

# Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Founding of Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International (GMDI) at Emory: Recognizing Emory's Impact on Genetic Metabolic Nutrition Therapy

**Honoring GMDI Founding Members:** Amy Cunningham, Barbara Marriage, Barbara S. Goss, Carol Hartnett, Cristine M. Trahms, Dianne M. Frazier, Elaina Jurecki, Fran Rohr, Helen McCune, Kathleen Huntington, Kathryn Camp, Laurie Bernstein, Linda Tonyes, Rani H Singh, Sandy Van Calcar, Sharon L. Ernst, Shideh Mofidi, Steven Yannicelli, Ulrike Reichert

**Hybrid Half-Day Conference | Emory Conference Center Hotel, Atlanta, GA**  
October 24, 2025 | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM EST

## AGENDA

### 10:00 - 10:10 AM **Welcome**

Thank You Video Message From Emory University

Introduction | Saran Raj Gurung, MBA & Rosalynn Borlaza Blair, MA

### 10:10 - 10:30 AM **Emory's Role In the Making of GMDI**

Opening Remarks | Rani H Singh, PhD, RDN, LD

Introduction | Laurie Bernstein, MS, RD, FAND

### 10:30 - 11:00 AM **Introducing GMDI Founding Members & Their Contributions**

Moderator | Amy Cunningham, MS, RD, LDN

### 11:00 - 11:45 AM

## Keynote Presentation

### **Nutrition for Precision Health: Integrating Genetics into the Future of Personalized Nutrition**

**Holly Nicastro, PhD, MPH**

Coordinator, Nutrition for Precision Health,  
National Institutes of Health



Introduction | Fran Rohr, MS, RD



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**11:45-12:15 PM      Lunch Break with Platinum Sponsors**

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**12:15 - 12:45 PM      Highlighting Achievements & Collaborations In The Field Of Inherited Metabolic Disorders Globally**

Panelists | Alice Dianin, RD, Anita McDonald, OBE, PhD, RD, Anuja Agarwala, MSc, RD, Gabriela Valle, RD, Jeanne Ruth Basas, RND, Sara Guillen-Lopez, RD, MS, Sue Thompson, BSc, AdvAPD

Moderator | Barbara Marriage, PhD, RD

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**12:45 - 1:10 PM      Integrating Nutrition Research into Clinical Trials**

Panelists | Bridget Wardley, MS, RD, Alexandra Larkin, Amie Thompson, RD, LD

Moderator | Elaina Jurecki, MS, RD, FAND

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**1:10 - 1:35 PM      Leading with Science: A Professor-Dietitian's Journey in Elevating Genetic Nutrition Research**

Spotlight Talk: Melanie B. Gillingham, PhD, RD, LD

Introduction | Sandy Van Calcar, PhD, RD, LD

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**1:35 - 1:50 PM      "Honoring our Past, Celebrating our Present, Planning for our Future"**

Jessica Kopesky, MS, RD, CD, CLC, GMDI President

Introduction | Jessica Strosahl, PhD, RDN, LD

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**1:50 - 2:00 PM      Challenges & Opportunities for New Metabolic Dietitians Emerging in the Field of Genetic Metabolic Nutrition**

Closing Remarks | Rani H. Singh, PhD, RDN, LD

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