

**21st International Scientific Meeting of the  
 Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation, Inc.**

July 10 – 13, 2014

Las Vegas, Nevada

Family/Caregiver Track

**\*Times and presenters are subject to change**

*Thursday, July 10, 2014*

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Welcome Reception at Circus Circus  
 Meeting Room A

*Friday July 11, 2014*

8:15 – 8:30

Welcome  
***Dianne Altuna, MS/CCC-SLP***  
***Executive Director, VCFSEF***

8:30 – 8:45

Upstream Arts and VCFSEF  
***Julie Guidry***  
***Executive Director, Upstream Arts***

**Medical Issues**

8:45 -9:15

Overview of medical characteristics of VCFS/22q11.2 deletion syndrome.  
***Vandana Shashi, MD***

9:15 – 9:30

Interpretation of the Medical Literature A guide for families  
***Jennifer McGuire, MD***

9:30 – 10:15

Constipation and other GI concerns in the population with VCFS/22q11.2 Deletion syndrome  
***Virnda Bhardwaj, MD***

10:15 – 10:35

Orthodontic and Dental Issues in the population with VCFS/22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome  
***Patricia Glick, DMD, MS***

10:35 – 10:45

Medical Issues Question and Answer

10:45 – 10:55	Coffee Break
10:55 – 12:10	Sleep Disorders in the population with VCFS/22q11.2 deletion syndrome. <b><i>Margaret Souders, PhD</i></b>
12:10 – 12:25	Physical Function in Individuals with 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome. Dianne M. Altuna MS, Kanlaya Ditthakasem, MNS, RN, CCRP, Hao Liu, PT, PhD, MD, <b><i>Yasser Salem, PT, PhD, NCS, PCS</i></b>
12:25 – 2:00	Lunch (On your own)
12:55 – 2:00	Topics with the Experts  <b><i>(1) Sleep Disorders – Margaret Souders, PhD</i></b> <b><i>(2) Orthodontic and Dental Issues – Patricia Glick, DDS, MS</i></b> <b><i>(3) GI Issues – Vrinda Bhardwaj, MD</i></b> <b><i>(4) Social meeting for young adults and adults with VCFS/22q11.2 DS</i></b>

### **Social Cognition and Social Development**

2:00 – 3:00	What is Social Thinking? <b><i>Pamela Crooke, PhD</i></b>
3:00 – 3:20	Improving Social Cognitive Skills in Adolescents. <b><i>Vandana Shashi, MD</i></b>
3:20 – 3:50	When worrying meets thinking: The impact of negative emotional states on cognitive functioning in children with 22q11.2 DS, <b><i>Tony Simon, PhD</i></b>
3:50 – 4:00	Break (On your own)

## **Adults with VCFS/22q11,2 DS**

4:00 – 5:15

Panel Discussion: Adults with VCFS/22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome

The Protector.

***J.D. Mayo***

Living and Coping with DiGeorge/VCFS/22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome.

***Amy Riordan***

Post-secondary education and VCFS/22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome

***Michelle Padilla***

My life as a fashion designer

***Tessa Koller***

Working with VCFS/22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome

***Jason DiLibero***

My life with VCFS/22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome

***Alison Sicking***

Love

***Adrian Campbell***

## **Annual VCFSEF Members Meeting**

5:15 – 6:00

Saturday, July 12, 2014

8:00 – 8:50

Topics with the Experts

(1) Social Thinking

***Pamela Crooke, PhD.***

(2) Physical Function: Ideas for a healthy lifestyle.

***Yasser Salem, PhD***

(3) Disclosure of diagnosis

***Kelly Schoch, MS***

## Psychiatric Issues across the ages

9:00 – 9:45	Psychiatric issues in Children and Adolescents with VCFS/22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome <b>Kathy Angkustsiri, MD</b>
9:45 – 10:30	Psychiatric issues in Adult with VCFS/22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome – <b>Joseph Cubells, MD</b>
10:30 – 10:45	Questions and Answers
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-11:15	Longitudinal Assessment of Premorbid Adjustment in Individuals with 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome (VCFS) and Association with Psychosis Proneness Petya D. Radoeva, Wanda Fremont, Kevin M. Antshel, <b>Wendy R. Kates, PhD</b>
11:15 – 11:30	Co-Morbidity of Anxiety and Depression in Children with Chromosome 22q11.2 deletion syndrome/VCFS Elliott A. Beaton, PhD; Carl F. Weems, PhD, Kathleen Angkustsiri, M.D., Tony J. Simon, PhD, <b>David Stephenson</b>
11:30 – 11:50	fMRI and the brain; Collecting information for a better understanding of brain functioning. <b>Wendy Kates, Ph.D.</b>
11:50 – 12:05	Brain Connectivity as a Predictor of Psychiatric Symptoms in Youth with 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome (Velocardiofacial Syndrome) <b>Carrie Bearden, PhD</b>
12:05 – 12:20	Launching into Adulthood <b>Donna Cutler Landsman, MA</b>
12:20 – 12:30	Discussion/Questions and Answers

12:30 – 2:30 Lunch (On your own)

1:00 – 2:30 Topics with the Experts

(1) Transition Topics for Young Adults and their Families

***Steve Hooper, PhD., Donna Cutler Landsman, MA***

(2) Psychiatric Issues in Adults

***Joseph Cubells, MD and Wendy Kates, PhD***

(3) Psychiatric Issues Children and Adolescents –

***Kathy Angkustsiri, MD, Carrie Bearden, PhD***

### **Communication and Education**

2:30 – 3:30 Differential Diagnosis of Articulation and Resonance (Velopharyngeal) in Children with VCFS/22q11.2 DS

***Adriane Baylis, PhD***

3:30 – 3:45 Language and Social skills in Infants and Children with 22q11.2 Microdeletion Syndrome

Jean-Jacques Detraux, Koviljka Barisnikov, Steve Majerus, ***Magali Ngawa***

3:45 – 3:55 Questions

### **Break Out Sessions**

4:00 – 6:00

#### **(1) Language and Learning**

The Language of Learning Academically, Socially, and Vocationally: Communication Skills in the VCFS/22q11.2 DS Population

***Susan Carneol MS, Donna Cutler Landsman MA***

Academic profile of children with 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome: Delineating specific mathematics and reading disabilities.

***Stephen Hooper PhD***

#### **(2) Sleep Disorders workshop**

***Margaret Souders PhD***

6:00 Adjourn

*Sunday, July 13, 2014*

8:00-8:45 Meet with the Experts

(1) Articulation/Resonance  
***Dianne Altuna MS***

(2) Language and Learning  
***Sue Carneol, MS***

(3) Social Skills  
**Kevin Antshel, PhD**

**Parents**

9:00 - 9:25 How does having a child with 22q11 DS affect the whole family?  
Kevin Antshel, Ph.D.

9:25 – 9:40 Communication of Psychiatric Risk in 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome  
Kelly Schoch, MS

9:40 – 9:55 Reciprocity of Emotional Health and Well-being in Parents and their  
Children with Chromosome 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome.  
Elliott Beaton

9:55 – 10:10 Online Educational Module-Family Perspectives Web Hosted by Duke  
University Funded by a grant from Dempster Family Foundation.  
Mary Mayo

10:10 – 11:00 Parent Panel  
Mary Mayo,  
Margie Podjasek,

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:05 – 11:25 Living with VCFS in South Africa

11:20 – 11:35	VCFS in Jamaica
11:35 – 11:50	VCFSEF
11:50 – 12:15	Upstream Arts
12:15 – 12:30	Wrap it up
12:30	Adjourn

### **Additional Information:**

#### **1. Disclosure of financial and nonfinancial relationships.**

- a. Instructional personnel disclosures can be found at [www.vcfsef.org](http://www.vcfsef.org)

#### **2. Refund Policy**

- a. Refund of entire cost of registration will be provided if registrant notifies VCFSEF prior to 7/11/14.

#### **3. Conflict Resolution**

- a. Attendees can contact Dianne Altuna, M.S./CCC-SLP, Executive Director of the VCFSEF with any concerns relating to the content of this course.