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Why is everyone smiling?

Because the PSC Partners 16th Annual Conference is just three months away.

We're excited, too!

Check out important information about the conference below.

**PSC Partners 16th Annual
Patient and Caregiver Conference
April 24-26, 2020**

Denver, Colorado

We Broke This Year's Conference Down By the Numbers:

- **350** --- The number of patients, caregivers, and family members expected to attend the conference.
- **40** --- The number of sessions to choose from to learn more about primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC), including pediatric PSC, PSC and IBD, advances in PSC treatments, transplant-specific issues, caregiving advice, and more. Check out the [agenda](#).



- **35** --- The number of experts who are scheduled to speak at this year's conference. Thank you to our conference collaborators and sponsors UC Health and Children's Hospital Colorado for working with us on the agenda and speaker list.
- **15** --- The number of PSC Partners Conferences held before this year. [Videos and slides from past conference presentations](#) are available on our web site.



- **10** --- The number of social opportunities to chat and bond with others who understand you, can relate to what you're going through, and may be able to offer advice based on their own experiences. Included in the social offerings are a trip to iconic Red Rock Amphitheater, peer group sessions, and a fun Saturday evening gala complete with costumes, dancing, and karaoke. This year, we are celebrating the upcoming 2020 Summer Olympics, and attendees are encouraged to come dressed in garb that fits that theme. Creativity (and tackiness) are encouraged, applauded, and will be awarded.

- **13** --- The minimum age for attendees at any part of the conference, including meals. Due to the sensitive nature of some parts of the conference, there are no exceptions to this rule. Thank you for understanding.
- **3** --- The number of months left until the conference. Registration will be live soon. We will post on social media and send information via email once registration is open. We suggest you book your hotel room now to ensure you get the discounted rate. Visit the Hyatt Regency DTC's conference page [here](#).

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Check Out Additional Conference Information Below:

We will send out an alert and post on social media when registration is open.

Registration Fees: Registration will be live soon. For planning purposes, please review the fees:

- *Early Bird* (Through 2/29): \$250 per person
- *Regular* (Through 3/29): \$270 per person
- *Late* (Through 4/10): \$300 per person
- *Corporate/Professional & Medical Provider* (Through 4/10): \$375

We are able to keep registration fees low, because more than 1/2 of every patient/caregiver registration is covered by generous sponsor donations. We are still looking for sponsors. Check out [community](#) and [corporate](#) sponsorship opportunities.



Hotel: Most attendees will stay at the conference hotel, Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center, 7800 E. Tufts Ave., Denver, CO. This is also the location of most conference activities. In order to ensure your spot at the hotel, reserve your room soon. PSC Partners conference attendees receive a special group rate that is available until the block of

rooms is sold out. [Click here](#) to visit the hotel PSC Partners page and reserve your room.

There is a Hyatt Regency downtown, as well. Be sure to make your reservation at the Hyatt Regency DTC (Denver Tech Center).

Transportation: You do not need a car during the conference. Most

conference activities are in the conference hotel or walking distance. Transportation is provided for off-property activities.

Flyer: Please help us spread the word about the conference. Print and distribute [this flyer](#), and ask your medical providers to inform their other PSC patients about the PSC Partners Conference.

Visit [the conference page](#) on our website for more information about the conference.

SEE YOU IN DENVER SOON!

Red Rocks Facts



Conference attendees are invited on a fieldtrip to the iconic Red Rocks Amphitheater. (This trip, including transportation and brunch, are included in your conference fee. You must sign up when you register. Seating is limited.)

Check out these Red Rocks Facts...

- Red Rocks gets its color from iron oxide, the same compound that gives blood and rust their ruddy appearance.
- The spectacular red rock formations that make up Red Rocks are from the Fountain Formation, left behind by ancient river deposits.
- The [Colorado Music Hall of Fame](#) is housed at Red Rocks.
- Surrounding the amphitheater are over 860 acres of open space including hiking and biking trails, the Trading Post, visitor center, and a restaurant called the Ship Rock Grille, which is where we will have brunch.
- The Beatles, Nat King Cole, U2, Jimi Hendrix, Beck, Stevie Nicks, Paul Simon, Radiohead, The Grateful Dead, Jethro Tull, John Denver, and more have performed at the venue over the years, making it one of the most well-known concert venues in the U.S.

Mark Your Calendar for the PFDD MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2020



The date for the PSC Partners' Patient-Focused Drug Development (PFDD) meeting is **10/23/2020**. Your participation is very important. So, please take a minute to mark your calendar and consider attending this vital meeting.

The externally-led PFDD meeting will be held outside of Washington, D.C., in partnership with the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) Office.

Watch our newsletter, social media, and website for more information about how to get involved.



Living with PSC Episode #17: Dr. John Eaton, Current and Future Prospects in PSC Treatment and Research

In this episode of Living with PSC, Niall McKay talks with Dr. John Eaton, MD, transplant hepatologist and gastroenterologist at Mayo Clinic, about the future with regards to discovering new treatments and, eventually, a cure for PSC.

"I am more optimistic than I have ever been about the future prospects of caring for people with PSC," states Dr. Eaton.

[Click here to listen to the podcast and learn more.](#)

The Living With PSC podcast series is moderated by Media Producer Niall McKay. Each month, this podcast explores the latest research and knowledge about PSC. From patient stories to the latest research updates from PSC experts to collaborations that are necessary to find better treatments and a cure, this podcast has it all! Click [here](#) for a complete list of episodes.



Thank You for End-of-Year CONTRIBUTIONS



We truly appreciate everyone who participated in our end-of-year fundraising campaign. The generous support of our community was amazing. Together we will find a cure for primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC)!

Thinking of doing a fundraiser for PSC Partners in 2020? There are numerous unique ways to support our efforts.

Check out our [Team PSC](#) and [Ways to Give](#) website pages for ideas.

Get Your PSC Gear Here!

Fabulous and affordable PSC Partners gear will be available at the 2020 conference. If you'd like to load up on snazzy gear ahead of time, visit our [online shop](#) and pick some swag, so you can look fantastic at the conference.

(This is an awareness-raiser, not a fundraiser.)



The mission of PSC Partners Seeking a Cure is to provide education and support to PSC patients, families and caregivers and raise funds to research causes, treatments and cures for primary sclerosing cholangitis.

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