

Invitation:
**Focus on
Pediatric MS**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
23 OCTOBER



Pediatric MS has increased globally. The symptoms of MS, considered an adult disease, are not necessarily identified as MS in children. Diagnosis is challenging due to, for example, the similarity of the symptom profile to other childhood demyelinating diseases. Getting a diagnosis may even take years, causing delays in a child's treatment and rehabilitation. An undiagnosed progressive disease can cause significant additional challenges for a child's ability to function, attend school and for their future.

The incidence of pediatric MS varies in different parts of the world. It is, however, estimated to be underdiagnosed in the Nordic countries. According to estimates, for 3–10% of MS sufferers the disease started in childhood. Childhood MS specialists are few and far between. Now there is an opportunity to hear several of them at a time.

The Finnish Neuro Society is organising a specialist conference

Focus on Pediatric MS

23 October 2020 | 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (UTC +03:00)

The event is intended for Nordic pediatric doctors, neurologists and those specialising in neurology, MS nurses, other health care professionals or experts involved in the field of neurological diseases and third sector experts. The speakers at the event are eminent pediatric neurology specialists, well-versed in pediatric MS.

We decided to take your virtual event experience to the next level by using the virtual event app **Brella**. We do hope that you will make the most out of this opportunity. Brella's matchmaking algorithm allows you to find the most relevant connections from the event's attendees. You can then chat and suggest 1:1 video calls with any fellow Brella user.

Session recordings will be available for participants for two weeks after the event.





CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

10:00–10:15 Welcoming words for the event

10:15-10:45 What is Pediatric MS? Medication in Pediatric MS.

Mia Westerholm-Ormio, MD, PhD (Finland).

10:45-11:00 Discussion and time for questions

**11:00-11:45 Norwegian treatment of pediatric MS patients.
Special concern about immigrants.**

Inger Sandvig, MD (Norway).

11:45-12:00 Discussion and time for questions

12:00-13:00 Lunch and exploring the digital platform

13:00-13:45 Diagnostic challenges and differential diagnosis in pediatric MS.

Cheryl Hemingway, MD, PhD (UK)

13:45-14:00 Discussion and time for questions

**14:00-14:45 Cognitive issues in pediatric MS: Cognitive impairments in
pediatric MS and its impact on daily living, school and social activities.**

Maria Pia Amato, MD, Professor (Italy)

14:45-15:00 Discussion and time for questions

15:00-15:30 Break, time to network

**15:30-16:15 Broad overview of the disease and research in the US,
also focused talk on areas of her own research, including
the effects of age, sex, genes and environment on risk/phenotype.**

Jennifer Graves, MD, PhD, Associate Professor (USA)

16:15-16:30 Discussion and time for questions

16:45 Closing words and thank you

TICKETS AND FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT

Participation in the digital conference: 150 euros

You can sign up until the 21st of October 2020, but when you purchase your ticket ahead of time, you get the chance to network with other participants well before the event itself.

Registration and further information on the event at: www.lyyti.in/focusonpediatricms

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