



Accredited Medical Course Educates Professionals about Rare Pediatric Pain Disease

Free Online Program Available to Doctors, Nurses and Physical Therapists

Milford, Connecticut, February 22, 2018 - The Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association (RSDSA) is offering an accredited online course focused on “The Diagnosis and Treatment of Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) in Children.” Elliot Krane, MD, FAAP, Professor of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine (Pediatric Anesthesia) at the Stanford University Medical Center and of Pediatrics at the Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital will discuss chronic pain in children with a special focus on the diagnosis, treatment, and management of pediatric CRPS. One-hour credit will be given for ACCME, ANCC, and TXPT.

“We are incredibly excited to offer this free course for physicians, nurses, and physical therapists featuring Dr. Krane who is a renowned pediatric pain specialist and often recognized for his TED Talk about “The Mystery of Chronic Pain,” says Jim Broatch, RSDSA’s Executive Vice President and Director. “It is critically important to educate health care professionals and school nurses about the telltale symptoms of CRPS and the importance of an interdisciplinary approach to CRPS treatment.” This virtual course will allow medical professionals the flexibility to learn about pediatric CRPS on their own time and in just one hour.”

The Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association (RSDSA), which supports patients and caregivers diagnosed with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (aka RSD), organizes educational workshops, awareness events, fundraisers and more in hopes of finding a cure and better treatments for the disabling and debilitating neuro-inflammatory disorder named for this organization.

Complex Regional Pain Syndrome is a neuroinflammatory syndrome characterized by intense pain in one or more limbs. The disorder typically appears after a broken bone, sprain, sports injury, or surgery. Although CRPS has distinct telltale symptoms, most pediatricians and medical professionals are unfamiliar with CRPS, which occurs predominately in girls. Although not life-threatening, CRPS often destroys a patient’s quality of life and their family’s as well. CRPS can become chronic and even spread to other parts of the body. CRPS interferes with daily activity and normal everyday functions, leading to as many as 25% of absences from school. Early diagnosis and treatment, with an emphasis on movement, behavioral approaches, and rehabilitation, offer the highest probability of remission.

Often called the “Suicide Disease,” CRPS is rated on the McGill Pain Index as more painful than the amputation of a digit, cancer or childbirth. CRPS affects both children and adults alike.

To participate in the course, visit, <https://rsds.org/rsdsa-pediatric-crps-accredited-online-course/.....>

Formed in 1984, RSDSA is a national 501©3 not-for-profit organization based in Milford, CT. Its mission is to provide support, education, and hope to all affected by the pain and disability of CRPS while driving research to better develop treatments and a cure. For more information about RSDSA, visit <http://rsds.org> or call 877-662-7737.

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