



2026 U.S. MOGAD Patient Summit

August 29-30, 2026 | Royal Sonesta, Baltimore Harbor Court
550 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

Saturday, August 29th

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Registration & Breakfast

Whitehall Ballroom

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Opening Remarks & Welcome

Whitehall Ballroom

- Amy Ednie, Cofounding President, The MOG Project
- Julia Lefelar, Cofounding Executive Director, The MOG Project
- Brenda Banwell, MD, FRCP, FAAN
- Elias Sotirchos, MD, PhD

10:45 am – 11:15 am

Session 1 – MOGAD Disease Basics

Whitehall Ballroom

- Brenda Banwell, MD, FRCP, FAAN

11:15 am – 11:45 am

Session 2 – Common Disease Manifestations

Whitehall Ballroom

- Haiwen Chen, MD, PhD

11:45 am – 12:00 pm

Break

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

Session 3 – Common Misunderstandings & Misconceptions

Whitehall Ballroom

- Elias Sotirchos, MD, PhD
- Brenda Banwell, MD, FRCP, FAAN
- Haiwen Chen, MD, PhD

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm

Q&A Panel – Deep Dive into Common Manifestations of MOGAD

Whitehall Ballroom

- Haiwen Chen, MD, PhD
- Brenda Banwell, MD, FRCP, FAAN
- Elias Sotirchos, MD, PhD

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

Lunch

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

Lunch Session – Men & MOGAD: Lunch with the Guys Support Group Meeting

Caucus Executive Conference Room (Men only; No cameras)

- Scott Tarpey
- Elias Sotirchos, MD, PhD

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

Homewood

Lunch Session – Teen Talk with Dr. Banwell (No parents please; No recording)

NOTE: This session is held concurrently with the first set of breakout sessions below.

Youth Session

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm

Music, Movement & MOGAD

Brightons

Led by *Dara Riley* (certified music and movement facilitator and children's yoga instructor with a trauma informed focus) and her husband *Chris* (speech language pathologist), this program uses the joy of music education to foster child development and socialization for the whole family.

Breakout Sessions – First Round • 1:45 pm – 2:30 pm (Attendees choose one)

NOTE: There will be two breakout session rounds. The same breakout sessions offered during the first round will be repeated, giving attendees the opportunity to participate in a different session.

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm

Pediatric Experience Deep Dive (Q&A)

Whitehall Ballroom

- Brenda Banwell, MD, FRCP, FAAN
- Kelly Jones, PhD, ABPP
- Haiwen Chen, MD, PhD
- Eve Kenny, MS CCLS

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm

Adult Experience Deep Dive (Q&A)

Ravenhurst

- Elias Sotirchos, MD, PhD

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm

Finding Support & Resources

Homewood

- Julia Lefelar, Executive Director, The MOG Project
- Gabriele deFiebre, PhD, MPH, Siegel Rare Neuroimmune Association
- Cori Woolf, Patient Health Alliance
- Jennifer Stewart, The MOG Project

Breakout Sessions – Second Round • 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm (Attendees choose one)

NOTE: The breakout sessions below are identical to those offered during the first round.

Attendees are encouraged to choose a different session to maximize their Summit experience.

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Pediatric Experience Deep Dive (Q&A)

Whitehall Ballroom

- Brenda Banwell, MD, FRCP, FAAN
- Haiwen Chen, MD, PhD
- Kelly Jones, PhD, ABPP
- Eve Kenney, MS, CCLS

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

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Ravenhurst

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2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

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- Dara Riley, The MOG Project

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 pm – 3:35 pm

Introduction to SRNA Family Camp

Whitehall Ballroom

- Landy Thomas, Siegel Rare Neuroimmune Association

3:35 pm – 4:05 pm

**Session 4 – Pediatric Patient Experience Panel:
Youth Champion Exchange**

Whitehall Ballroom

- Eileen Coyne & son Patrick Coyne
- Dawn Groves & daughter Hayley Groves
- Brittney Miller & daughter Jaidyn Faust
- Dara Riley & daughter Vivian Riley

4:05pm – 4:15 pm

Session 5 – Youth Champions & Honoring Youth

Whitehall Ballroom

- Julia Lefelar, Executive Director, The MOG Project

4:15 pm – 4:25 pm

Session 6 – Instructions for the Maryland Science Center

Whitehall Ballroom

- Julia Lefelar, Executive Director, The MOG Project

Sunday, August 30th

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Registration & Breakfast

Whitehall Ballroom

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Session 1 – Treatments: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow

Whitehall Ballroom

- Michael Levy, MD, PhD
- Brenda Banwell, MD, FRCP, FAAN
- Haiwen Chen, MD, PhD
- Elias Sotirchos, MD, PhD

11:30 am – 11:45 am

Break

11:45 am – 12:15 pm

Session 2 – Relapses vs. Psuedo-Relapses

Whitehall Ballroom

- Brenda Banwell, MD, FRCP, FAAN
- Michael Levy, MD, PhD
- Haiwen Chen, MD, PhD
- Elias Sotirchos, MD, PhD

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

Lunch

1:15 pm – 1:45 pm

Session 3 – Adult Panel on Patient Perspectives

Whitehall Ballroom

- Jenny Khazen Rodriguez
- Scott Tarpey
- Gaia Gray
- Jennifer Stewart
- Rachael Ryan
- Tyler Walters
- Andrea Mitchell

1:45 pm – 2:15 pm

Session 4 – Hot Topics in MOGAD and Debate

Whitehall Ballroom

- Julia Lefelar, Executive Director, The MOG Project
- Brenda Banwell, MD, FRCP, FAAN
- Haiwen Chen, MD, PhD
- Michael Levy, MD, PhD
- Elias Sotirchos, MD, PhD

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Break

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Working Groups • 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm (Attendees choose one)

NOTE: Working groups offer an opportunity for patients and families to share experiences, discuss common challenges, and ask practical questions with other attendees and physician facilitators. Attendees will choose one group to join, discuss key questions at their table, and bring those questions to larger group for a physician-led discussion. (See next page.)

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Working Group 1 – For Parents: Challenges & Concerns in Transitioning to Adult Care

Whitehall Ballroom

- *Haiwen Chen, MD, PhD*
- *Kelly Jones, PhD, ABPP*
- *Fatema Alzamanan, MD*

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Working Group 2 – Women in MOGAD

Homewood

- *Julia Lefelar, Executive Director, The MOG Project*
- *Danielle Hartigh, Global Patient Engagement & Advocacy Lead – MOGAD, UCB*

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Working Group 3 – Treatment Holidays

Ravenhurst

- *Michael Levy, MD, PhD*

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Working Group 4 – Building Your Care Network

Seton

- *Brenda Banwell, MD, FRCP, FAAN*
- *Elias Sotirchos, MD, PhD*

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Final Remarks & Group Photo

Whitehall Ballroom

TMP Creative Studio Schedule

Brightons

Creative activities are available throughout the Summit! Stop by the TMP Creative Studio to create, play, and connect with other families.

NOTE: The TMP Creative Studio is designed for people of all ages! However, a parent or guardian must remain with their child/ren. For parents and guardians participating in the Creative Studio, **screens will be available in Brighton** so you can stay connected to Summit sessions while enjoying time with your children.

Saturday, August 29th

All-Day Activities

- **Beading Station**
- **Youth Champions T-Shirt Drawing Contest**

Scheduled Activities

10:45 am – 11:15 am

Creating Rainsticks

10:45 am – 1:45 pm

The More You Know Videos

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm

Music, Movement & MOGAD

1:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Rock Painting

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

The More You Know Videos

Sunday, August 30th

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Scheduled Activities

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Button Making

9:00 am – 1:15 pm

T-Shirt Design Voting

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Spaghetti/Marshmallow Team Challenge

10:00 am – 1:45 pm

The More You Know

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm

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