



TeamMDF Launching Soon!

If you attended this year's MDF Annual Conference, you heard about it there. If you didn't, read on to learn more about MDF's newest initiative. **TeamMDF** is a grassroots volunteer program designed to engage and grow our community, and help MDF achieve its mission by increasing the resources we can devote to people living with DM and to vital research efforts. Volunteers will staff Peer-to-Peer Warmlines, help create local Physician Referral Lists, establish local DM Support Groups, and fill many other important roles for the community and the Foundation. [Click here](#) to read more, and **watch your email and www.myotonic.org** for the October launch announcement and how you can get involved.

MDF Video Academy - Family & Researcher Interviews Added

Have you checked out the MDF Video Academy lately? We've launched thirteen new videos that feature compelling interviews with family members and researchers. You'll hear Dr. John Day talk about the importance of patient registries in convincing companies to pursue treatments for DM, a family member recounting her experience the first weeks after her DM diagnosis, Dr. Jacinda Sampson describing the checklist you'll want your doctor to use at your next appointment, and much more. [Click here](#) to go to the MDF Video Academy and access the entire video library.

MDF Welcomes New Board Members

The Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation is delighted to announce the addition of two new members to its Board of Directors. Dr. Woodie Kessel is a former United States Assistant Surgeon General, community pediatrician and child advocate with expertise in public policy, health equity, community-based partnerships, health diplomacy and much more. Dr. Melvin Kohn is an epidemiologist and pediatrician and currently serves as the Public Health Officer for the State of Oregon. Mel has expertise in epidemiology, preventive medicine and a comprehensive array of public health issues. [Click here](#) to read more about Woodie, Mel, and the rest of the MDF Board of Directors.

2013 MDF Annual Conference - Mark Your Calendars!

The MDF team is already planning the 2013 MDF Annual Conference and it promises to be the best yet. Be sure to mark your calendars for November 8-9, 2013 in Houston, Texas, and watch our monthly email blasts and www.myotonic.org for updates.

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