

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE HEARING YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!!

“Autism Spectrum Disorders: An Update of Federal Government Initiatives and Revolutionary New Treatments of Neurodevelopmental Diseases ”

Government Reform & Oversight Hearing --Subcommittee on Wellness & Human Rights
May 6, 2004, 2:00PM
2154 Rayburn House Office Building

With a “Day on the Hill” to meet with your Senators and Representatives and provide them with key information on issues of importance to you and your loved ones. Sponsored by the International Hyperbaric Medical Association, the American Board of Clinical Metal Toxicology, Mothers United for Moral Support, & Moms Against Mercury.

KEY ANNOUNCEMENT: The IHMA Foundation and the American Board will announce a study that will combine of two treatments that have been found to be effective in treating autistic children - mercury detoxification and hyperbaric oxygen.

First Panel: - Government Witnesses

Second Panel Witnesses:

Rashid Buttar, DO. Treatment for mercury poisoning. Results of a phase two trial of a transdermal (through the skin) chelator with autistic patients. Dr. Buttar will have his son there and about 6 other patients who have been successfully treated with his technique.

Paul Harch, MD. Treatment results from treating autistic children with hyperbaric oxygen (all of the patients from Louisiana in the first autism hearing were Dr. Harch's patients).

Ken Stoller, MD. Treatment results for neurologically injured pediatric patients using hyperbaric oxygen.

Julie Gordon. MUMS Founder & Director. Non profit support group for parents of brain injured children will report on this from a parent's perspective and how these different therapies have benefited MUMS members.

A reception will be scheduled for parents and their children and others interested in this hearing to meet with Mr. Burton.

Notify us if you plan to attend. Send email to AnitaWDuncan@hotmail.com .

Additional meetings are scheduled on May 5th in preparation to move the community's agenda forward.

“Day on the Hill”

This “Day on the Hill” , in conjunction with the May 6th Hearing, is to meet with your Senators and Representatives and provide them with key information on innovative medical treatments and other issues of importance to you and your loved ones.

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A chance to meet with your Congressional Representatives to personally tell them how mercury detoxification or hyperbaric medicine has changed your life!

MAY 4, 2004, Tuesday:

Fly in. Hotel is the Hilton Washington DC/ Silver Spring**. The IHMA has secured a discounted rate for a block of rooms at \$129 per night. The hotel is accessible by metro from the Reagan National Washington DC airport (DCA). You do not need a rental car. The hotel is four blocks from the metro stop and they do have a shuttle service to the metro which will take you around D.C. including the Hearing at the Capitol. To obtain the discounted room rate call Sunrise Travel at 1-800-BE HEAR2 or 800 234-3272.

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MAY 5, 2004:

- 8:00 a.m. - Meeting on agenda items to share with Congress.
- 9:30 a.m. - Meetings start with House and Senate Members.

Individual meetings will be scheduled with your State’s Representatives & Senators. Provide your name, address & telephone number to the email below and appointments will be set up with your representatives. Those appointments have to be done weeks in advance, so let us know you are coming as soon as possible.

During the Day: Voting for Parent & Professional IHMA Advisory Board members.
Details to follow.

Events will be scheduled so that the Parent/Caretaker Board can discuss with parents the IHMA Foundation Parent training courses. Some of the parent board members who may be in attendance are: Julie Gordon, David Freels, Claudine Lanoix, Frank Manson, Polly Spare.

- 7:00 p.m. - Annual IHMA Corporate Board Meeting. All members of the board will be invited to attend telephonically who cannot attend in person. Open to the Public.
- 8:30 p.m. - Annual IHMA Foundation Corporate Board Meeting. All members of the board will be invited to attend telephonically who cannot attend in person. Open to the Public.

MAY 6, 2004

- 9:30 a.m. - Additional meetings with House and Senate Members not seen the day before.
- 12:00 Noon – Your chance to meet with Congressman Burton and other Members (location to be announced).
- 2:00 p.m.- Hearing: “Autism Spectrum Disorders: An Update of Federal Government Initiatives and Revolutionary New Treatments of Neurodevelopmental Diseases ”