



# THE DUCT

A Monthly Newsletter for the PSC Community

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## ***Doggone It. The Conference Is Over...***

*....but we had a great time!*

*We learned a lot, made friends, connected with peers, and supported one another.*

**Mark your calendars for next year's conference  
in collaboration with University of Colorado Health  
April 24-26, 2020  
Denver, CO**

**Big Thank You to  
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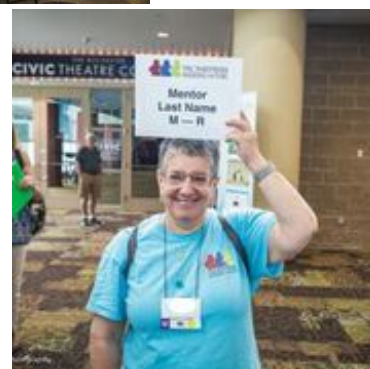
We are happy and proud to say that our recent conference was successful, engaging, and meaningful, due in a large part to our long-term collaboration with Mayo Clinic. Mayo Clinic doctors and staff selected relevant topics and provided us with world class speakers ensuring that the event ran smoothly and provided attendees with vital, up-to-date information about primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC).

Special thank you to:  
Dr. Kostas Lazaridis  
Dr. John Eaton  
Andrea Gossard  
Jenn Rud

We couldn't have done it without you!

## Scenes From The Conference

We just wrapped up our 15th Annual PSC Partners Conference, held in conjunction with Mayo Clinic. A video of the full Saturday General Session and slides of the breakout sessions will be available soon. Watch social media and next month's newsletter for links. In the meantime, here are some photos from the eventful, meaningful, exhausting, hopeful weekend.





Huge thank you to our photographer Kelly Shepherd (left, with Board Member Joanne Grieme) for capturing fabulous photos of the weekend!

# 16th Annual Conference



# SAVE THE DATE

There are so many exciting things happening in the field of PSC research, we couldn't bear to wait a whole year until the next conference.



Save the Date

## **PSC Partners Conference 2020**

in collaboration with University of Colorado Health

**April 24-26, 2020**

Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center  
Denver, Colorado

## ***We Hear You...*** **Quotes From** **Post-Conference Surveys**

"There was an immediate special bond with everyone I met at the conference. Everyone was so welcoming, which quickly eased my nerves and allowed me to open up more than I normally would have."

"(I loved) being at the conference for the first time with my daughter, who has PSC, and watching her meet peers and feel comfortable. Outstanding!"

"I enjoyed Drs. Lazaridis and LaRusso. To see such brilliance, dedication and passion applied to the study of PSC was exciting."

If you attended the conference, but have not, yet,  
completed a survey, [click here](#).

We use the comments and suggestions, both positive and critical, to  
inform our planning for upcoming events and conferences.  
We truly value your opinion, and we want to hear from you.

## **Blog Spot**

***TIPS FROM A PSCER AND HER CAREGIVER HUSBAND***

# HOW TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR HELP

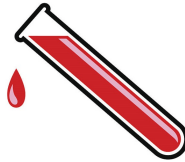


People want to be helpful, right? They care about you, and they have a strong desire to do something to show their love. Sometimes that assistance is needed, but other times, it's really not necessary. It may even be more of a hassle than a help. How do you handle it? For this month's blog, Nicola Tessier, a post-transplant PSCer, and her husband Tyler, delve into that question and offer useful tips about how to respond.

[Click here](#) to read their blog

post.

## ***WE STILL NEED YOU For Blood Specimen Collection***



We still need blood samples from PSCers, and it's easy to participate. The samples can be taken at your local collection site and mailed to Mayo Clinic.

Your sample will be added to a biobank and used in future studies to find a cure for PSC. *Mayo Clinic is encouraging all PSC patients to provide blood samples regardless of past participation in Mayo studies.* Please contact Erik ([schlicht.erik@mayo.edu](mailto:schlicht.erik@mayo.edu), 507-284-4312) or Jacki ([Bianchi.jackie@mayo.edu](mailto:Bianchi.jackie@mayo.edu), 507-266-0346) for more information.

**If you donated at the conference, you do not need to donate again.**

**THANK YOU!**

## **WE'D LIKE TO THANK OUR**

# 2019 CONFERENCE SPONSORS.

Your generous support enabled us to make our registration cost more reasonable and have a successful conference.

Thank you!

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## **Attention Amazon Shoppers... Support PSC Partners Everytime You Shop**

Did you know that your online shopping can earn donations toward better treatments and a cure for PSC? PSC Partners is a registered charity with [AmazonSmile](#). Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of every eligible AmazonSmile purchase to PSC Partners Seeking a Cure when you select the nonprofit as your designated cause. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Host the 2021 Conference!



If you are interested in hosting the 2021 conference in your city, please complete the [Conference Host Proposal](#).

To be considered for the 2021 Conference, the form must be returned to PSC Partners by October 15, 2019, so that the PSC Partners Board of Directors can choose the venue and announce it at our 2020 conference. If you have any questions, email [contactus@pscpartners.org](mailto:contactus@pscpartners.org)

*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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