



## CENTERING COMMUNITY THROUGH HEALTHCARE, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH September 4-8, 2019; Washington, DC

### USPATH Washington, DC, 2019 Conference WELCOME!

On behalf of the inaugural USPATH Board of Directors and the USPATH 2019 Meeting Committee, welcome to USPATH 2019 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. We are very excited about our program, dedicated to advancing transgender and gender non-binary health care guided by principles of scientific evidence and mutual respect among individuals.

Our choice to meet in Washington, represents our confidence as clinicians and scientists that despite the numerous gaps in care and knowledge, we can leverage our shared wisdom to learn and to strategize for advancement in the field. We look forward to meeting to make progress overcoming barriers to care here in the United States along with developing approaches to advance science and health care delivery that can serve as models internationally.

Our conference starts Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm with our Keynote Address by Delegate Danica Roem, who won a historic election in 2017 to become the first out-and-seated transgender state legislator in American history, Delegate Roem joined a bi-partisan coalition of state lawmakers in 2018 to expand Medicaid to 400,000 uninsured Virginians and raise teacher pay throughout the commonwealth. Delegate Roem's address to USPATH attendees will be followed by a Plenary Session titled *National Study of the US Trans Population*. The opening session ends with a Welcome Reception & Poster Session for all attendees.

Friday through Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, are filled with abstract-driven sessions—oral abstract scientific sessions and mini-symposia. There will be a huge array of options in sessions to choose from: with five to eight parallel sessions at a time throughout the day. Throughout the conference there will be sessions on child/adolescent care, surgeries, adult mental health, primary care, endocrinology, public health, public policy, insurance and law, and education.

Of particular focus at this conference will be community engagement. We have heard the concerns of the community about accessibility to and accountability of conference proceedings. We have taken several steps in response, including a new Community Rapporteur program that has enlisted community members to attend conference sessions and prepare a community report, and a Town Hall Session to facilitate dialogue and transparency between professionals and lay community members.

Our scientific program this year is very strong, with a diverse array of original research posters, oral presentations and mini symposia presented by a notable slate of experts in the field. Our Scientific Committee consisted of more than 60 experts from a range of specialties who worked tirelessly to select submissions for acceptance within a structured and scientific review framework. After the final list of accepted submissions

was reviewed, the entire program was iteratively reviewed by the Committee to identify gaps, after which further content was added accordingly.

During the meeting, we are pleased to include the following meals and/or beverages with your registration:

- Welcome Reception on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
- Breakfast, coffee/beverage break, and lunch on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>
- Breakfast and AM coffee/beverage break on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

The USPATH Gala which includes beverages, dinner and entertainment will be held on Saturday night beginning at 7:00pm. All paid registrants are invited to attend as part of their meeting fees, additional guest tickets are available for purchase.



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USPATH 2019 Washington DC will be preceded by several outstanding satellite programs:

The WPATH Global Educational Initiative (GEI) Courses will run September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and includes Foundations, Advanced Medical, Advanced Mental Health, and full-day Workshops on Planning & Documenting, Child & Adolescent and Ethics.

A Surgeons Only Course will be held on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and the Surgeon's Dinner for those faculty & attendees is being held on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Surgeons specializing in gender affirming procedures have limited opportunity to network, share techniques, and review outcome data. This program will provide a critical forum for surgeons to advance the state of the science in this growing discipline.

A two-day Nursing Course will be held on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Through a nursing lens, this course will be examining the holistic health of the transgender patient and how we, as health care professionals, can best help our clients reach their optimal state of well-being. While the course is designed for and delivered by nurses, all medical and clinical providers and allied health professionals are welcome to attend.

We are incredibly enthused about the USPATH Conference program. Of course, our success depends on your interest and participation. Now more than ever, our American community of trans-serving health providers, researchers, advocates, and allies is needed to continue to move the field of transgender health forward. Thank you for joining us! We look forward to working and learning together with each of you.

Once again, WELCOME!

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