

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition: HDSI International Conference 2025

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23rd & 24th August 2025 | AUDITORIUM 2, NIMHANS Convention Centre, Bengaluru

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**Theme: Advancing Science and Care: Unified Strategies for Huntington's Disease**

## ABOUT CONFERENCE

The Huntington's Disease Society of India (HDSI) is proud to host the HDSI International Conference, a gathering of global experts, researchers, clinicians, patients, caregivers, and policymakers dedicated to advancing the understanding, treatment, and care of Huntington's Disease (HD).

The Huntington's Disease Society of India (HDSI) held its 1st Edition of the International Conference on August 16 and 17, 2019, at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) in Bengaluru. This event marked a significant milestone in the organization's mission to support individuals affected by Huntington's Disease (HD) in India.

With the theme, "Advancing Science and Care: Unified Strategies for Huntington's Disease," this two-day conference aims to bridge the gap between cutting-edge research and holistic patient care, fostering a collaborative environment where innovation meets compassion.

The conference program will spotlight research-centric discussions, featuring breakthroughs in genetic research, therapeutic advancements, and neuroprotective strategies, culminating in a dynamic panel discussion on translating research into actionable solutions. We will also discuss patient-centered care, addressing the needs of HD patients and caregivers. Discussions between policymakers and healthcare professionals will help lay groundwork for potential national strategies for access to comprehensive treatments and create sustainable healthcare models for Huntington's Disease.

Together, we aim to build a future where science, care, and advocacy converge to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by Huntington's Disease. We want this conference to serve as a catalyst for meaningful change and be a testament to the power of unified action in overcoming challenges.

Join us in this mission to create a better tomorrow for the Huntington's Disease community.

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## PROGRAM:

The two-day program will cover advances in research, clinical settings, patient care and present policy makers and government representatives with proposals on multidisciplinary care clinics for improvement in the lives of HD patients. We will talk about the importance of early interventions to delay disease onset but also mental health support for HD patients and caregivers. In between these sessions we will also hear from patients and caregivers. Details on the sessions across both days are coming soon.

If you would like to present at the conference, please reach out to Email: [Conference2025@HDSI.in](mailto:Conference2025@HDSI.in)

## POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS

Poster Abstract - 200 Words – mail [Conference2025@HDSI.in](mailto:Conference2025@HDSI.in) with the subject line 'HDSI poster presentation' by June 15, 2025

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Verbal and poster presentations will be decided based on the recommendations of reviewers. Abstracts and author contacts would be made available to the registered participants and book containing the abstract of all selected papers will be made

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## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Paper/Presentation abstract submission</b> 15th June 2025	<b>Registration</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> June - 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<b>Conference dates</b> 23rd - 24th August 2025
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## REGISTRATION FEES & TRAVEL SUPPORT

Patients and caregivers are welcomed to attend for free

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For students from anywhere – Rs. 500

For researchers and clinicians from India – Rs. 1500

For researchers and clinicians from outside India – Rs 5,000

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Researchers, Clinicians, Pharma companies, Patients and Caregivers, Government Officials & Policymakers, anyone who is interested.

## ABOUT HDSI

Huntington's Disease Society of India (HDSI) is a non-profit organization committed to supporting individuals and families affected by Huntington's Disease (HD), a rare, genetic neurodegenerative disorder. Established in 2019, HDSI has been at the forefront of advocacy, care, and research for HD in India, striving to improve the quality of life for patients and their caregivers.

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