At 20 years old, Reed is a serious NASCAR contender. While driving speeds of up to 200 mph, his blood sugar has never gone over 190 mg/dL while competing. Ryan grew up racing; his need for speed was inherited from his father, Mark Reed, who was a NASCAR driver. “I don’t remember a time I didn’t want to be in a race car,” Ryan says. At 17, he was driving 100 mph at the race tracks — but when he was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, he was told that he had to stop. Ryan refused to accept that his racing career was over and successfully set up a medical support team to help him control his blood sugar, both on and off the track.

Ryan has teamed up with Lilly Diabetes and the American Diabetes Association for the “Drive to Stop Diabetes” campaign. He raises awareness about type 1 and inspires millions to pursue their dreams.

Thousands have watched NASCAR star Ryan Reed race his number 16 “Drive to Stop Diabetes” Mustang. Now you can meet him in person. “It became obvious to me there were kids out there being told they couldn’t do what they wanted to do because of the disease [diabetes]. I wanted to tell my story.” – Ryan Reed

Join us for a one-day educational conference for caregivers, young adults, teens and tweens (ages 9 to 12) for the latest research, educational updates, product information and a chance to meet with other families on their own journey with type 1.

Special Tweens Program (ages 9 to 12) “Moving to Independence” is a diabetes management refresher for tweens. While still under the supervision of parents, tweens who are gaining some independence often need a refresher in diabetes management basics. While parents are in break-out sessions, tweens can participate in fun diabetes educational activities.

Please note: Children under age 9 who are registered will need to attend the keynote and break-out sessions with their parents. There will be no childcare available at the conference.

JDRF is the leading global organization funding type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. JDRF’s goal is to progressively remove the impact of T1D from people’s lives until we achieve a world without T1D. JDRF collaborates with a wide spectrum of partners and is the only organization with the scientific resources, regulatory influence, and a working plan to better treat, prevent, and eventually cure T1D. As the largest charitable supporter of T1D research, JDRF is currently sponsoring $568 million in scientific research in 17 countries. In 2013 alone, JDRF provided more than $106 million to T1D research. More than 80 percent of JDRF’s expenditures directly support research and research-related education.

For more information, please visit JDRF.org or call 610-664-9255.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

When: March 28, 2015
Registration opens at 8 a.m.

Where: Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel
201 N. 17th St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

Cost: $35 per person
Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, and program materials.

A discounted parking rate of $15 will be available at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown. The hotel is walking distance from Suburban station.

Registration: Register online at:
chop-diabetes.eventbrite.com

If you need to register by mail, you may download an application from the conference website or call Judy Ayala (CHOP) at 215-590-2428 or Dan Lennon (JDRF) at 610-227-0361.

Deadline: Deadline to register is March 1, 2015.
Space is available on a first come, first served basis. Register early!

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY
The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and JDRF (formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) reserve the right to cancel or postpone the conference due to any unforeseen circumstances. If you wish to withdraw from the event, please send a cancellation letter by Feb. 25, 2015 to: Diabetes Center for Children, 11NW30, CHOP, 34th and Waverly Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Services for the Disabled
The Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel is handicap accessible. Guests with special questions or concerns should contact the hotel directly at 215-448-2000.

PROGRAM

8 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45 a.m. Welcome and Introduction
9 a.m. Ryan Reed NASCAR Driver
For everyone
10 a.m. Break with Exhibits
10:30 a.m. Morning Breakout Session and Tween Program
(Choose one from A, B or C)
11:30 a.m. Lunch and Exhibits
Meet with other families who have a child with diabetes the same age as your child.
(Carbohydrate counts and gluten-free meals will be available.)
12:45 p.m. Afternoon Breakout Session and Tween Program
(Choose one from B, D, E or F)
1:45 p.m. Conference Ends

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

A. Research update on islet transplantation
Islets that produce insulin have been transplanted into study participants with type 1 diabetes. The goal of islet transplantation is to maintain normal blood sugar levels without the risks of hypoglycemia. In clinical trials, islets have been transplanted into individuals with type 1 and many have no longer depended on injected insulin.

Learn about this research and prospects for the future.
Presenter
Ali Naji, M.D., Ph.D., Penn Medicine; Vice Chair, Research, Department of Surgery; Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Program

B. What Color Is Your “Diabetes Communication” Brain®
Do you wonder why inquiries about blood sugar levels, log book updates, healthy snacks, and diabetes management create receptive communications or accusatory conflicts in your family? Discover why, when you determine your Brain Color personality, you will improve your communication skills, create more harmony in your life, decrease your stress and enrich your family relationships.

Learning to understand your own and others’ Brain Color personalities will be a no-brainer!
Presenter
Sheila Glazov, mother of a son who has T1D, author, personality expert, educator and professional speaker

C. How to be a good advocate for your child with type 1 through use of 504 plan and other tools
Public schools must make reasonable accommodations for students with medical needs. But what happens when they can’t or don’t? Learn the best way to approach your school district and ensure your child is getting the medical care they need to best manage their diabetes.
Presenter
Alan L. Yarvin, Chair Emeritus, Legal Advocacy Subcommittee, American Diabetes Association

D. Everything you wanted to know about continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) but were afraid to ask
A Continuous Glucose Monitor is a sensor that tracks blood sugar levels every day and night — every five minutes. How do you use so much information? What are the pros and cons of a sensor? How is it worn? Does it make sense for you or your child? Get the answers to these and many other CGM questions.
Presenter
V. Sanoe Harrison, M.D., Fellow, The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

E. What is Encapsulation Therapy and why is this exciting?
The Encapsulation Therapy Program involves enclosing beta cells in a device that will be placed under the skin. This system will allow the beta cells to produce insulin as needed. Learn more about this amazing research and what it can mean for the future management of type 1.
Presenter
Andrew Rakeman, Ph.D., Director, Discovery Research, Beta Cell Regeneration and Immune Therapies Program, JDRF

F. Round table discussions on raising your child with type 1 diabetes across the developmental spectrum
Parenting a child with type 1 changes over time. If your child is a toddler, school age, middle school, high school or young adult, meet with providers and parents who can help you anticipate the challenges your child will face with type 1 management.

Presenters
Members of the Diabetes Center for Children at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia