



## Northeast PANS/PANDAS Parents Association News To Use

### Greetings

We hope you had a great holiday season and stayed safe and warm during all the fun snow storms of the past month. We have been busy working on new initiatives and we are excited to share 2 new events happening in April. See below for more details. Thanks for your continued support.

NE PANS/PANDAS Parent Association Founding Members,  
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## A Video Montage of the NE PANS/PANDAS Conference is available for viewing! Be sure to check it out..

Thank you Lisa Grisolia for putting together this beautiful video of the conference. It is an inspiring recap of the weekend. We will continue to work hard on behalf of all the children, parents and doctors that need help. Thanks for your continued support.

To view the video please [CLICK HERE](#)

## Be a part of change and help make IVIG available for children that need help now!



CAN WE COUNT YOU IN?

## We Need Your Help Promoting A Breakfast for Doctors and Members of the Medical Community

If you are a doctor or member of the medical community, please join us for an informative breakfast with local and national PANS & PANDAS specialists discussing their treatment protocols, latest research findings, case studies and answering your questions.

This is a great opportunity for doctors, psychiatrists, physician's assistants and anyone in the medical community interested in learning more about PANS/PANDAS.

If you are a parent, please promote this event and encourage your child/children's doctors to attend. To print out a flyer with the details [Click Here to go to our events page and find the PDF icon!](#)

### Featuring PANS/PANDAS Specialists:

**Susan Swedo, M.D.**

*Chief Pediatrics & Developmental Neuroscience Branch at the NIMH*

**Madeleine Cunningham, PhD;**  
*Co-Founder and Chief Scientific Officer, Moleculera Labs*

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**Nancy O'Hara, M.D.**

*Pediatrician, Center for Integrative Health*

**Mark Pasternack, M.D.**

*Unit Chief, Pediatric Infectious Disease at Massachusetts General Hospital*

**WHEN:** Monday, April 7, 2014  
7:00 am Continental Breakfast  
7:30 - 9:30 Panel Discussion and Q&A

**WHERE:** Quincy Marriott  
1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy,  
Massachusetts

**REGISTER:** [Click Here](#) to register for the breakfast

There is a bill in Massachusetts that has been submitted and referred to the Joint Committee on Financial Services in regards to PANDAS/PANS.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! It does not matter if you live in Massachusetts or not, your voice counts no matter where you live.

We know this bill is just for Massachusetts, but one step can have a ripple effect across the country. We have to start somewhere and this is happening now!

The bill's number is H 984-an act relative to insurance coverage for PANDAS/PANS.

PLEASE! Tell us about your family's experiences with PANDAS/PANS. Do you have an IVIG success story to share with the Legislators. Have you battled with insurance companies for coverage of treatments recommended by your doctors. Have you experienced financial hardship because of this disorder. Share your story and have it heard by the Legislative Committee. Email your story to [pandaspanma@gmail.com](mailto:pandaspanma@gmail.com)

You can also contact the group behind this by [Visiting their Facebook page](#).

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## And here is an event for parents, school nurses, therapists and anyone looking to learn more....

### A Doctor Q & A Panel Set for April 6th at 3pm



WHEN: Sunday, April 6, 2014  
3:00 pm to 5:30 pm

WHERE: Quincy High School Auditorium  
316 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA

COST: \$35 per person

REGISTER: [Click Here](#)

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Join us Sunday, April 6th to participate in a question and answer forum with leading PANS/PANDAS specialists from across the country. For more information or to purchase tickets for the Q & A panel please visit our website at [www.nepandasparents.com](http://www.nepandasparents.com). To make a donation or sponsor this event please contact us at [info@nepandasparents.com](mailto:info@nepandasparents.com)

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