

CFRI'S 38TH NATIONAL CF EDUCATION CONFERENCE

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JULY 25 - 27, 2025
VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON



Conference Schedule

All times listed in Pacific Times. Presentation times may vary slightly.

Friday, July 25

3:00 pm	Registration Opens (In Person)
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Support Groups (In Person)
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Reception and Welcome at the Airstream! (In Person)
7:00 pm – 7:45pm	Katrine Whiteson, PhD – University of California Irvine <i>Phages in Progress: Exploring Synergy, Resistance, and Therapeutic Potential</i>
7:45 pm – 8:30 pm	Jaelyn Cooper, MHA - <i>Living Beyond Rare: My Journey with CF, Defying Limits with a Unique Perspective (Inspirational Presentation)</i>

Saturday, July 26

Concurrent Sessions: Those listed in purple denote CFRI-funded research presentations.

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast (In Person)
8:45 am – 9:00 am	Welcome / Opening Remarks / Introduction of Emcee Siri Vaeth, MSW, CFRI Executive Director
9:00 am – 9:45 am	Nicole Tovar, PT, DPT - Endurance PT <i>Addressing Pain in Cystic Fibrosis: Causes, Strategies, and Self-Advocacy</i> • Nadia Ameen, MBBS - Yale University School of Medicine <i>Elucidating the Ion Transport Functions of CFTR High Expresser Cells (CHEs) and Its Relevance to Intestinal Disease in CF</i>
9:55 am – 10:40 am	Ahmet Uluer, DO, MPH - Harvard Medical School/ Brigham & Women's Hospital <i>Aging with CF</i> • Benjamin Chan, PhD; Kaitlyn Kortright, PhD – Yale University School of Medicine <i>Optimization of Phage Therapy to Reduce Pseudomonas-Induced Inflammation in CF</i>
10:55 am – 11:40 am	Raksha Jain, MD, MSc - University of Texas Southwestern <i>Reproductive Health in People with CF</i> • Steven Jonas, MD, PhD; Ruby Sims, PhD - University of California Los Angeles <i>Designing a CF Gene Therapy Nanocarrier Platform to Target and Modify Airway Stem Cell-Derived Ionocytes</i>

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11:50 am – 12:35 pm

Steven Freedman, MD, PhD - Beth Israel Deaconess Med Center / Harvard Med School
Increased Risk of GI and Other Cancers in People with CF

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Feng Yuan, PhD - University of Alabama at Birmingham
Characterization of Ionocyte Subtypes in Cystic Fibrosis Ferrets

12:35 pm – 1:35 pm

Lunch Break

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm

Gregory Ratti, MD - University of Texas Southwestern
Emerging Cardiovascular and Metabolic Risk Factors in the Era of Highly Effective CFTR Modulators

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Anais Amaya, PhD; Matthew Porteus, MD, PhD - Stanford University
A Hybrid Gene Correction Strategy for Cystic Fibrosis

2:40 pm – 3:25 pm

Meghan McGarry, MD, MAS - University of Washington Seattle
Living to Dream or Fighting to Breathe? Why Cystic Fibrosis Isn't Equal for All

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Ron Kopito, PhD; Celeste Riepe, PhD - Stanford University
Corrected CFTR-F508del is Targeted for Endolysosomal Degradation

3:40 pm – 4:25 pm

Joseph Pilewski, MD - University of Pittsburgh
Nucleic Acid-Based Approaches to Treat CF

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Daria Van Tyne, PhD – University of Pittsburgh
Optimization of Activity and Improved Delivery of Bacteriophages Targeting Burkholderia spp

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Innovations and Libations Reception (In Person)

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

CFRI Awards Celebration & Dinner with Special Guests

8:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Dance Party with DJ (In Person)

Sunday, July 27

8:15 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:15 am – 9:30 am

Welcome – Siri Vaeth, MSW, CFRI Executive Director

9:30 am – 10:30 am

Panel Discussion (Jacob Fraker, Sara Modlin-Tucker, Hema Patel, Gail Wright) -
Mental Health Impacts of CF Upon the Family
Moderated by Deb Menet, LCSW - Stanford CF Center

10:30 am – 11:00 am

Break - Room Check-Out

11:00 am – 12:10 pm

Dylan Mortimer, MFA - *Guts, Glitter, Glory*
Presentation, Followed by Interactive Art Workshop

12:10 pm – 12:15 pm

Closing Remarks – Siri Vaeth, MSW

12:15 pm

Conference Ends