

Health Professionals Special Interest Group

Leadership Meeting, *Basecamp*

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International Parkinson and
Movement Disorder Society

Pan American Section (HP-SIG-PAS), Health Professionals

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Message from the Section Chair

The PAS leadership group is comprised of professionals representing a variety of disciplines within the Pan American Regions. Our communication plan includes quarterly conference calls for exchange of ideas, announcing and planning educational opportunities in the Pan American Section, and discussion of items of broader concern to the MDS HP-SIG at large. The calls have worked well for us. We have had a good exchange of ideas on and have been able to benefit from the mutual sharing of information and ideas.

If you are interested in becoming more involved at a leadership level within the HP-SIG:

Please make your interest known by contacting the [MDS Staff Liaison](#) or [HP-SIG Chair](#).

Updates from the HP-SIG-PAS

The Edmond J Safra Visiting Nurse Faculty (VNF) Program

Under the direction of Gwyn Vernon, MSN, CRNP, this program has been a tremendous success and continuously expands in the United States. The VNF program was developed to train nurse educators in Parkinson's disease, so that, in turn, they may educate student and clinical nurses.

To date: 126 nurse educators, representing 66 Schools of Nursing, have completed this program.

This information was presented at the HP-SIG networking session held at the 2012 Congress in Dublin by Gwyn Vernon, MSN, CRNP and Lisette Bunting-Perry, PhD, RN.

Education in the PAS

The Pan American Section of the MDS SIG, in concert with MDS at large, is prioritizing the development of educational programs for movement disorder professionals of multiple disciplines. In November 2014, we were pleased to conduct the three-day inter professional course: Allied Team Training for Parkinson (ATTP) in San Diego.

ATTP was co-sponsored by MDS and the National Parkinson Foundation (NPF) and was offered to nurses, physical therapists, speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, social workers, nurse practitioners, physical assistants and physicians. Over fifty-percent (50%) of the 68 attendees were joined with other colleagues of their inter professional teams. All attending shared an interest in building competence in state of the art Parkinson's care delivery within their own discipline as well as part of an interdisciplinary team.

Prior to the collaborative effort with MDS, the Allied Team Training for Parkinson (ATTP) program was offered by the National Parkinson Foundation which had offered 28 trainings with a total of 1,688 practitioners and students completing the course; this included enrolment of 267 interdisciplinary teams.

Save the Date!

Allied Health Team Training for Parkinson's Disease (São Paulo, Brazil) - September 2015 (*Tentative*)

Course Director(s): Carlos Rieder, MD, PhD and Maria Elisa Pimentel Piemonte, PT, PhD

Registration will be \$200 USD and includes course materials, break refreshments and lunches.

Registration is tentatively scheduled to open June 2015.

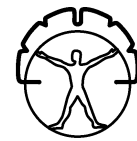
Course description statement:

The Allied Health Team Training for Parkinson's Disease is a three-day course designed by the MDS Pan American Section (MDS- PAS) to increase knowledge about Parkinson's disease and build capacity for comprehensive inter professional care in the treatment of Parkinson's disease.

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The course is intended for nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech language pathologists, social workers, psychologists, neurologists and physician's assistants the majority of whom already have some experience with the management of Parkinson's disease-and are interested in further education and collaboration. An interdisciplinary faculty of senior movement disorder specialists will teach it.

Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of this activity, attendees should be able to accomplish the following:

1. Design, review and modify a patient/family specific treatment plan
2. Participate effectively as an interdisciplinary or inter professional team member
3. Identify challenges associated with Parkinson's disease and side effects of the medication
4. Support a person with Parkinson's disease and their care partners in self-management
5. List key characteristics of early, middle and late stage Parkinson's disease
6. Describe the unique and complementary role of each discipline in your care team
7. Identify strategies for building inter professional networks and community partnerships

Updated information will be available on the [MDS Education page](#) in April 2015.