



DSMIG (UK and Ireland)
One day symposium and members' meeting
Friday 10th May 2013
Hatfield House, Hertfordshire AL9 5NQ

9.30 – 11:15 MEMBERS' MEETING (DSMIG members only)

- 09.30 **Arrival & Coffee**
- 10.00 - 11.15 AGM and Business meeting
Roundtable clinical session
Members' problem cases – discussion
Recent queries handled by DSMIG team
- 11.15 **Coffee**

11.30 - 17.00 OPEN MEETING (Non Members welcome)

WHAT MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR CHILDREN WITH DOWN SYNDROME TO LEARN?

- 11.30 The Down syndrome behavioural phenotype: implications for effective early intervention and education
Professor Sue Buckley, Director of Research, Down Syndrome Education International
- 12.15 Verbal short term memory and new word learning in Down Syndrome
Professor Chris Jarrold, Professor in Cognitive Development, University of Bristol
- 13.00 **Lunch**
- 13.45 ADHD, Challenging Behaviour and Use of Medication in Down Syndrome
Dr Jeremy Turk, Consultant Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, South London & Maudsley Foundation NHS Trust
- 14.30 Autism and Down Syndrome
Dr Jeremy Parr, Clinical Senior Lecturer and Consultant, Paediatric Neurodisability, Newcastle University
- 15.15 **Tea**
- 15.30 Sleepy and Sleepless Children with Down syndrome
Professor Paul Gringras, Lead Consultant Sleep and Neurodisability, Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation
- 16.15 The local Down Syndrome service in E& N Herts
Dr Christine Jenkins, Consultant Paediatrician, Community Child Health, E&N Herts NHS Trust
- 16.30 **Research and Guidelines update**
- 17.00 **Close of meeting**

Fee: £80. Book online at dsmig.eventbrite.co.uk

RCPCH has approved this activity for up to 4.5 CPD credits, in accordance with the current RCPCH CPD Guidelines.

For further information please contact Joyce Judson, Administrative Secretary, DSMIG.

About DSMIG

DSMIG is a registered charity. It is a network of healthcare professionals, mainly from the UK and Republic of Ireland. The group meets twice a year, once in London and once at a regional base. The aim of the group is to share and disseminate information about the medical aspects of Down syndrome and to promote interest in the specialist management of the syndrome.

We do this by

- Offering advice through our information service about the medical aspects of Down syndrome, and about some aspects of individual local medical services in the UK.
- Maintaining a website **www.dsmig.org.uk**
- Holding members' meetings and open symposia twice each year, each with a focus on one or two medical issues, models of service provision, research in the field and opportunities for confidential case discussion.
- Developing and maintaining guidelines on best medical practice.
- Producing materials to support the provision of health care for individuals with Down syndrome including PCHR inserts and Down Syndrome Growth Charts

Aims of meeting

Our May meeting 2013 is being held at Hatfield House in Hertfordshire, and will follow our usual format with the meeting being divided into 2 sections:

- * Members' meeting – is for DSMIG members only includes our AGM and business meeting and case discussions
- * Open meeting - focusing on the theme "What makes it difficult for children with Down syndrome to learn?"

Learning Objectives

- Members attending the Member's meeting will have the opportunity to bring cases for interactive discussion, for peer review, to share learning or to seek advice on diagnostic or treatment dilemmas in a safe and confidential environment.
- Delegates to the main meeting will hear a series of presentations by experts who will describe patterns of learning in children with Down Syndrome, and gain an understanding of health, developmental and behavioural issues which may impact on learning.

Who Should Come?

The Open meeting is for health and associated professionals working in the field of Down Syndrome including

- * Health visitors
- * School or other children's nurses
- * Therapists
- * GPs
- * Paediatricians
- * Learning disability nurses and doctors
- * Information officers /advisors from Parent support organisations
- * Other professionals supporting people with Down syndrome
- * Researchers