



GLOBAL LEARNING CONFERENCE 2025
TEAMWORK
The Ehlers-Danlos Society

AGENDA

SESSION PANEL DISCUSSION BREAK Q&A

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7

TIME (AEST):	SESSION & PRESENTATION:	SPEAKER(S):
08:00 AM	Badge collection & shop opens	
08:30 AM	Ballroom opens	
08:50 - 09:00 AM	Welcome, housekeeping & overview of event theme	
SESSION 1: Exploring Common Complications in EDS & HSD Chair: Dr. Alan Hakim		
DIDACTIC		
09:00 - 09:20 AM	Common Non-musculoskeletal Complications in EDS & HSD	Dr. Alan Hakim
PANEL DISCUSSION: Collaborative Management of EDS/HSD Complications		
09:20 - 10:15 AM	Gastrointestinal Issues in EDS & HSD Neurological Manifestations of EDS & HSD include autonomic dysfunction Skin Care in EDS & HSD Vasculopathy/Vascular Complications	Dr. Rebecca Ryan Luke Hassan Nicole Frost Dr. Fraser Burling Dr. Prash Rao Dr. Fraser Henderson Dr. Alan Hakim Glenda Sobey Chris Holdaway
PANEL Q&A: 10:15 - 10:45 AM		
10:45 - 10:50 AM	Movement with Jeannie di Bon	Jeannie di Bon
BREAK: 10:45 - 11:15 AM		
SESSION 2: Advocacy & Support Chair: Dr. Fraser Burling		
DIDACTIC		
11:15 - 11:45 AM	Improving Access to Care: Lessons from Global Initiatives	Dr. Fraser Burling
PANEL DISCUSSION: Collaborative Approaches to Advocacy & Support		
11:45 - 12:30 PM	Families & Caregivers: The Impact of EDS & HSD on Relationships & Family Dynamics Workplace Accommodations & Vocational Rehabilitation: Collaborating for Success Advocating for Change: Strategies for Self-Advocacy & Community Engagement	Rachel McKenna Jemima Thompson Jennifer McKennariey Pauline Slater Jacqui Main Sherri Marshall Jo Hargreaves Janna Linke
PANEL Q&A: 12:30 - 1:00 PM		
1:00 - 1:10 PM	Movement with Jeannie di Bon	Jeannie di Bon
LUNCH: 1:00 - 2:00 PM		
SESSION 3: Empowering Younger People Chair: Dr. Louise Tofts		
DIDACTIC		
2:00 - 2:30 PM	The Impact of EDS & HSD on Children & Young People & the Challenge & Timing of Diagnosis	Nicole Pates
PANEL DISCUSSION: Collaborative Strategies to Empower Young People		
2:30 - 3:15 PM	Reviewing the new criteria for young people with EDS & HSD Transitioning from Pediatric to Adult Care: Building a Supportive Team Supporting Young People with EDS & HSD: Advocacy & Awareness in Educational Settings	Elizabeth Hornsby Michelle O'Sullivan Cheree Sheldon Dr. Louise Tofts Megan Gilmour Katie Cleary
Developmental Delays		
PANEL Q&A: 3:15 - 3:45 PM		
3:45 - 3:50 PM	Movement with Jeannie di Bon	Jeannie di Bon
BREAK: 3:45 - 4:15 PM		
4:15 - 4:45 PM	Keynote Panel: The Importance of Teamwork in Diagnosing & Managing EDS & HSD Patients	Dr. Alan Hakim Dr. Louise Tofts Luke Hassan Pauline Slater Dr. Prash Rao Dr. Dacre Knight Dr. Clair Francomano
PANEL Q&A: 4:45 - 5:00 PM		Dr. Alan Hakim Dr. Louise Tofts Luke Hassan Pauline Slater Dr. Prash Rao Dr. Dacre Knight Dr. Clair Francomano
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Parents & Carers Welcome Drinks Reception	
5:30 - 7:30 PM	Craft & Connect	
7:30 PM	Gala Dinner	

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8

TIME (EST):	SESSION & PRESENTATION:	SPEAKER(S):
08:00 AM	Badge collection & shop opens	
08:30 AM	Ballroom opens	
08:50 - 09:00 AM	Welcome & housekeeping	
SESSION 4: Evolving Care Models & Technology: Innovations in Service Delivery Chair: Jeannie di Bon		
DIDACTIC		
09:00 - 09:30 AM	Tech, Tools, & Teams: Transforming Healthcare for Hypermobility	Melissa Williams
PANEL DISCUSSION: Collaborative Insights for Delivering Care & Support		
09:30 - 10:15 AM	Leveraging Technology for Symptom Management: Apps, Wearables, & Beyond Online Rehabilitation Programs: A New Era in Allied Health Enhancing Community Engagement through Online Solutions	Michelle O'Sullivan Sophie Shephard Caelum Schild Jeannie di Bon (IMM) Nina Fernandez Dr. Alan Hakim
PANEL Q&A: 10:15 - 10:45 AM		
10:45 - 10:50 AM	Movement with Jeannie di Bon	Jeannie di Bon
BREAK: 10:45 - 11:15 AM		
SESSION 5: Exploring Movement & Exercise Participation: From Fundamentals to Sports & the Performing Arts Chair: Sharon Hennessey		
DIDACTIC		
11:15 - 11:45 AM	The Role of Physical Activity in Managing EDS & HSD: Challenges & Opportunities	Sharon Hennessey
PANEL DISCUSSION: Collaborative Approaches for Safe Movement		
11:45 - 12:30 PM	Performing Arts & EDS & HSD: Supporting Artists & Athletes Adaptive Sports & Inclusive Recreation: Empowering Individuals with EDS & HSD Building Resilience & Supporting Well-Being through Movement & Creativity	Anita Crawshaw Maria Yee Elizabeth Hornsby Dr. Jason Lam Anu Francis
PANEL Q&A: 12:30 - 1:00 PM		
1:00 - 1:10 PM	Movement with Jeannie di Bon	Jeannie di Bon
LUNCH: 1:00 - 2:00 PM		
SESSION 6: Mental Well-being & Neurodivergence Chair: Sophie Shephard		
DIDACTIC		
2:00 - 2:30 PM	The link between hypermobility, anxiety, & mental health issues	Irene Ais
PANEL DISCUSSION: Collaborative Strategies for Supporting Wellbeing		
2:30 - 3:15 PM	Supporting Neurodivergence in EDS & HSD: Understanding & Supporting Unique Challenges Building Resilience: Mindfulness, Meditation, & Mental Wellness Practices Taking a trauma informed lens when supporting hypermobility	Bianca Comfort Sophie Shephard Kylee Black Irene Ais Katie Cleary Dr. Louise Tofts
PANEL Q&A: 3:15 - 3:45 PM		
3:45 - 3:50 PM	Movement with Jeannie di Bon	Jeannie di Bon
BREAK: 3:45 - 4:15 PM		
4:15 - 4:45 PM	Panel Discussion: Addressing the Unmet Needs for those living with EDS & HSD in Australasia	Jacqui Main Dr. Fraser Burling Melissa Williams Sharon Hennessey Dr. Louise Tofts Janna Linke Cliffton Chan
PANEL Q&A: 4:45 - 5:00 PM		