

ITP National Patient Conference Adds Two Dinner Seminars

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The Platelet Disorder Support Association is pleased to announce the addition of two dinner seminars to the ITP Conference 2008, which will be held June 20-22 in Lombard, Illinois, just outside of Chicago. This year's conference theme, "Lighting the Way: Celebrating a Decade of Caring, Sharing & Hope," commemorates the nonprofit organization's 10th anniversary.

On Friday, June 20th from 6:30-8:45 PM, PDSA and The France Foundation presents **Targeted Approaches for the Management of ITP: Differential Diagnosis, Primary and Secondary Causes, and New Management Strategies**. This CME program is sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline.

On Saturday, June 21st from 6:00-8:00 PM, PDSA and Amgen presents **Recent FDA Regulations for Increased Safety Monitoring of Drugs**.

These educational seminars will provide patients and health care professionals with clinical information on diagnosis and management of patients with ITP and a better understanding of the drug approval process for new treatments.

To attend one or both dinner seminars you must register for the ITP Conference and then register for each seminar. For more program and registration information, visit our Web site <http://www.pdsa.org/itp-conferences/2008-ity-conference/patient-care-program.html> or call toll free 1-87-PLATELET (1-877-528-3538).

If you haven't attended an ITP Conference before, this is the year to come. The Platelet Disorder Support Association will honor Founder Joan Young upon her retirement as president. To celebrate the PDSA's 10th anniversary, a whole host of special activities is planned, including a 10th anniversary party featuring Comedian Rocky LaPorte. The beautiful and brand new Westin Lombard Yorktown Center will serve as the host hotel.

About ITP

ITP, immune (idiopathic) thrombocytopenic purpura, is an autoimmune disease. In autoimmune diseases, the body mounts an immune attack toward one or more seemingly normal organ systems. In ITP, platelets are the target. They are marked as foreign by the immune system and eliminated in the spleen and sometimes, the liver. In addition to increased platelet destruction, some people with ITP also have impaired platelet production. Without a sufficient number of platelets, a person with ITP is subject to spontaneous bleeding or bruising.

About PDSA

The Platelet Disorder Support Association is dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) and other platelet disorders through education, advocacy and research. For more information, please contact us at 1-87-PLATELET or visit our Web site at www.pdsa.org

About The France Foundation

The France Foundation is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. www.francefoundation.com/

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