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# 2021 Virtual Advocacy Event



Sunday, March 21, 2020  
2:00 PM EST

## Session ONE: Finding help through support groups on Facebook

### Best Practices for finding a Facebook Support Group

*Austin L Chiang MD, MPH; President, Association for Healthcare Social Media*

### Gastroparesis: Fighting for Change

*Melissa Adams VanHouten; Founder, Gastroparesis: Fighting for Change*

### IBS Support

*Nina Pan; IBS Support Administrator, IBS Support; Patient Advisory Committee Member, IFFGD*

### Superior Mesenteric Artery Syndrome Research Awareness and Support

*Tara Williams, President, Co-founder; Staci Gruber, Co-founder, SMAS Research Awareness and Support*

Break

## Session TWO: Finding help through in-person and online support groups

### South Florida Ostomy and Tube Feeding/HPN Support Group

*Lynn Wolfsen; President, South Florida Ostomy and Tube Feeding/HPN Support Group*

### IBS Network

*Alison Reid; Chief Executive Officer, IBS Network*

### Association of Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders

*Maryangela DeGrazia-DiTucci; President and Founder, Association of Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders*

### Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome Association

*Debbie Conklyn; Program Director, Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome Association*

Break

## Session THREE: Developing a Comprehensive Support System

### Air Care Alliance

*Kristina Luke; Executive Director, Air Care Alliance*

### National Celiac Association

*Carla Carter, OTR/L; Director of Outreach and Programming, National Celiac Association*

### Integrative Care with GI OnDemand and Gastro Girl

*Jacqueline Gaulin; Founder, Chief Strategy Officer; William D. Chey, MD; Director, Nutrition and Behavioral Health Services, GI OnDemand and Gastro Girl*

### Resources Available at IFFGD

*Hayley McCorkle; Public Relations Coordinator, IFFGD*



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Monday, March 22, 2021

5:30 PM EST

## Session FOUR: Advocacy Education

### How Congress Works

*Philip Goglas; Washington Representative, IFFGD*

### Advocacy and Why it Matters

*Marissa Lombardi; Program Coordinator, IFFGD*

### How to Contact Congressional Offices

*Philip Goglas; Washington Representative, IFFGD*

### 2021 Legislative Priorities at IFFGD

*Ceciel Rooker; President, IFFGD*

### How to Follow-up with Congress

*Philip Goglas; Washington Representative, IFFGD*

### Live Q&A

*Ceciel Rooker; President; Philip Goglas; Washington Representative, IFFGD*

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

5:30 PM EST

## Session FIVE: Finding Support from Government Agencies

### NIDDK Step Up Diversity Training Programs for the Youth

*Lawrence Agooda, M.D., FACP; Director, Office of Minority Health Research Coordination, NIDDK*

### Transportation Security Administration – TSA

*David McMahon; Federal Security Director; Brenda Grant, Officer, TSA*

### U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

*Karen Block, PhD; Gulf War Veterans' Illness; Arun Sharma, PhD; Gastroenterology U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*

### Gastrointestinal Disorders and the Military Service Member: What You Need to Know

*Mark Riddle MD, DrPH; University of Nevada Reno School of Medicine, VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System*