NEW ENGLAND REGION HEMOPHILIA NETWORK

# Annual Meeting 2026

November 9–12, 2026 · Royal Sonesta - San Juan

### Agenda & Speaker Bios

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## Day 1 · Monday, November 9 — 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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| **2:00 – 3:00 pm** | **Hemostasis and Thrombosis Nursing Association** · Querube Room<br>**Presenter:** Joseph Stanco, DNP, FNP-BC, HT-ACN, CPI (CEO & President, Hemostasis and Thrombosis Nursing Association) |
| **3:00 – 4:30 pm** | **Puerto Rico HTC Advocacy** · Querube Room<br>**Presenters:** Leslie Soto, MD and Samuel Pabon, MD (Puerto Rico Hemophilia and Thrombosis Treatment Center)<br>• HTC overview (Alice Cohen, Newark HTC)<br>• Puerto Rico Adult Patients<br>• Stakeholders from the political sector |
| **5:00 – 6:00 pm** | **Registration** · Lobby<br>*Register and enjoy cookies, coffee, tea, etc!*<br>**Greeter:** NER Annual Meeting Planning Committee |
| **5:00 – 7:00 pm** | INVITE ONLY **NER Executive Committee Meeting** · Verde Luz Room |
| **8:00 – 9:00 pm** | **Registration** · Lobby<br>*Register and enjoy cookies, coffee, tea, etc!*<br>**Greeter:** NER Annual Meeting Planning Committee |

## Day 2 · Tuesday, November 10 — 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

**8:00 – 9:00 am** — **Breakfast / Welcome**
*Please register upon arriving.*

**9:00 – 9:30 am** — **Welcome Address – Regional Updates** · Querube Room
**Presenters:** Christopher Walsh, MD, PhD (Regional Director, New England Region)
Kaitlin Barnett, LCSW (Regional Administrator, New England Region)

**9:30 – 10:00 am** — **Landscape of Puerto Rico HTC** · Querube Room
**Moderator:** Angela Ciraolo (WNYBC)
**Presenters:** Leslie Soto, MD & Samuel Pabon, MD (Puerto Rico Hemophilia Treatment Center)

**10:00 – 10:30 am** — **Access to Care Discussion** · Querube Room
**Moderator:** Angela Ciraolo (WNYBC)
Abby Lowe Wilson (NHPCC)

**10:30 – 10:45 am** — **Break / Snack** · Azucenas Room

**10:45 am – 12:00 pm** — **Path to Independence** · Querube Room
**Moderator:** Catherine Conner (Albany HTC)
**Presenter:** Abby Lowe-Wilson (NHPCC)
1. Peds transition (Mass Gen HTC)
2. Aging transition (Northwell)
3. Learning lab (Dartmouth)

**12:00 – 1:00 pm** — **Lunch** · Azucenas Room

**1:00 – 2:30 pm** — **Breakout by Discipline**
*Find your discipline and room below.*

| DISCIPLINE | FACILITATOR(S) | ROOM |
|---|---|---|
| **Providers/Nurses/Pharmacists** | Stacy Croteau | Querube |
| **Social Workers** | Jackie Bottacari / Emily Baker | Cafetal |
| **Physical Therapists** | Sara McLean | Olas |
| **Data Managers** | Asher Dillmann | Madrigal |
| **Finance/Administrators** | Tom Wilmarth / Janene Robie | Verde Luz |
| **Organizations/Patients** | Elizabeth Cedeno / Nelly Miranda | Arenas |

**2:30 – 2:45 pm** — **Snack / Transition to main room** · Azucenas Room

**2:45 – 3:15 pm** — **Breakout Debrief** · Querube Room
**Moderator:** Kaitlin Barnett, LCSW (Regional Administrator, New England Region)
**Panel:** Discipline groups report out

**3:15 – 4:15 pm** — **Insurance Landscape** · Querube Room
**Moderator:** Catherine Conner (Albany HTC)
**Presenters:** Mariam Goldstein (Artemis Policy Group)

**4:30 – 6:00 pm** — **Reception** · Boardwalk / Flamboyan Garden

## Day 3 · Wednesday, November 11 — 8:00 am – 2:30 pm

**8:00 – 9:00 am** — **Breakfast** · **Azucenas Room**
*Please sign in upon arriving.*

**9:00 – 9:30 am** — **Multi-presenter: Clinical Challenges** · **Querube Room**
**Moderator:** Angela Ciraolo (WNYBC)
**Panel:** WNYBC (Aging)
SUNY (Pediatric)

**9:30 – 9:45 am** — **Snack / Transition to Session 1** · **Azucenas Room**

**9:45 – 10:30 am** — **Session 1**
*Choose one track.*

TRACK 1 · ADMINISTRATIVE
**Surviving an HTC Audit** · **Cafetal**
**Moderator:** Lisa Cohen (Rutgers TC) / Kaitlin Barnett
**Speakers:** Representatives from Rutgers & Boston
A targeted session focused on compliance, documentation strategies, and best practices for successfully navigating a Hemophilia Treatment Center audit.

TRACK 2 · GENERAL
**Motivational Interviewing & Shared Decision-Making** · **Verde Luz**
**Moderator:** Emily Baker (UConn)
**Speaker:** Jessica Wulf (WNYBC)
A practical guide to using motivational interviewing techniques to foster collaborative, patient-centered care and shared clinical choices.

TRACK 3 · MEDICAL
**Rebalancing Agents: Innovation & Clinical Realities** · **Querube**
**Moderator:** Catherine Conner (Albany HTC)
**Speakers:** Joe Stanco (Northwell), Laura McKay (CT Children's), & Adrienne Zhan (Mount Sinai)
An in-depth clinical look at novel rebalancing agents. This session covers current data, real-world adoption, clinic success stories, and crucial patient perspectives.

**10:30 – 10:45 am** — **Snack / Transition to Session 2** · **Azucenas Room**

**10:45 am – 12:00 pm** — **Session 2**

*Choose one track.*

TRACK 1 · ADMINISTRATIVE

**340B Unwrapped: Hot Topics in Program Income** · **Verde Luz**

**Moderator:** Jennifer Kruczek (CT Children's) / Kaitlin Barnett

**Speaker:** Elizabeth Karan, JD, MPH (Legal Counsel, Hemophilia Alliance)

A deep dive into issues shaping 340B program income today. Issie brings a legal perspective grounded in the experience of hemophilia treatment centers (HTCs), which depend on 340B savings to sustain comprehensive, patient-centered care.

TRACK 2 · GENERAL

**Beyond the Bruise: Pain, Bleeding, & Sexual Well-Being in Bleeding Disorders** · **Querube**

**Moderator:** Robin Reid, MD (Mary Gooley HTC)

**Speakers:** Pebble Kranz, MD, FECSM, IF, MSCP and Daniel Rosen, LCSW-R, CST, CSTS (Rochester Center for Sexual Wellness)

This session is led by a sexual-medicine clinician and sex therapist who will show how to open a comfortable, inclusive conversation; distinguish concerns that need medical evaluation from those that may benefit from psychosexual support; and offer practical first steps within the scope of comprehensive care. Participants will learn what sexual-medicine specialists and sex therapists do, when to involve pelvic-floor physical therapy or other specialists, and how to make a referral that patients are likely to understand and use.

**12:00 – 1:00 pm** — **Lunch** · **Azucenas Room**

**1:00 – 1:45 pm** — **Multi-Presenter Research Slam** · **Querube Room**

**Moderator:** Jenifer Davila, MD (Hemophilia Treatment Center at Montefiore)

**Panel:** **340B funded Research Awards:** WNYBC, HTC at Montefiore, Boston Bleeding Disorders Center
**340B funded clinical research:** Mass Gen (Eric Grabowski, MD)
**ATHN Dream award:** Yale Hemophilia Treatment Center (Mike Recht, MD)

**1:45 – 2:30 pm** — **Point of Care Ultrasound: What comes next?** · **Querube Room**

**Moderator:** Rose Ann Bovenzi, RN, BSN (Mary M. Gooley Hemophilia Center)

**Panel:** Yale Hemophilia Treatment Center
Maine Bleeding Disorders Clinic
Mary M. Gooley Hemophilia Center

**2:30 – 2:45 pm** — **Wrap-up / Evaluation**