2025 STIFF PERSON SYNDROME SYMPOSIUM AGENDA
DAY ONE: Saturday, July 19, 2025

Check-In and registration open at 8:30am | Program runs from 9:30am-4:30pm | **IN PERSON & VIRTUAL**

TIME	TOPIC	LOCATION
8:30am-4:30pm 8am-5pm	**Registration** **Combined Brain Sample Collection Begins**	Lobby Avon Room
8:30am-9:30am	**Check-In, Breakfast Buffet, Networking, Sponsor Exhibits**	Lobby
9:30am-9:40am	**Opening Remarks & Overview** *David Axelrod, 2025 SPS Symposium Committee Chair*	Ballroom
9:40am-10:00am	**Stiff Person Syndrome Research Foundation Update** *Tara Zier, DDS, Founder & CEO* *The Stiff Person Syndrome Research Foundation*	Ballroom
10:00am-10:45am	**What is SPS?** *Duarte Machado, MD* *Hartford Healthcare - Director of Program Excellence and Recognition, Chase Family Movement Disorders Center, Hartford HealthCare*	Ballroom
10:45am-11:30am	**Diagnostic Testing & SPS** *Andrew McKeon, MB, BCh, MD* *Mayo Clinic, Director of Neuroimmunology Laboratory, Professor of Neurology, Laboratory Medicine & Pathology*	Ballroom
11:30am-12:00pm	**Diagnostic Criteria Panel Discussion and Q&A**	Ballroom
12:00pm-12:30pm	**Biomarkers and Rare Disease: Mapping a Path to Hope** *Scott Newsome, DO, MSCS, FAAN, FANA* *Johns Hopkins - Professor of Neurology, Director, Johns Hopkins Stiff Person Syndrome Center, Director, Johns Hopkins Neuroimmunology and Neurological Infectious Disease Fellowship Program*	Ballroom
12:30pm-1:45pm	**Lunch Buffet, Networking, Sponsor Exhibits** **Combined Brain Sample Collections**	Lobby Avon Room
1:45pm-2:30pm	**CAR T-Cell Therapy & SPS** *Amanda L. Piquet, MD, FAAN* *Director, Autoimmune Neurology Program, Céline Dion Foundation Endowed Chair in Autoimmune Neurology, Associate Program Director, NeuroID & Autoimmune Neurology Fellowship, Associate Professor of Neurology, University of Colorado School of Medicine*	Ballroom
2:30pm-3:30pm	**Connect & Learn: Topic-Based Discussions**	Ballroom
3:30pm-4pm	**Discussion Group Highlights**	Ballroom
4:00pm-4:30pm	**Leading Voices in SPS: A Panel Discussion** *Featuring Symposium Speakers*	Ballroom
4:30pm 5pm	**Closing Remarks** *David Axelrod, 2025 SPS Symposium Committee Chair* **Combined Brain Sample Collection Ends**	Ballroom Avon Room
	Dinner & Networking, At Your Own Pace *We encourage you to connect with others over dinner or after hours. This is an ideal opportunity to make connections with those who share similar SPS experiences.*	

2025 STIFF PERSON SYNDROME SYMPOSIUM AGENDA
DAY TWO: Sunday, July 20, 2025

Check-In and registration open at 8am | Program runs from 8:55am-2pm | **IN PERSON & VIRTUAL**

TIME	TOPIC	LOCATION
8am-2pm 8am-3pm	**Registration** **Combined Brain Sample Collection Begins**	Lobby Avon Room
8am-9am	**Continental Breakfast** **Networking, Sponsor Exhibits**	Lobby & Ballroom
8:55am-9am	**Opening Remarks** *Tara Zier, DDS, Founder & CEO*	Ballroom
9am-9:30am	**SPS Patient Registry Panel** *Jacqueline Kraska, Registry Manager* *The SPSRF Steering Committee Members*	Ballroom
9:30am-10:15am	**SPS & Mental Health** *Abbey Hughes, PhD, ABPP* *Johns Hopkins - Director, Division of Rehabilitation Psychology & Neuropsychology, Director, MS Rehabilitation Research Fellowship, Associate Professor of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*	Ballroom
10:15am-11am	**Exploring the Global Landscape of SPS Research** *Marinos Dalakas, MD* *Jefferson Health & Athens Medical School, Professor of Neurology & Director of the Neuromuscular Division, Thomas Jefferson University School of Medicine, Professor of Neurology & Chief of the Neuroimmunology Laboratory in the Department of Pathophysiology at the University of Athens Medical School*	Ballroom
11am-12pm	**Brunch Buffet** **Combined Brain Sample Collections**	Lobby & Ballroom Avon Room
12pm-12:45pm	**Stiff Person Syndrome Spectrum Disorders: What Research Is Teaching Us** *Scott Newsome, DO, MSCS, FAAN, FANA* *Johns Hopkins - Professor of Neurology, Director, Johns Hopkins Stiff Person Syndrome Center, Director, Johns Hopkins Neuroimmunology and Neurological Infectious Disease Fellowship Program*	Ballroom
12:45pm-1:45pm	**Connect & Learn: Topic-Based Discussions**	Ballroom
1:45pm-2:00pm	**Discussion Group Highlights**	Ballroom
2:00pm	**Closing Remarks** *David Axelrod, 2025 SPS Symposium Committee Chair*	Ballroom
3pm	**Combined Brain Sample Collection Ends**	Avon Room