



## **SEMINAR ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **“DS-Connect™ – The Down Syndrome Registry”**

**April 30, 2014 - 7.30pm-9.00pm  
George Mason University  
Johnson Center, Room D**

Come and learn everything you need to know about the recently launched **Down Syndrome Registry**.

The speakers, Dr. Melissa Parisi and Dr. Sujata Bardhan, will talk about “DS-Connect: The Down Syndrome Registry,” and give a demonstration on how to join and the types of information a participant can view.

The main **purpose** of the registry is to **connect people with Down syndrome with researchers**, by providing health information related to their Down syndrome diagnosis. These data will be kept private and secure. Ultimately, this registry will speed up clinical research on Down syndrome with the goal of providing new treatments and improving the quality of life for individuals with Down Syndrome.

The speakers will also briefly review the history of this effort and why NIH is involved along with The Down Syndrome Consortium. The registry was launched in September 2013 and has 1666 participants already, with a professional portal for clinicians, researchers, and advocates under development. The speakers will be available to answer any questions related to the registry or the professional portal.

**Please RSVP to:** [hconover@gmu.edu](mailto:hconover@gmu.edu) or [fulcher@gmu.edu](mailto:fulcher@gmu.edu) if you plan to attend.