

# 2011 Symposium Agenda



**\*Please note that this agenda is still preliminary, thus sessions and presenters are subject to change.**

## Thursday, June 23, 2011

- 7:30 AM                    **Registration**
- 8:00 – 9:00 AM           **Breakfast**
- 8:15 – 8:45 AM           **Welcome - Board Introductions and History**, Kathy Wiedemer,  
Executive Director
- 8:45– 9:45 AM           **Discovery and Progress - Mesothelioma Research Funding and  
Department of Defense Funding**, Lee Krug, MD
- 9:45 – 10:15 AM        **National Mesothelioma Virtual Bank**, Mike Becich, MD, PhD  
*The National Mesothelioma Virtual Bank (NMVB) is a national resource for  
mesothelioma research. Learn more  
about the NMVB and how it supports the work of researchers and puts  
federal funding to work to end the meso tragedy.*
- 10:30 – 11:15 AM       **Advocacy 101: What to say and how to say it**, Jessica Barker,  
Government Affairs Coordinator  
*Learn everything you need to know to raise awareness about mesothelioma  
while in Washington and when you return home.  
We'll discuss what to expect, what to say and how to say it.*

11:15 – 12:00 PM      **Shuttle Boarding and Depart for Capitol Hill**

1:00 – 2:00 PM      **Briefing on the Hill**

*The Meso Foundation with Senator Patty Murray's Office will host a briefing on mesothelioma for Capitol Hill staffers. The briefing will focus on educating staffers about the devastating disease, how it affects American families and how they can help find a cure.*

2:00 – 4:00 PM      **Option to go visit State Senators or Legislators**

5:45 – 6:45 PM      **Legal Panel**

*The Meso Foundation's 2011 Diamond Level - Legal Partners for a Cure will be answering questions on the legal process with regard to mesothelioma.*

7:00 – 9:00 PM      **Welcome Reception**

9:00 – 10:00 PM      **Celebration of Life: Tribute Ceremony**

*\*Private Gathering for Family and Loved Ones*

## **Friday, June 24, 2011**

8:00 – 9:00 AM      **Breakfast**

8:30 – 8:45 AM      **Advancing the Mission**, Hanne Mintz, Co-Chair of the Board of Directors

8:45 – 9:00 AM      **Connect with the Meso Community Online - Website, Blogs, Social Networks**, Maja Belamaric, Outreach Director

9:15 – 11:00 AM      **Breakout sessions guided by Supportive Care Professionals**, For Patients, Caregivers, and Those Coping with Loss

*The mesothelioma experience is one of the most stressful experiences of a person's life. Support groups can help many people cope with the emotional aspects of this disease and or loss by providing a safe place to share experiences and learn from others who are facing or have faced similar.*

11:15 – 12:00 AM      **Complementary and Alternative Medicine Approaches**, Jeffrey D. White, MD, Director of the Office of Cancer

Complementary and Alternative Medicine  
*Complementary and alternative medicine approaches (CAM) will be discussed as they relate to the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of cancer.*

12:15 – 1:15 PM

**Lunch**

1:30 – 3:15 PM

**Experimental Strategies in Peritoneal Mesothelioma**, Paul Sugarbaker, MD; Richard Alexander, MD;

Robert Taub, MD, PhD; Edward Levine, MD; John Chabot, MD; James Pingpank, MD

*Find out what's new and hear from the experts their thoughts on the management of peritoneal mesothelioma*

**\*Includes 30 minute session for Q & A's**

**OR**

**Mind Body Healing**

*Explore with practitioners ways some of the ancient healing arts that can be of benefit to all members of the community.*

*Stress reduction, symptom management and renewing the spirit will be the focus of these sessions.*

**OR**

**Government Benefits: Know your Options**

**OR**

**Feathering The Nest: Tips for Success in the Real Estate Market**

Many of you are selling your home and/or buying a new property. Learn from a professional real estate agent

insider tricks of the trade to ensure success.

3:30 – 4:30

**Global Perspectives in Malignant Mesothelioma**, Steven Mutsaers, MD, PhD; Luciano Mutti, MD, PhD;

Liz Darlison, Nurse Consultant, Eudice Goldberg, MD

*Experts from around the globe will discuss the growing epidemic of mesothelioma and ways in which the global community can work together to bring about a cure.*

6:00 – 7:00 PM

**Gala Celebration of Hope Reception**

7:00 – 9:00 PM

**Gala Celebration of Hope Dinner**

*Pioneer Award – Dr. Raffit Hassan*

*Hope Builder Award – Linda Reinstein, ADAO*

*Klaus Brauch Volunteer of the Year Award – Larry Davis*

*Recognition of Named Grants*

*Recognition of People Living with Meso*

## Saturday, June 25, 2011

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM      **Breakfast**
- 8:45 – 9:00 AM      **Opening Remarks**, Axel Hanauske, MD, PhD, MBA
- 9:00 – 10:30 AM      **Experimental Strategies in Malignant Mesothelioma**, David Schrupp, MD; David Sugarbaker, MD; Manish Patel, MD; Lee Krug, MD; Raffit Hassan, MD; Daniel Serman, MD.  
*Surgeons and Medical Oncologists share their innovative, state-of-the-art strategies to treat both the newly diagnosed as well as the relapsed or non-surgical patients.*
- 10:45 – 11:15 AM      **Updates on Clinical Trials and Standard Therapies**, Mary Hesdorffer, NP  
*Talk will focus on multi-center trials as well as standard drugs used to treat malignant mesothelioma.*
- 11:15 – 12:15AM      **Q & A Panel**  
*Ask (the above) medical professionals your questions.*
- 12:30 – 1:30 PM      **Lunch**
- 1:30 – 1:45 PM      **Closing Remarks**, Kathleen Wiedemer, Executive Director
- 2:00 PM      **Option to visit the Meso Foundation’s new offices in Old Town Alexandria and go sightseeing and shopping in this historic neighborhood.**
- 1:45 – 4:30 PM      **Science Advisory Board: Closed Session for Scientists**