

Media Advisory, Second International Cytomegalovirus Workshop

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EVENT: Second International Cytomegalovirus Workshop

DATE: March 27 - 30, 1989

PLACE: University of California, San Diego Mandeville Center Auditorium

PROGRAM: Between 150 and 200 basic scientists, clinicians and industry representatives will gather to exchange the latest information on cytomegalovirus. CMV, a member of the herpesvirus family, infects virtually all AIDS patients and may act as a co-factor with the AIDS virus in suppressing the immune system. CMV is also the major viral cause of birth defects and poses a serious risk for organ transplant recipients.

Oral presentations and poster sessions will deal with topics ranging from the molecular genetics of the virus to diagnosis and treatment:

-AIDS and CMV

-Disease spectrum and epidemiology

-Viral diagnosis and antiviral agents

-Immunology and vaccines

-Latency, oncogenic transformation and pathogenesis
Genome structure, replication and viral gene expression
Protein structure and function

The workshop, the first meeting of its kind since the 1983 Conference on CMV Infection in Philadelphia, is being organized by UCSD researchers Stephen A. Spector and Deborah H. Spector.

All sessions will be open to the press. Details of the program will be available in late February.

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