CHILDREN, VETERANS, AND SENIORS
Life with a Brain Condition that has No Cure

LUNCHEON BRIEFING | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019

Please join us for a lunch briefing on Thursday, October 17, to hear from a few of the over 1,000,000 Americans living with hydrocephalus and, most importantly, what actions members of Congress can take to demonstrate support. Hydrocephalus is a debilitating condition caused by an abnormal accumulation of fluid in the brain. Anyone can develop it at any time, and the only treatment is brain surgery. There is no cure.

Our panel will address the condition’s impacts on children, their families, veterans and seniors. We’ll also cover what the medical community is doing to improve treatments or perhaps even find a cure. Current Congressional discussions regarding research funding, medical coverage and patient protection all impact our community.

CHALLENGES

Michael Illions, Vice President, Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation, father to Cole living with hydrocephalus, will address the impact on children and their families.

James Spence, U.S. Army retired, will address traumatic brain injury in the veteran population.

OPPORTUNITIES

Dr. Mark Luciano, neurosurgeon and Director of the Cerebral Fluid Center, John Hopkins Medicine, will present both the challenges and opportunities faced by researchers to find treatment alternatives and cures.

Diana Gray, President and CEO, Hydrocephalus Association, will share opportunities for Congressional engagement.

Congressman Christopher H. Smith and Congressman Lloyd Doggett, Co-Chairs, Congressional Pediatric and Adult Hydrocephalus Caucus, invited to deliver remarks.

DATE: Thursday, October 17, 2019
LOCATION: Rayburn 2044
TIME: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Lunch will be served.

Please RSVP to help us plan accordingly. advocacy@hydroassoc.org

This briefing is in coordination with the Congressional Pediatric and Adult Hydrocephalus Caucus
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