarks

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

- | Time (EDT) | Session Title |
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| 10:00 AM – 10:20 AM | Saul Bellow's Coma: What Neuroscience Can Learn From Humanities
<i>Joseph Fins</i> |
| 10:20 AM – 10:50 AM | Session 3: Research Priorities for Prognostication
<i>Session Co-Chairs: Romergryko Geocadin and Steven Laureys</i>
<i>Speaker: Wendy Ziai</i> |
| 10:50 AM – 11:20 AM | Session 3 Panel Discussion
<i>Panelists: Erika Fink, Michael Rubin, and Wendy Ziai</i> |
| 11:20 AM – 11:25 AM | Session 3 Summary/Comments
<i>Summary Presenter: Karen Hirsch</i> |
| 11:25 AM – 11:35 AM | Break |
| 11:35 AM – 11:55 AM | Acute Care of the Patient During Coma
<i>DaiWai Olson</i> |

- 11:55 AM – 12:25 PM Session 4: Research Priorities for Care of the Comatose and Disorder of Consciousness Patient
Session Co-Chairs: Keri Kim and Betsy Zink
Speaker: Molly McNett
- 12:25 PM – 12:55 PM Session 4 Panel Discussion
Panelists: Varina Boerwinkle, Sarah Livesay, Molly McNett, and Gisele Silva
- 12:55 PM – 1:00 PM Session 4 Summary/Comments
Summary Presenter: Venkatesh Aiyagari
- 1:00 PM – 1:10 PM Break
- 1:10 PM – 1:30 PM Anesthesia and Consciousness
Emery Brown
- 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM Session 5: Research Priorities for Early Clinical Trials
Session Co-Chairs: Joseph Giacino and Wade Smith
Speaker: Lori Shutter
- 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM Session 5 Panel Discussion
Panelists: Yelena Bodien, Brian Edlow, Raimund Helbok, and Lori Shutter
- 2:30 PM – 2:35 PM Session 5 Summary/Comments
Summary Presenter: Victoria McCredie
- 2:35 PM – 2:45 PM Break
- 2:45 PM – 3:15 PM Session 6: Research Priorities for Long-term Recovery
Session Co-Chairs: Jennifer Frontera and Tarek Sharshar
Speaker: Amy Wagner
- 3:15 PM – 3:45 PM Session 6 Panel Discussion
Panelists: Erika Molteni, Kristine O'Phelan, Michelle Schober, and Amy Wagner

- 3:45 PM – 3:50 PM Session 6 Summary/Comments
Summary Presenter: Flora Hammond
- 3:50 PM – 4:10 PM Ethical Considerations for the Patient in Coma
Ariane Lewis
- 4:10 PM – 4:20 PM Closing Remarks
Jeremy Brown, Claude Hemphill, DaiWai Olson, and Jose Suarez