

# SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

**9:30AM - 10:30AM**

**All Welcome**

**Keynote A: What Is VWD and Why Do I Bleed?**

**Robert R. (Bob) Montgomery, MD, BRI, Versiti**

Milwaukee is the Center for the National Institutes of Health study of VWD involving patients and families who have been previously or currently diagnosed with VWD. The session will review what causes this bleeding, diagnostics and treatments. Time will be provided for the audience to ask questions.

**Where: Mitchell**

**Keynote B: The Current Treatment Landscape and Emerging Therapeutics**

**Lisa Boggio, MD, Rush University Medical Center**

Examine the current treatment landscape and discover where we are heading with emerging therapies. We'll review research and discuss the pros and cons of current bleeding disorder treatment therapies including standard half-life factor replacement therapies and subcutaneous therapies.

**Where: Oak**

**10:45AM - 11:45AM**

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**Understanding Gene Therapy Research and Its Potential Application to Hemophilia**

**Tessa Field, MS, Certified Genetic Counselor, Spark Therapeutics**

This session will walk you through the journey that started more than 50 years ago with the beginnings of gene therapy research. Learn about the basics of genetics and how they play a role in diseases such as hemophilia. With this knowledge, discover how gene therapy is meant to work and discuss both the potential for and the challenges of investigational gene therapy research today.

**Where: Wright Ballroom**

**1:00PM - 1:50PM**

**Patients and Families**

**Industry Partner Updates**

Industry Partners will provide a brief overview to their company, product(s) on the market and any emerging treatments they may be working on. Following the overview, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions in a roundtable format. Each update will last about 20 minutes.

**Where: Please take a seat in Oak or Mitchell. Speakers will rotate rooms.**

**2:05PM - 3:00PM**

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**Insurance Trends and Barriers for the Bleeding Disorders Community**

**Kollet Koulianos, NHF**

As treatments continue to evolve, the bleeding disorders community faces new challenges accessing services and care. Learn about what is currently happening federally and locally, how you can take an active role, and what might occur as these therapies emerge.

**Where: Wright Ballroom**