

# DEFY FOUNDATION

## 4<sup>th</sup> Scientific Meeting on Vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome

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Virtual Meeting: Friday, April 9, 2021  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm Eastern

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: Submission Deadline – February 19, 2021**

The **DEFY Foundation** along with meeting Co-Chairs Peter Byers MD, Hal Dietz MD, Xavier Jeunemaitre MD, PhD and Tony Yasick MD, and in partnership with The Marfan Foundation and The VEDS Movement invite you to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> Scientific Meeting on Vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome. The one-day virtual meeting will be held on Friday, April 9, 2021 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Eastern. Full program and registration will be available on March 1, 2021. Registration for the meeting will be free.

Key areas of focus will be sharing knowledge in basic, translational and clinical aspects of Vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome with the goals of developing research directions for advancing therapeutic strategies, development and/or integration of pioneering concepts and theories and establishing collaborations.

All meeting content will be driven by abstract submissions and all presentations (in both platform and poster formats) will be selected from the abstracts. Abstracts are welcomed in all disciplines aimed at identifying or testing medical or surgical interventions, unveiling molecular mechanisms, insights derived from animal models, innovative technologies, provocative concepts and mutation-specific patient reported natural history and surgical outcomes for both children and adults.

Abstracts are due on February 19 and must be **submitted electronically**. Please use the following abstract guidelines.

1. Abstract title should be followed by the last and first names of authors with affiliations noted afterwards. The presenting author's name should be underlined.
2. The abstract should be a maximum of 300 words and include the following sections: introduction, objectives, materials and methods, results and conclusion.
3. Please use 12 pt. Arial, single-spaced, and 1" margins.
4. Abstracts should fit on one page.
5. There is no limit to the number of abstracts a presenter can submit.
6. Certain abstracts will be presented live (10 min oral presentation, 5 min Q&A followed by a panel discussion for the session topic).
7. All authors will receive notification by March 1, 2021 for pre-recorded or live oral presentation.

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