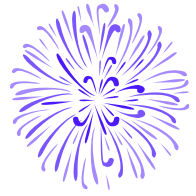


# HIND-SIGHT



## **Huntington's Disease Information and New Discoveries**

**Huntington's Disease Center of Excellence at The University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics**

Please continue to explore our newsletter for stories about HD research, Center fundraisers, and updates on past and upcoming HD conferences. We wish all of you happy reading and a wonderful summer!

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## HD CONFERENCE

### UPDATES

#### The 2001 HDSA National Convention

The 2001 HDSA National Convention was in San Diego, CA, at the Town and Country Resort.

Huntington's Disease Society of America, 158 West 29th Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001.

#### Program Highlights:

The Convention's opening session will begin at 9:00 am on Friday, June 29. It will be followed by the Family Services and Care Forum and, in the afternoon, by smaller educational workshops dealing with varied issues of the HD community. The Convention's reception will be held Friday evening. On Saturday, the AstraZeneca Research Forum will be held in the morning and smaller educational workshops will be scheduled throughout the afternoon. Our Generation 2000 gala, featuring dinner, awards presentations and dancing, will be held on Saturday evening. Educational sessions will continue on Sunday morning. The Convention ends at Noon on Sunday. The program will address the needs and concerns of HD families and caregivers. There will also be major presentations on the status of HD research by Dr. Michael Hayden and other professionals, including our own Dr. Jane. Information sessions covering topics such as Juvenile HD, Coping with Psychological Distress, Family and Caregiver Issues, At-risk Challenges, Genetic Testing, and Young Adult issues in HD families will be held.

Topics such as the Management of HD (Care, Medication, and Treatment), Nutrition, Speech and Communications,

Managing Behavior, Sexuality, Occupational and Physical therapy, and late-stage care giving will be covered during the workshops and panels. Legal matters facing HD families and caregivers, such as privacy, social security disability, health and life insurance, estate/financial planning, marriage, family planning and adoption, financial planning for the future, veterans' benefits, and nursing homes will be addressed. Support groups are available for all individuals: at-risk, juvenile, tested positive and negative, caregiver, family, young adults, and gay and lesbian. Please call HDSA at 1-800-345-HDSA ext. 23 for more information on registration. For those who are unable to attend this exciting convention, don't worry, because we will bring the information home and pass it on to you!

Emory University Health Sciences Center: 31-Aug-01

Growth factor stimulation leads to increase in new neurons in the brain. Emory University researchers have demonstrated that several regions of the adult rat brain have the capacity to acquire new neurons following the introduction of a growth factor into the brain's lateral ventricle, located in the depths of the cerebral cortex. The study is the first to show the presence of numerous new neurons in certain regions of the brain where they previously have not been found, and suggests that the adult brain may be able to replace neurons lost due to injury or disease.

CINCINNATI--(BW HealthWire)--Aug. 31, 2001--Positive results from three Phase II clinical studies on The Avicena Group's NEOTine®, containing a highly purified form of creatine monohydrate as the active ingredient, are being presented at the 6th International Meeting on Guanidino Compounds in Biology and Medicine, which began today in Cincinnati, hosted by the University of Cincinnati's Department of

Neurology and Children's Hospital Medical Center of Cincinnati. Two clinical studies demonstrated increased muscle mass and faster muscle rehabilitation among elderly subjects receiving creatine supplementation. Work on Huntington's Disease showed that creatine supplementation slowed the development of brain atrophy and significantly improved survival. The four-day conference, attended by more than 80 global researchers and medical practitioners, features over fifty new scientific papers on the role of creatine and related metabolites in cellular energy production, metabolism, and maintenance. Conference proceedings will be published in a special issue of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry and the abstracts in Cell Biology International.

## UPCOMING PLANS AND PROJECTS IN THE HD CENTER:

Please join HDSA in celebrating HD Awareness Month. Each year, HDSA's chapters and affiliates host a variety of fundraising events in their local areas. Events taking place during HD Awareness Month include the Shoot for a Cure Hoop-a-thon and the Cure HD BMW Sweepstakes. All proceeds from these events directly support HDSA in our efforts to find a cure for Huntington's Disease.

During the month of May, and throughout the year, we urge you to support HDSA in our efforts to find a cure for this deadly disease. For more information about Huntington's Disease or HDSA, please contact the Huntington's Disease Society of America at 800-345-HDSA, [hdsainfo@hdsa.org](mailto:hdsainfo@hdsa.org), or on the Internet at [www.hdsa.org](http://www.hdsa.org). HDSA is committed to *making this the last generation with HD.*

## SUPPORT GROUPS



## HD CONVENTION

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA) convention will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia just minutes away from the capitol, June 4-6, 1999. The theme is *A National Commitment to Care and Cure.*

## RAISING \$ FOR HD

The Cure-HD sweepstakes continues to raise thousands of dollars for HD research and care programs. The GRAND PRIZE this year is a 2000 BMW Z3 Roadster along with five runner-up prizes: one \$10,000, one \$5,000, and three \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bonds. Winners will be selected in a random drawing at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual HDSA convention in Washington, D.C., June 5, 1999, need not be present to win. Tickets are \$100 and can be reserved by calling Mike Lamma, (212) 242-1968 ext. 12. Entries must be received by June 4, 1999.

1-800-OUR-GIFT is an international floral delivery service which donates 20% of proceeds from your purchases to the Huntington's Disease Society of America. Flowers, plants, and fruit baskets are a perfect gift any time of the year.

IN bookstores this May, The Faces of Huntington's, anthology compiled by HD family member Carmen Leal-Pock. A percentage of the book's proceeds will go to support HD programs. Books can be ordered for \$15.95. Send check payable to Living Hope Inc., P.O. Box 952163, Lake Mary, Fl. 32795-2163.

OUT on Video: "Huntington's Disease: Living with Knowledge" written and narrated by Dr. Jane Paulsen and produced by the Sioux Valley HDSA

chapter, can be ordered by sending a \$25.00 check (includes shipping and handling) made payable to the Sioux Valley Chapter, PO Box 1311, Sioux Falls, SD 57101-1311. All proceeds go to HD.

ON the web: check out the web site created by Renette Davis, in Chicago Ill. It is one of my favorites and includes lots of important information for people with HD and their caregivers. It has great stuff on nutrition, and contains super recipes. It has poems and stories as well as up-to-date links to medical information and conference reports. Renette welcomes contributions from others. The web site address is <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/~rd13/hd/>

### **??, 2001**

HDSA Iowa Chapter HyVee Cookout!!

From 11am to 1pm we sell hot sandwiches, chips and a soda for a certain price. Depends on what HyVee has scheduled! Then they take out what their cost is and the rest goes to HDSA Iowa Chapter.

Location: 1604 Bent Street, Bedford, IA - Corner of HWY 148 and HWY2

How to enter: It takes about three people to do it easier. But could use two if had too! One to cook, one to put the orders together and one to handle the cash.

For more information contact: Mike Fisher 800-835-4797

### **Donations/Memorials**

Donations and memorials for any reason are a source of funding for the Iowa HD Center of Excellence that allow us to continue to serve families affected by HD in Iowa and surrounding states.

All donations or memorials should be sent to our chapter office. Please make checks payable to Huntington's Disease Center of Excellence at the University of Iowa. They may be sent to Huntington's Disease Center of Excellence; 1-145 MEB; The University of Iowa; Iowa City, IA 5224



## **HD RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION**



To schedule an HD Center appointment: Contact Elizabeth Penziner at (319) 353-4307

For information about genetic testing: Contact Cathy Evers at (800) 260-2065

To learn about research opportunities: Contact Laura Stierman at (319) 353-3716

To receive 24-hour emergency support: Call the helpline at (800) 777-8442 ext. 34307

To reach us by email: [hdinfo@uiowa.edu](mailto:hdinfo@uiowa.edu)

To connect to our web site: [www.uihealthcare.com/huntingtonsdisease/](http://www.uihealthcare.com/huntingtonsdisease/)

To reach the national office: Contact HDSA at (800) 345-HDSA

To contact the Iowa Chapter: Call the chapter office at (800) 535-4797

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