Meet the Speakers

Listen to Your Gut and the Experts: HPEN Advice & Updates Mini-Meeting

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Dr. D “Dante” Yeh, MD MHPE, FACS, FCCM, FASPEN
Chief of Emergency General Surgery

Dr. Daniel Dante Yeh MD, MHPE, FACS, FCCM, FASPEN is a Professor of Surgery at University of Colorado School of Medicine and an actively practicing surgeon at Denver Health Medical Center. He has a strong interest in nutrition and is currently serving as Physician Certified Director of the National Board of Nutrition Support Clinicians (NBNSC) Board of Directors; he is the President-elect for the Critical Care Section of the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN). Dr. Yeh as authored 20 book chapters and over 150 peer-reviewed journal publications, including several on the topic of enterocutaneous fistula management. He has given multiple invited lectures at ASPEN Clinical Nutrition Week and international nutrition conferences on the topics of EC fistula management, indirect calorimetry, critical care nutrition, and enteral and parenteral nutrition.
Kristie Griggs, FNP-C, CNSC

Kristi is a registered nurse with 20 years of experience in home parenteral nutrition support. She is board certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Nutrition Support Clinician. Her clinical areas of interest are the pediatric complex care patient and disorders of mitochondrial metabolism.
Dr. Donald Kirby, MD, FACP FACN FAGG FASPEN CNSC CPNS
Director, Center for Human Nutrition

Dr. Kirby is a gastroenterologist who specializes in Nutrition at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology and Nutrition Support. His practice encompasses from very malnourished patients, who may require enteral or intravenous nutrition, to those with morbid obesity. In addition, he is the Director for the Center for Human Nutrition, the Medical Director for the Intestinal Transplant Program, and a Professor of Medicine.
Dr. Tiffany Taft
Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Tiffany Taft is a licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in the social and emotional impacts of chronic digestive diseases. She graduated in 2009 with her doctorate in Clinical Psychology with a specialization in behavioral medicine. Her clinical training occurred at Northwestern University in the gastroenterology division, as well as Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago. Dr. Taft is currently an Associate Professor at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago in the Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology. Her research focuses on two main areas: medical trauma and post-traumatic stress patients that inflammatory bowel disease may experience, and how hypervigilance to gut symptoms impacts patient outcomes in those with chronic diseases affecting the esophagus. Dr. Taft is the recipient of multiple grants from the National Institutes of Health and serves on national and international scientific advisory panels to emphasize the importance of whole-person care that includes mental health and quality of life. She also founded an independent group private practice in 2012 of psychologists and social workers who specialize in helping those with chronic medical illness in the Chicago area. Dr. Taft is also a patient and has lived with Crohn’s disease since 2002 and eosinophilic esophagitis since 2016.
Crystal Killian
Oley Ambassador

Crystal started her diagnoses journey in 2008, while working full time in the sterile biopharmaceutical industry. She was diagnosed with mitochondrial depletion/myopathy, then with dysmotility and pelvic floor disfunction. She loves to travel both domestically and internationally, and lived in The Netherlands for several years while traveling for work. Crystal had to stop working in 2016, and in 2017 had a port-a-cath placed and started home parenteral (IV) nutrition (HPN).

Crystal is a strong personal advocate, and believes in educating others about living with chronic illness. She is very passionate about making sure people who access/use her port use proper aseptic technique. She is very open in discussing her experiences with living with chronic illness, including the parts some people might consider taboo or embarrassing.

Crystal lives in East Norriton, Pennsylvania. She enjoys several outdoor activities like horseback riding, boating, fishing, and swimming, and spending time with her niece and nephews. She believes you should live each day to your fullest, knowing that that can be very different each day.
Lynn Nagin Wolfson, MBA, Ed.S.
Oley Ambassador

Lynn was born in 1959 with Hirschsprung’s disease. She was diagnosed in 1963 at age four with Hirschsprung’s disease. She has had over 50 surgeries and eight ostomies altogether. For 17 years her ileostomy has been permanent. In 2013, a gastrostomy feeding tube (G-tube) was placed for feeding and later used for venting and emptying stomach contents. Lynn is now fed intravenously through a central line. In addition to venting through the g-tube and HPN feeding, Lynn also has an ileostomy and catheterizes six times a day to urinate.

Lynn has a Bachelor's degree in Marketing, a Master’s in Business Administration, a post masters in Computer Systems and an Educational Specialist in Mathematics Education. She was a corporate executive for nine years and taught middle and high school math for 16 years. Lynn lives in South Florida and has been married for 36 years. She has two daughters and two grandsons with a granddaughter on the way. Lynn swims a half a mile three times a week. She has traveled the world.

Lynn has been a WEGO award nominee. In addition she has been inducted into The Broward County Senior Hall of Fame. Lynn’s name was recognized in the US House of Representatives for the work she does. The Knights of Columbus has awarded her for her continued donations of medical supplies to the uninsured, homeless, destitute and emergency situations.