



RARE DISEASE ACADEMY:

Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy in Latin America

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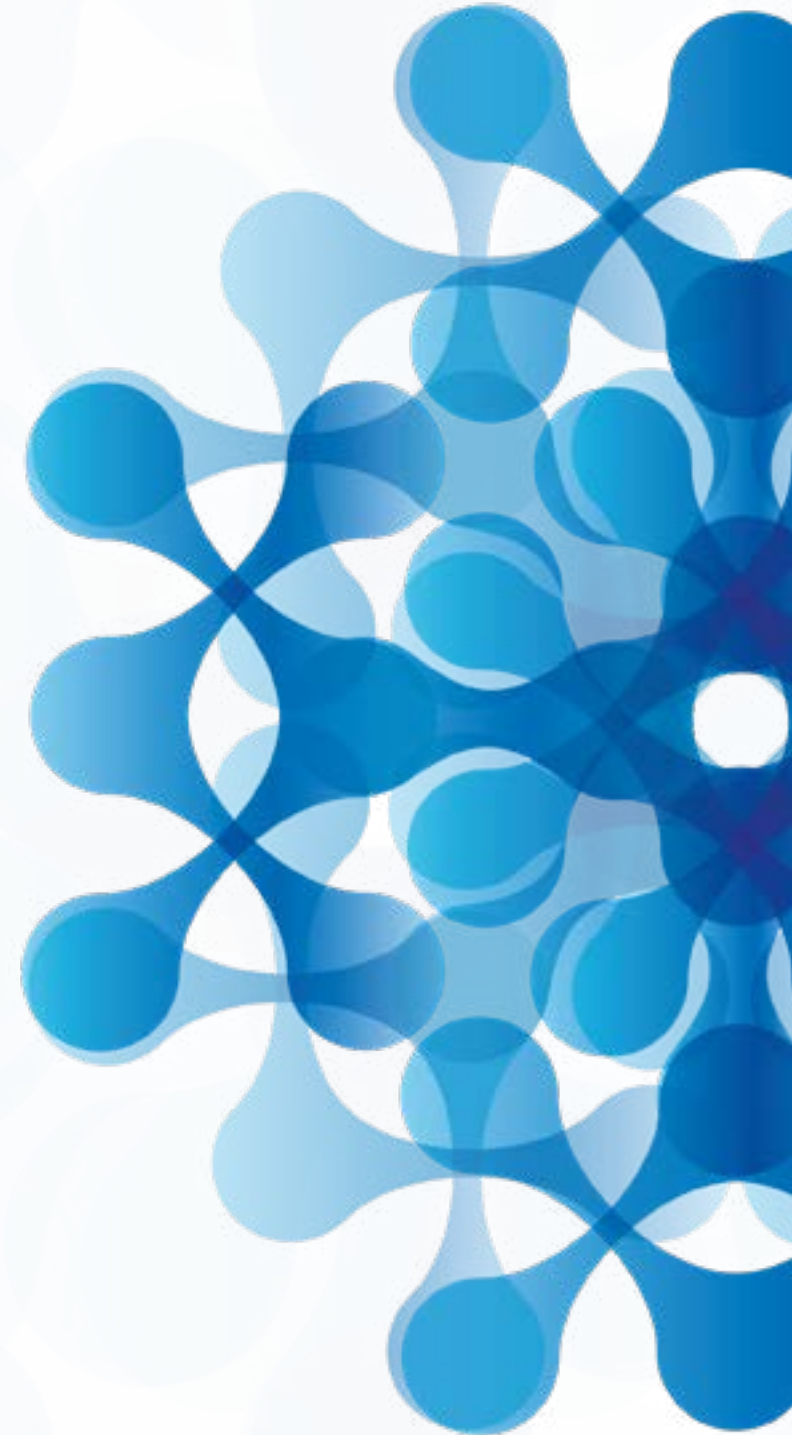
Rare diseases affect a small number of people compared to the general population, but there are six to seven thousand rare diseases that have been discovered, and new diseases are regularly described in medical literature.

Not all rare diseases are genetic, but often are serious, chronic, and progressive. For many rare diseases, signs may be observed at birth or in childhood. However, over 50% of rare diseases appear during adulthood.

The field of rare diseases suffers from a deficit of medical and scientific knowledge. For a long time, doctors, researchers, and policy makers were unaware of rare diseases and until very recently there was no real research or public health policy concerning issues related to the field.

The aim of this course is to focus attention and increase knowledge on: **Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (LHON)**.

Due to the lack of sufficient scientific and medical knowledge, many patients are not diagnosed, and their disease remains unidentified. The course will help doctors in disease diagnosis, in addressing the best therapies today available and in the management of affected patients.



Scientific Program

Saturday, December 17th, 2022

PART 1:

Pathogenesis and clinical characteristics of LHON

Duration: 60 minutes

Time: Colombia: 8am
Argentina: 10am
Rome: 2pm

Moderator

Dr. Franco Antonio Folino

Topics:

- Leber hereditary optic neuropathy: genetics and pathogenesis
Prof. Marko Hawlina
- How to recognize the disease-typical clinical presentations
Dr. Alvaro J. Mejia-Vergara
- Genetic and behavioral counselling in LHON
Dr. Alicia Díaz
- Clinical Case
Dr. Dolores Gonzalez-Morón

PART 2:

Atypical presentations and management of LHON

Duration: 60 minutes

Time: Colombia: 9am
Argentina: 11am
Rome: 3pm

Moderator

Dr. Franco Antonio Folino

Topics:

- Atypical presentations and differential diagnosis
Prof. Marko Hawlina
- Management of patients with LHON: Established and emerging therapies
Prof. Marko Hawlina
- Clinical Case
Dr. Pablo Romero

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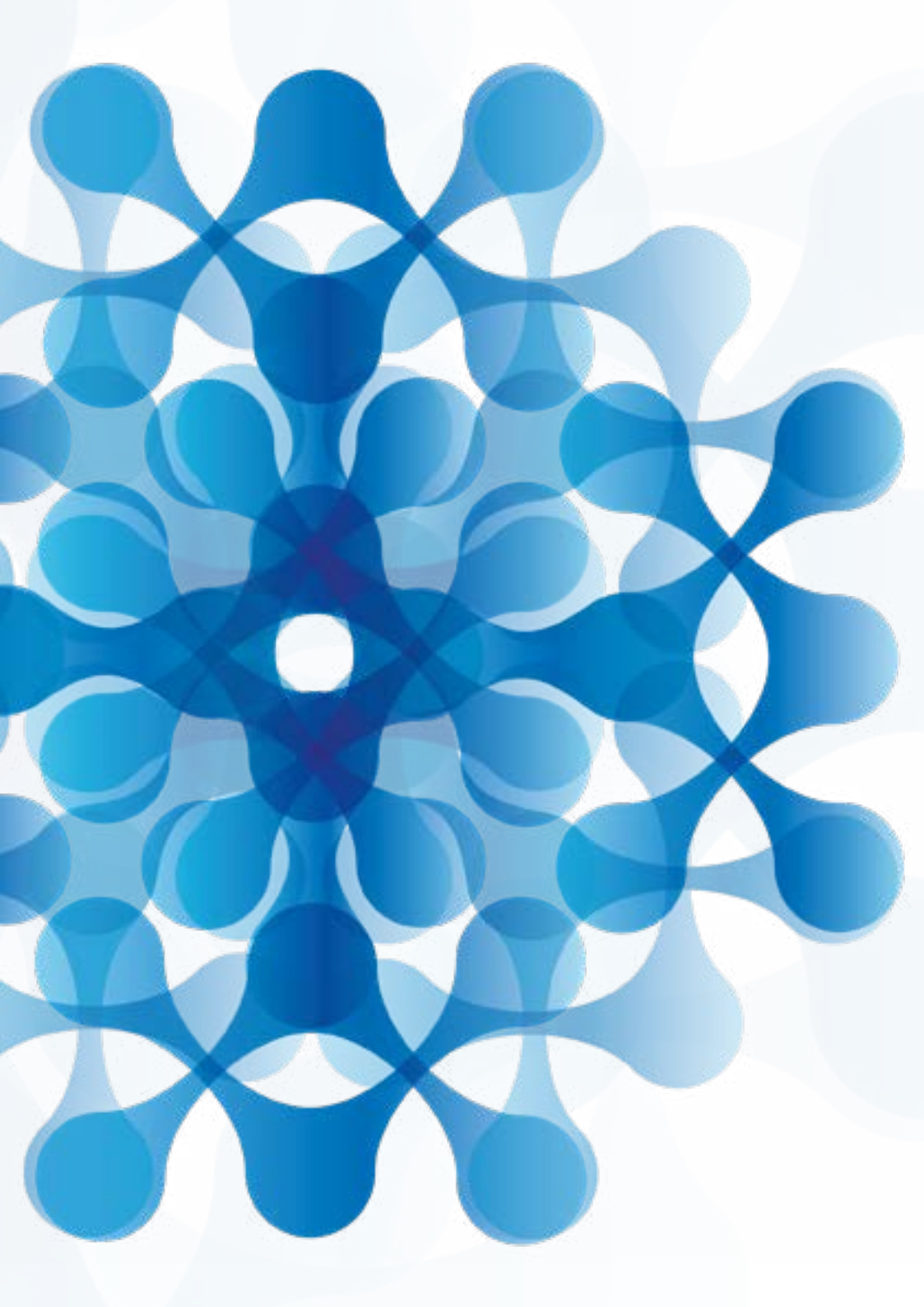
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