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FOR OUR 26TH ANNUAL PATIENT CONFERENCE
AT THE HYATT REGENCY, SALT LAKE CITY**

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INVITED TO...**

- › **LEARN** about the most up-to-date ITP information
- › **TALK** face-to-face with the world's top ITP doctors
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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Join us for an inspiring and supportive experience at PDSA's 26th Annual Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP) Conference, taking place July 24-26 in beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah. This year's event will be held at the Hyatt Regency in the heart of downtown, an ideal setting to learn, connect, and feel empowered.

Designed for patients, caregivers, and members of the medical community, this conference offers a unique opportunity to hear the latest updates on ITP, connect with others who truly understand the journey, and get answers to your most important questions. You'll also be able to engage directly with PDSA's Medical Advisors, some of the world's leading experts in ITP, making this an experience you won't want to miss.

Beyond the educational sessions, you'll find a welcoming community and meaningful connections. Our small group sessions create space for more personal conversations with fellow patients and caregivers, while our Kids Kamp (for ages 5-12) ensures younger attendees have a fun and engaging experience of their own.

Teens and young adults can take part in our dedicated Teen Track, where they'll connect with peers, share experiences, and build lasting friendships in a supportive environment tailored just for them.

You'll also have time to meet with exhibitors, including companies at the forefront of new treatments and clinical trials, giving you valuable insight into the future of ITP care.

Join us for an evening of excitement at our Saturday night Monte Carlo event open to all conference attendees and their families. Join us on the Sundance Terrace at 8:00 PM for a lively night of complimentary casino games, great music, and vibrant atmosphere. Try your luck, enjoy the energy, and make it a night to remember!

Whether you're newly diagnosed or have been managing ITP for years, you'll leave with knowledge, confidence, and connections that can make a meaningful difference in your life.



I hope you and your family can join us this July at The Hyatt Regency in Salt Lake City, UT. Our 26th annual ITP conference promises to be a weekend of education and inspiration. We look forward to seeing you there!

Caroline Kruse, President and CEO

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



JAMES BUSSEL, MD

Dr. James Bussel is Professor of Pediatrics, Medicine, and Obstetrics at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University in New York City. His training was initiated at Yale, continued at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, then he completed a Pediatric Residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and a Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the combined Cornell/Memorial Sloan Kettering program. The great majority of Dr. Bussel's publications are centered around diagnosis and especially management of patients with ITP, including children with ITP, adults with ITP, pregnant women with ITP, HIV infected patients with thrombocytopenia, and fetuses affected by autoimmune and alloimmune thrombocytopenia. He has worked with IVIg, IV anti-D, rituximab, and most recently the thrombopoietic agents. Dr. Bussel also serves on the PDSA Board of Medical Advisors.



ANNEMARIE FOGERTY, MD

Dr. Annemarie Fogerty is a Hematology Specialist in Boston, MA with over 18 years of experience. She graduated from New York University School of Medicine in 2003, then went on to internal medicine residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. She completed her fellowship training at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. She currently serves as the Clinical Director for Hematology and Director of Reproductive Hematology at both Massachusetts General Hospital and Newton Wellesley Hospital. Her particular areas of clinical expertise and research focus on thrombocytopenia and thrombosis in the pregnant patient. Dr. Fogerty also serves on the PDSA Board of Medical Advisors.

2025 ITP CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

- > 320 Attendees
- > 13 Speakers
- > Separate Teen/Young Adult Track
- > 7 Exhibitors
- > Small Group Sessions with ITP Specialists/Medical Advisors



TERRY GERNSHEIMER, MD

Dr. Terry Gernsheimer is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine, Medical Director of the Platelet Antibody Laboratory at the Puget Sound Blood Center, and Director of Transfusion Services at the University of Washington Medical Center and the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. Dr. Gernsheimer’s major research interests include the diagnosis, treatment and pathophysiology of autoimmune platelet disorders as well as several aspects of transfusion medicine and medical education. Dr. Gernsheimer also serves on the PDSA Board of Medical Advisors.



RACHAEL GRACE, MD, MMSC

Dr. Rachael Grace is a Pediatric Hematologist at the Dana-Farber/Boston Children’s Cancer and Blood Disorders Center and an Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts. She is the Medical Director of the Hematology Clinical Research Program at Boston Children’s Hospital and is recipient of the Blanche P. Alter Investigatorship in Hematology. Dr. Grace received her MD from Brown University and received her Masters in Medical Science from Harvard Medical School. She completed her pediatrics residency at Boston Children’s Hospital and pediatric hematology/oncology fellowship at the Dana-Farber/Boston Children’s Cancer and Blood Disorders Center. She is the director of the pediatric ITP Consortium of North America (ICON), a collaboration of more than 50 sites in North America focused on improving ITP care for children. She is a leading investigator for multiple observational and interventional research studies for children with ITP and is involved in national ITP guideline initiatives. Dr. Grace’s clinical and research interests are focused on improving outcomes of children with immune cytopenias and rare congenital hemolytic anemias. Dr. Grace also serves on the PDSA Board of Medical Advisors.

“The small group sessions with doctors are such an incredible opportunity!”

ITP Conference 2025 attendee



CRAIG KESSLER, MD

Dr. Craig Kessler, Professor of Medicine and Pathology, is the Director of the Hemophilia and Thrombosis Comprehensive Treatment Center and Director of the Division of Coagulation in the Department of Laboratory Medicine at Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, DC. His research interests include development and analysis of treatment strategies for bleeding disorders such as hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, and ITP. Dr. Kessler has also designed and participated in numerous clinical trials to study the pathophysiology and treatment of thrombophilic states, such as venous thromboembolism and cancer. He has written over 250 papers and chapters and is co-editor of a popular authoritative textbook on consultative hemostasis. Dr. Kessler also serves on the PDSA Board of Medical Advisors.



DAVID J. KUTER, MD, DPHIL

Dr. David Kuter is Chief of Hematology, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts. He earned a research doctorate (DPhil) at Magdalen College of Oxford University and a medical degree at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Kuter is Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. In addition, Dr. Kuter sits on numerous national and international ITP committees and is board certified in Internal Medicine, Hematology, and Medical Oncology. He has dedicated years of effort to researching coagulopathies, anticoagulation, and platelet disorders. In recent years, Dr. Kuter has conducted groundbreaking research into the development of effective thrombopoietic agents. Dr. Kuter also serves on the PDSA Board of Medical Advisors.





MICHELE P. LAMBERT, MD, MSTR

Dr. Lambert is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and Medical Director of the Special Coagulation Laboratory at CHOP. She graduated from UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School (now Rutgers) and completed her pediatric residency at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children followed by a year as Chief Resident. She then moved to the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia where she completed her fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology. She received her Masters in Translational Medicine in 2001. Her research efforts have focused on understanding the control of platelet production by megakaryocytes (the cells that make platelets) and the ways in which genetics influence platelet function and number in various clinical scenarios including ITP and inherited platelet disorders. Dr. Lambert also serves on the PDSA Board of Medical Advisors.



HOWARD A. LIEBMAN, MD

Dr. Howard Liebman is Professor of Medicine and Pathology at the University of Southern California’s (USC) Keck School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA. He serves as Medical Director of the Special Hemostasis Laboratory at USC’s Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and is Director of the fellowship program in hematology. Dr. Liebman received his medical degree from USC and completed his postgraduate training including a residency in internal medicine and fellowships in medical oncology and hematology at Los Angeles County – University of Southern California Medical Center. Dr. Liebman completed a research fellowship at Tufts University – New England Medical Center, Boston, MA and held faculty positions at Tufts University and Boston University, before returning to USC. Dr. Liebman’s research interests include clinical management and characterization of haemostatic and thrombotic disorders, management of autoimmune blood disorders and clinical therapy of HIV and AIDS. He has authored or co-authored 85 peer-reviewed publications and 26 reviews and chapters. Dr. Liebman also serves on the PDSA Board of Medical Advisors.

“Honestly, I can’t imagine a better first-time experience.”

ITP Conference 2025 attendee



DIANE J. NUGENT, MD

Dr. Diane Nugent is a Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of California, Irvine School of Medicine. She currently serves as Chair, Hematology, CHOC Children’s Hospital of North Orange County, Orange, CA; Medical Director, Hematology and Blood and Donor Services CHOC Children’s; and Division Chief, Hematology, CHOC Children’s Specialists. Dr. Nugent is a nationally-recognized expert in pediatric hematology who specializes in blood disorders, bone marrow failure, bleeding and clotting disorders, anemias, and immune deficiencies. She is involved in clinical trials for rare blood disorders and is a principal investigator for regional hemophilia programs. Dr. Nugent has coauthored more than 100 journal articles and book chapters. She chairs review subcommittees at the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLB) at NIH in hematology. Dr. Nugent also participates in the Pediatric ITP Consortium of North American (ICON), a group of pediatric hematologists dedicated to improving the understanding, treatment and quality of life (QOL) of pediatric ITP patients. Dr. Nugent also serves on the PDSA Board of Medical Advisors.



SANDHYA PANCH, MD

Dr. Sandhya Panch is [CK1.1] Associate Professor of Hematology at the University of Washington (UW), School of Medicine, and Director of Transfusion at the Fred Hutch Cancer Center (FHCC). Dr. Panch is committed to the pursuit of clinical and translational studies in immunohematology. As a mentee of Dr. Terry Gernsheimer, she cares for a large panel of immune thrombocytopenia (ITP), autoimmune hemolytic anemias (AIHA) and red cell/platelet transfusion refractory patients in the Pacific Northwest. She leads several industry-sponsored and investigator-initiated trials incorporating correlatives and biomarker-driven approaches to managing immune cytopenias at the UW/FHCC. She also serves on medical advisory boards for the Warm Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia (WAIHA) warriors, and Cold Agglutinin Disease (CAD) foundation.

“Always excited to learn that there are new avenues of treatment being explored.”

ITP Conference 2025 attendee



JOHN SEMPLE, PHD

Dr. John Semple received his PhD in Immunology from Queen’s University in 1986 and trained as a Post Doctoral Fellow in the Banting and Best Department of Medical Research of the C.H. Best Institute, University of Toronto from 1986-1990. He joined St. Michael’s Hospital in 1990 as Director of Transfusion Medicine Research of the Toronto Platelet Immunobiology Group. He joined Lund University in 2016 as a Professor of Transfusion Medicine of St. Michael’s Hospital. His research activities include several areas including anti-platelet T cell responses in patients with acute and chronic ITP, the analysis of how platelet antigens are recognized by the immune system, and how platelets may act as immune-like cells that are responsible for initiating and perpetuating their own auto immune demise. Dr. Semple also serves on the PDSA Board of Medical Advisors.



MICHAEL TARANTINO, MD

Dr. Michael Tarantino is a Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria and Medical Director of the Bleeding & Clotting Disorders Institute. He received a doctoral degree in medicine from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine in 1987. He completed an internship and residency at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center and a Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine. Dr. Tarantino first became interested in ITP during his residency in 1988. Since that time, he has designed and/or participated in numerous clinical investigations related to ITP and other platelet disorders. He has authored numerous publications relevant to the diagnosis and management of ITP, especially as it occurs in children. He is also active in hemophilia and other bleeding disorders research. Dr. Tarantino also serves on the PDSA Board of Medical Advisors.

“Many thanks to PDSA for organizing this conference, and to the doctors for so generously donating their time.”

ITP Conference 2025 attendee

CONFERENCE AGENDA

FRIDAY, JULY 24

- 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Registration/Exhibits Open**
- 3:00 PM – 3:10 PM **Welcome**
- 3:10 PM – 4:15 PM **What is ITP and Why Do I Have It?
Navigating the Patient Journey:
From newly diagnosed to chronic ITP**
Concurrent Session:
**ITP in Teens: A medical overview
(for teens and their parents)**
- 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM **Break**
- 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM **Patient Mixer**
- 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM **Inquire & Inspire: Patients ask the experts
and share personal journeys (small group sessions)***
 - › **Canadian Patients & Caregivers**
 - › **For Teens Only**
 - › **Other groups based on geographic location**

NOTES

A separate track for teens will run Friday and Saturday. Agenda and speakers are subject to change.

* Breakout session assignments will be listed in the back of name badges.



CONFERENCE AGENDA

SATURDAY, JULY 25

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **Registration, Continental Breakfast, Exhibits Open**
- 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM **New ASH ITP Guidelines:
How do they impact my care?
When It's Not ITP: Testing and genetics
Guideline on the Emergency Management
of Critical ITP**
- 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM Break
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM **Inquire & Inspire: Patients ask the experts
& share personal journeys (small group sessions)***
- › **For Women and Girls Only: Rare bleeding disorders during adolescence, pregnancy, and menopause** – *this session is for women and girls only due to the nature of the subject matter*
 - › **ITP and Aging: Addressing the unique challenges**
 - › **Parent of Children with ITP**
 - › **General ITP Questions**
- 11:30 AM – 11:45 AM Break
- 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM **Living with ITP: Your general health and wellness**
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Lunch Break with PDSA Medical Advisors
- 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM **What's New and What's Next in ITP Treatment
When Should I Consider a Clinical Trial?**
- 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM Break
- 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM Concurrent Sessions:
- › **ITP in Adults: Q&A**
 - › **ITP in Children: Q&A**
 - › **Menopause & Beyond**
- 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM Break
- 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM **What are the Differences Between Generic
and Biosimilar Drugs
Can My ITP Be Cured?**
- 5:15 PM – 5:30 PM Announcements
- 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Break
- 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM **Sanofi Sponsored Dinner Program**
- 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM Saturday Evening Fun Event



CONFERENCE AGENDA

SUNDAY, JULY 26

- 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Continental Breakfast
Support Group Facilitators' Breakfast
(pre-registration requested)
- 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM **Living with ITP: The physician perspective**
- 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM **Living with ITP: Patients share their stories**
- 12:45 PM – 1:00 PM Closing Remarks

MORE INFORMATION

Visit our website: www.pdsa.org
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"The conference exceeded all my expectations!"
ITP Conference 2025 attendee

CONFERENCE LOCATION



All meeting activities will be held at the **Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City**. Discover one of the fastest-growing and most exciting urban hubs in the country. Plan your stay to indulge in natural beauty, from hiking and biking trails just a short drive away from the hotel. Boasting spacious guest rooms and suites with views of the snow-capped Wasatch Mountains, the new hotel, in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah, offers an outdoor pool, fire pits and exceptional dining options, including the Spanish restaurant, Mar | Muntanya, which features a rooftop terrace.

If you plan to stay at the Hyatt Regency, Salt Lake City, please reserve your room as soon as possible to receive our special conference rate of \$199 a night (king or double/double), plus tax. **This rate is for 2 adults or a family of 4 with children under age 18.** This special PDSA rate is also available for conference attendees three days before and three days after the conference. This special rate applies to reservations that are made by **July 7, 2026, as long as rooms at the hotel are available.**



We encourage you to make your hotel reservation early to ensure room availability.

Hotel reservations cannot be made until your conference registration is finalized.

REGISTRATION FORM

Register online at
www.pdsa.org/conferences

or mail this form to:
PDSA
8751 Brecksville Road, Suite 150
Cleveland, OH 44141



General Registration Information

For person attending conference
(see additional lines for guest names below)

Full payment is due at time of registration.

(Mr./Ms./Mrs./Dr.) First Name Last Name Suffix

Address

City State/Province ZIP Code Country

Phone (Home, Business or Mobile) Email

Additional guests or family members

Please include name and city/state/country for each additional guest for their name badge

Guest name Guest name Guest name

City State/Province Country

Applying for a partial scholarship

If you are interested in applying for a partial conference scholarship, which is applied toward conference registration for two and your hotel room for three nights (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday), please check the box below, fill out the registration form (**do NOT send payment**), and include a letter that includes information describing your diagnosis, your specific financial need and the benefit you hope to derive from attending the conference.

You can email your application and letter to Brenda Foster at bfoster@pdsa.org or mail to PDSA, Attn: Brenda Foster, 8751 Brecksville Road, Suite 150, Cleveland, OH 44141. **The deadline for conference scholarship applications is July 1, 2026.**

Please note: Travel costs are **NOT** included in the partial scholarship. Due to the limited number of scholarships available, they will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis and preference will be given to first-time attendees.

You MUST be a paid PDSA member to be eligible for a scholarship.

I would like to apply for a partial scholarship to be applied toward conference registration for two (2) and hotel accommodations for three (3) nights.

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Total fees and payment - Registration includes all sessions, receptions, continental breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday and Saturday lunch.

If you are not already a member of PDSA, you can become one by choosing to pay the \$25 membership fee and then choosing the discounted cost of the Conference under the Member Price column. By becoming a member, you will receive our 28-page quarterly newsletter, *The Platelet News*, and discounted rates for the annual ITP Conference, among other exclusive benefits.

PDSA Membership (\$25, \$50, \$100 or more) \$ _____

Early Bird Registration: Through July 7, 2026 After July 7, 2026 registration prices will increase.

	MEMBER PRICE	NON-MEMBER PRICE	
Individual	\$140	\$160	\$ _____
Children ages 5-12	\$50	\$60	\$ _____
Children 4 and under	FREE	FREE	\$ <u>FREE</u>
One Day Pass Registration (Either Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday)	\$100	\$120	\$ _____
PDSA Circle of Hope Member Registration (limit of 2)			\$ <u>FREE*</u>
-or- PDSA Support Group Facilitator Registration (limit of 1)			\$ <u>FREE*</u>

***Only a total of 2 complimentary registrations can be redeemed and they are non-transferable.**

I would like to include an additional amount to defray conference expenses \$ _____

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Questions? If you have any questions or require assistance while completing the registration form, please contact Jody Shy at (440) 746-9003 or jshy@pdsa.org.

Cancellation Policy: If you need to cancel your registration for the Conference, you must submit your request to cancel in writing prior to July 7, 2026. All fees less a \$50 administrative charge will be refunded if a written request is received before the July 7th deadline. **After July 7, 2026, no refunds will be issued.**

Hotel Reservations: All Conference sessions, meals and receptions will take place at the Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City, UT. PDSA has secured room rates for patients, caregivers, and family attending the conference at \$199 per night (king or double/double). A separate rate is available for industry and physician attendees. Once your Conference registration has been made, you will be sent the information to make your hotel accommodations. Hotel rooms **cannot** be booked prior to your conference registration.

*DISCLAIMER: I recognize that various photographs, video recordings and other media will be taken during the event. By registering for ITP Conference 2026, I grant permission to PDSA (Platelet Disorder Support Association) and/or other agents authorized by them to use any photographs, video recordings and other media or record of this event for any purposes.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

SCHOLARSHIPS Partial scholarships to attend the ITP Conference are available. Please see the registration form for details. Contact Brenda Foster at bfoster@pdsa.org for more information. **The deadline to apply for a scholarship is July 1, 2026. Applicants must be PDSA members.**

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ADMISSION TO SESSIONS Upon registration at the conference, all attendees will receive a personalized name badge. These name badges must be worn at all times during the conference sessions and conference meals. Admission to conference activities will be restricted to badge holders.

EXHIBITS Some of our sponsors will exhibit products and services directly related to ITP. Only vendors who have permission from PDSA will be allowed to distribute materials. Other promotional materials will not be permitted in the meeting halls, registration, or reception area.

CONFERENCE ATTIRE All sessions are casual attire and will be held in the hotel meeting rooms, which are air-conditioned. However, please remember, everyone has their own personal preferences for temperature and it is often difficult to control temperatures in a hotel setting. It is recommended to bring along a light jacket or sweater to the session rooms. Dress for the Saturday night PDSA Fun event is casual — so come to celebrate and have fun! Purple is PDSA's signature color so plan to wear purple if you have it!

CONFERENCE ETIQUETTE Please be considerate of others during all educational sessions and turn off all cell phones or set them to vibrate. Please arrive on time or early for the sessions you plan to attend, allowing time to add extra chairs if necessary. To ensure a comfortable environment for all and because sessions will be recorded, we kindly ask that babies and young children not be brought into the general session areas.

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