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# MDF Dispatch



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## Erich Maurer of Switzerland: Seeing DM From a New Perspective

Erich Maurer grew up in a small farming town in northern Switzerland. His mother was diagnosed with DM1 after complications from a surgical procedure. After his mother's diagnosis, some of the Maurer family health history began to make sense, and they learned several other family members, including his uncle and cousin, also had DM. [Click here to read more.](#)

2014 MDF Annual Conference  
Sept. 12 - 13 Washington, DC



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## Expanded Programming at the 2014 MDF Annual Conference! Registration Opens April 15

In addition to updates on current research from our pharmaceutical and academic partners, the 2014 conference will offer expanded programming from expert speakers and facilitators to better serve the needs and interests of different attendees.

Advocacy is a key theme at the 2014 MDF Annual Conference. "We chose Washington, DC as the location for the 2014 conference to highlight the growing importance of advocacy in advancing Care and a Cure for DM," said Jeremy Kelly, MDF Board Chair. [Click here to read more.](#)

Tell your members of  
Congress to reauthorize  
the #MDCAREAct!

[www.myotonic.org/  
take-action](http://www.myotonic.org/take-action)

## Learn How You Can Help Bring DM to Capitol Hill

The Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation (MDF) is committed to raising awareness about myotonic dystrophy (DM) and the DM community with members of Congress and important federal agencies like the FDA. That's why this year's annual conference will be held in Washington, DC and will feature workshops dedicated to training attendees to advocate on behalf of our community. This year our goal is to expand our engagement with key stakeholders in Congress, federal and state agencies, medical professionals and the media. We need your help. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Check out these important events and announcements!

[Dine Out for DM in Dallas, Texas TONIGHT!](#)

[Pregnancy Survey Still Seeks Participants](#)

[Ford Drive 4 UR Community Benefits MDF in Lenexa, Kansas May 3](#)

Join the community! Follow us on:



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