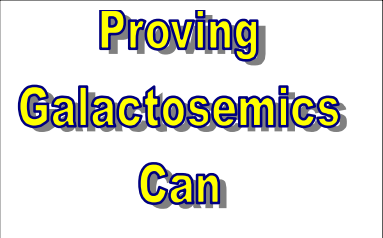




2008 Galactosemia Conference

July 18-19



Welcome to PGC 2008!

We are pleased to invite you and your family to our 2008 Conference to "Prove Galactosemics Can," in Chicago, Illinois. Chicago is known as a powerhouse business center and a sophisticated city of friendly people. It is widely recognized for its culture and the arts and its fierce passion for sports. In the home of the Hancock Observatory, Sears Tower, Navy Pier, Oprah Winfrey and the Magnificent Mile, you'll hear from experts in the field, including medical providers and individuals living with galactosemia. There will be "something for everyone" during the conference in the three programs offered for adults, generation G, and youth/childcare. After the meeting, take in the sites, they're just a short train ride away!

Adult Program:

Friday General Sessions:

- PGC Welcome Michelle Fowler, President
- Research Update with Dr. Judith Fridovich-Keil
- Galactosemia Update with Dr. Louis "Skip" Elsas
- Diet with Sandy VanCalcar, M.S., R.D.
- Galactosemia Update with Dr. Gerard Berry
- Speech and Research Update with Dr. Nancy Potter
- Ask the Experts Question and Answer Session

Saturday General Session:

- PGC Welcome with Maureen Bell, Vice President
- Research Chair Committee Update with Therese Cozzo
- PGC Treasurer's Report with Paul Fowler
- Fundraising with Kristine Lydon and Tiffany Neill
- Regional Group Updates
- Overview of POF

Saturday Breakout Session #2: (Choose one)

- 1)Diet – Elementary Age
- 2)Pre-Speech and Early Speech
- 3)Occupational Therapy
- 4)Ask the Parents Roundtable
- 5)Premature Ovarian Failure

Friday Breakout Sessions: (Choose one)

- 1)Diet Session for Young Adults
- 2)Living with Galactosemia Panel
- 3)Center of Excellence Update
- 4)Topics in Special Education
- 5)Galactosemia 101
- 6)Topics in Galactosemia

Saturday Breakout Session #1: (Choose one)

- 1)Diet – Birth to 5 Years
- 2)Neurological Issues
- 3)Elementary Age Speech
- 4)Occupational Therapy
- 5)Ask the Parents Roundtable
- 6)Ask the Grandparents Roundtable

Saturday Breakout Session #3: (Choose one)

- 1)Diet – Teen Age
- 2)Pharmacy Issues
- 3)Premature Ovarian Failure
- 4)Topics in Galactosemia
- 5)Networking

Conference Registration:

Look for the registration brochure in the mail in February. Be sure to register ASAP to ensure available child care slots. Costs will be \$75.00 per adult, \$75.00 per youth program/Generation G attendee and \$75.00 per child for the onsite childcare. Registration includes onsite breakfasts and lunches both days as well as coffee/soda breaks and snacks.

Look what PGC is doing for you! The following table is an estimate of the cost per person it is going to cost to attend this year's meeting. This cost includes items such as hotel meeting space, food provided, audio visual equipment, speakers, etc.

	Total Meeting Expenses per Person	Your Cost	PGC's Cost
Adult	\$300.00 per person	\$75.00 per person	\$225.00 per person
Child/Youth/GG	\$300.00 per person	\$75.00 per person	\$225.00 per person

As you can see, PGC is working for the galactosemic families and friends in an effort to try and continue these conferences that are so important, while at the same time trying in every way to keep the cost as low as possible for you!

Childcare/Youth Program:

This program is designed for children aged 0-15. Children with galactosemia and their siblings are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity for connecting with peers and beginning lifelong friendships! Based on survey results and comments from PGC 2006, we understand how important it is to provide this program. We have answered this demand by contracting the management of this program to professionals, American ChildCare Services. From blocks to computers, party kitchens to Nintendo, they arrive with the newest and hottest age-appropriate toys, gizmos, and gadgets. Their toy box has something for all ages. Their specialty is creating the ultimate experience in children's programs. For more information about ACS, please visit their website at www.americanchildcare.com

There will be a limited number of children accepted, so, please register early.

Generation G (Young Adult Galactosemic) Program:

Back by popular demand, the Generation G Program will be offered again at the 2008 Conference for those whom are 16 years or older and wish to participate. This program includes both onsite and offsite (non PGC sponsored) activities. Generation Galactosemic (GG) Program invites you to join in the fun at the 2008 PGC Conference! We have two-and-a-half exciting days planned. After registration on Thursday night you and your family are invited to dine together to meet and greet new and old friends. Friday will be spent in our

theatre-type room, getting to know one another, having lunch with the doctors, meeting with the dietician and others, along with a scavenger hunt, afternoon swim, and more. Friday night is in the works! On Saturday, we will be going into the city to take a Speedboat Tour and then to the Navy Pier for lunch and miniature golf. If everyone decides to hang around on Saturday night, and we have enough interest from the GG's, we may plan an additional trip. We look forward to seeing a lot of Generation G participation this year.

Hotel Information:

The conference will take place at the Crowne Plaza O'Hare Airport, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois.

PGC has secured block of rooms at a very good rate. Reservations at the group rate of \$135 + 13% tax = \$152.55 are already being accepted. Rooms at the group rate are limited and first come, first served and you must make your reservation by the deadline of June 23, 2008, or will be subject to paying the full hotel room rate at the current time. (At the time of printing – the hotel's regular rate was \$360 per night) To make your reservation, link to the Hotel's website below or through conference information on PGC's website. Enter your reservation dates, the group code (PGC) will automatically appear. You may also call the hotel at 1-847-671-6350, be sure to mention "PGC" to get the group rate. For those who are driving, hotel parking is \$18.00 per day.

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=cp&hotelCode=chiok&GPC=PGC&IATAno=99503740>

Air Travel:

The recommended airport for travel is O'Hare (ORD) Airport, which is located just minutes from the conference hotel. The Crowne Plaza provides a complimentary shuttle service that departs from the ground transportation area of the airport. Midway (MDW) Airport is also local to Chicago, but farther from the conference hotel. There is no complimentary shuttle service. A taxi will cost approximately \$50 from Midway to the Crowne Plaza.

Helpful Websites:

www.cityofchicago.org/tourism

www.gochicago.com



FUNDRAISING INCENTIVE for PGC's 2008 Conference:

PGC would like to invite everyone to participate in this year's incentive program aimed at increasing donations that will be used to fund the 2008 PGC Conference.

Raise **\$250.00** –

For every \$250.00 raised; one conference registration fee waived for one child/youth

Raise **\$500.00** –

For every \$500.00 raised; one conference registration fee waived for one adult

Raise **\$1,000.00 - \$5,000.00** –

1st Place - Reimbursement for up to three nights stay in the conference hotel

2nd Place - Reimbursement for up to two nights stay in the conference hotel

3rd Place - Reimbursement for up to one night stay in the conference hotel

Raise **\$5,000.00** or more –

1st Place - *Reimbursement for two coach round trip airfare tickets

Reimbursement for up to three nights stay in the conference hotel

Runner up - *Reimbursement for one coach round trip airfare ticket

Reimbursement for up to three nights stay in the conference hotel

Raise **\$10,000.00** or more –

All individuals who raise **\$10,000.00** or more will receive *two coach round trip airfare tickets AND reimbursement for up to three nights stay in the conference hotel.

* To qualify for incentive; all airfare reservations must be made at least three weeks prior to event in order to ensure lowest possible rate. Airfare portion valid only from contiguous 48 states.

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Please, help us make the conference a success and support PGC by raising funds now! It can be really easy. Have a bake sale ... Organize a golf outing ... Go door to door ... Have a lemonade stand...Ask your employer, coworkers, friends, neighbors, and relatives ... Just think; if you could raise on an average of \$30 dollars per week between now and the deadline, that would be over \$1,000.00 !!

Donation checks should be made payable to: Parents of Galactosemic Children, Inc

Donations must be received by **June 1<sup>st</sup> 2008** to qualify for the incentive.

Send to: PGC, Inc.

P.O. Box 2401

Mandeville, LA 70470

Make sure the 'memo' section of the donation check has "your name" and "2008 conference" to ensure you receive credit for the donation.



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# PGC 2008 Conference

## Chicago: July 18-19

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