



# FAMCARE Information Session: Managing Challenging Behaviour

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2023

# 17:00 London, UK time

Welcome: by **Verena Wanker-Gutmann**, PWS Austria, Chair, IPWSO Famcare Board, Austria

Moderator **Susanne Blichfeldt, MD.** The Danish Prader-Willi Association, IPWSO Clinical and Scientific Advisory Board (CSAB), Denmark

# Listening up - what a PWS behavioural challenge could be.

#### 17:05 **Susanne Blichfeldt, MD.**

Susanne is a paediatrician with many years' experience of diagnoses, clinical treatment, education and advising families and professionals about PWS in Denmark and abroad. She has undertaken research about growth hormone treatment in PWS and has published widely. She is co-founder of the PWS Danish Association, and leader of the Advisory Board in the Association. She has been involved with IPWSO since 1991, and is currently a member of the IPWSO Clinical and Scientific Advisory Board and the of the IPWSO Famcare group. Susanne is married with children and grandchildren and has a son who is 43 years-old, living with PWS.

Susanne will be presenting on **Behavioural challenges in young children** 

# 17:20 Janice Forster MD,

Janice is a Board Certified General and Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist in private practice in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, USA, where she specializes in Developmental Neuropsychiatry, a subspecialty devoted to the evaluation and treatment of individuals with neurodevelopmental disorders. For over 30 years, she has acquired special expertise in the management of children, adolescents, and adults with PWS across all levels of care.

She is clinical consultant to the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of USA (PWSA|USA) where she serves on the Clinical Advisory Board. She is also a member of the IPWSO Clinical and Scientific Board, and a co-founder of the Pittsburgh Partnership, specializing in clinical assessment, program consultation, and psychoeducational interventions for parents, professionals and providers working with PWS.

Janice will present on Behavioural challenges in older children and adults

# Preventing Challenging Family Life.

# 17:50 **Yvonne Rochford**

Yvonne is based in Donegal, Ireland, and has an honours degree in Management and Business Studies from The Queen's University, Belfast. Yvonne has worked in operations on a national level for almost 10 years. Her most recent role has provided consultancy to both public and private sector businesses. Yvonne joined the board of PWSAI in 2020, and the Famcare board of IPWSO in 2022. She has two children, and her daughter was born with PWS in 2019.

# 18:05 **Lynn Garrick**

Lynn is the mother of 5 children, the youngest was diagnosed with PWS as an infant. She is a registered nurse and works as a program director for AME Community Services which is a residential provider for those living with PWS. In addition to her professional involvement with AME Community Services Inc., she has been a board member of the Minnesota Prader-Willi Syndrome Association for the past 16 years and serves as the medical and research coordinator for PWSA | USA, Chair of IPWSO's Professional Providers and Caregivers Board, and an IPWSO Trustee.

# 18:20 Discussion and Q&A

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