



**9th Annual Clusterbusters
Cluster Headache Conference**

September 18-21, 2014

**The Inn at Opryland
2401 Music Valley Drive
Nashville, Tennessee**

Conference Syllabus

Presentations by:

Gammacore	Dr. Brian McGeeney	Ausanil Dr. Anjan Chatterjee
Dr. Larry Schor	Mr. Bill Mingus	Dr. James Fadamin
ATI	Emmanuelle Schindler	CB Advocacy Panel
Ms. Lisa Hertz	Alexis Williams	
Mr. Bob Wold Pres. - Clusterbusters		Mr. Lee Markins Conference Chair

All Presentations in the The McGavock Rooms B, C, and D

Thursday September 18:

- Presidents Reception at 6pm – location to be announced
- Registration opens at 6pm

Friday September 19:

- Registration opens at 8:00 am
- Speakers begin at 9:00 am Sharp - Conclusion of presentations 5pm

Saturday September 20:

- Speakers begin at 9:00 am Sharp - Conclusion of presentations 5pm

Sunday September 21:

- Social time and final goodbyes - location to be announced

Speakers:

- **Mr. Lee Markins - Conference Chair**

Lee has experienced cluster headache for most of his life, having gone from chronic for 19 years to episodic for 28 years and now back to chronic. A strong advocate for CH, he has attended the last three Headache on the Hill meetings in Washington DC. This is his second year as Chair Person for the Clusterbusters Annual Headache Conference. He will begin the conference by leading the audience introductions.

- **Mr. Bob Wold- President, Clusterbusters, Inc.**

Bob Wold is founder and President of Clusterbusters, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the research of cluster headache and to support people with cluster headache and their families. Based in greater Chicago with his wife and 4 children, Mr. Wold has talked to 1000s of cluster sufferers. In fact, over 25 years of his adult life was burdened with severe cluster headache that was resistant to all standard treatments. That all changed after he tried psilocybin, which has helped regain control over this illness for him and now hundreds to perhaps thousands of other cluster headache patients all over the world.

Recently, along with Dr. Larry Schor and Dr. Robert Shapiro, Bob helped develop the "Cluster Headache Fact Sheet" for use by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK

The sheet can be downloaded from this page:
<http://www.crisiscentersblog.com/?p=2382>

Bob will present a brief history of Clusterbusters, review the last year, and address plans for the coming year.

- **Brian E. McGeeney, M.D. MPH**

Dr. Brian E. McGeeney, is a neurologist at Boston Medical Center and full time faculty (Assistant Professor of Neurology) at Boston University School of Medicine. Dr McGeeney is a Diplomat of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, with the added qualification in Pain Medicine. Dr McGeeney is also boarded by the American Board of Pain Medicine and holds the United Council on Neurologic Subspecialties board in Headache Medicine. Dr. McGeeney will explore some historical aspects of this disorder, some important people in the initial description and treatment and how to make a good diagnosis. The discussion will also review some related disorders that can mimic cluster headache. The treatment of cluster headache will feature prominently in the presentation. Dr McGeeney will be the keynote speaker.

- **Dr. Larry Schor Ph.D.**

Dr. Schor is a Professor of Psychology at the University of West Georgia and a licensed psychotherapist, who will focus on the psychological aspects of CH. He is a Licensed

Professional Counselor and Certified Professional Counselor Supervisor in Georgia. His research, teaching, and practice focus on the psychological effects and treatment of trauma. He is particularly interested in states of consciousness associated with trauma and pain; especially alterations in consciousness associated with cluster headaches.

Dr. Schor will be presenting to the full conference as well as holding another closed group discussion session as he has done in the past. Please be sure to check on the scheduling and location of this session while at the conference. We welcome him back to Nashville, for what will be an exciting and highly interactive session.

- **Mr. Bill Mings**

Bill is a long time veteran of cluster headache. He has been active in the online community and was a member of OUCH USA for many years. Considered by many as an expert on the use of oxygen in the management of cluster headache, Bill will share his knowledge during a breakout session "Oxygen - Making It Work For You. A Hands On Demonstration and Discussion". This will be an opportunity to learn more about oxygen use including tips and tricks to optimize its effectiveness.

- **Lisa Hertz**

Lisa is an English Teacher and marathon swimmer from St. Petersburg, FL. She was diagnosed with chronic cluster headaches in 2006, and started seeking alternative treatment methods in the summer of 2007 after being hospitalized with cluster headaches and serious asthma complications. Last year, Lisa won a 12 mile marathon swim race around Charleston, SC and was only one of five swimmers to make it across rough conditions of the 24 Mile Tampa Bay Swim. In Lisa's presentation, she will discuss overcoming multiple health issues and the importance of a positive mindset.

- **Emmanuelle Schindler, M.D. Ph.d**

Dr. Schindler is a Neurologist at Yale School of Medicine. She received a B.S. in Biological Psychology at the College of William & Mary in 2003 graduating *Summa cum laude*. She received her MD and PHD in Neuroscience from Drexel University College of Medicine. She has won several awards and honors including the American Academy of Neurology Award, Excellence in Neurology-May 2012. She has numerous publications. Dr. Schindler will be presenting the results of Clusterbusters Medication Use Survey. She will also be updating everyone on the new cluster headache clinical study that is in the works.

- **James Fadamin, Ph. D**

Dr. Fadiman did his undergraduate work at Harvard and his graduate work at Stanford, doing research with the Harvard Group, the West Coast Research group in Menlo Park, and Ken Kesey. A former president of the Institute of Noetic Sciences and a professor of psychology, he teaches at the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, which he helped found in 1975. An international conference presenter, workshop leader, management consultant, and author of several books, he lives in Menlo Park, California, with his

filmmaker wife Dorothy. Dr. Fadiman will present on safety and setting of using alternative treatments for cluster headaches.

- **Alexis Williams Carr**

Alexis will present a discussion for family members and friends who support cluster headache patients. As support is one of, if not the most important part of living with cluster headaches, it is important for us to listen to their concerns and understand their part in a family with clusters, as it is for sufferers to be understood. We are all in this together and the emotional strain and pain we deal with needs to be explored and understood.

- **Anjan Chatterjee, MD, MPH, MBA**

Dr. Chatterjee is board certified in Neurology and Psychiatry. Dr. Chatterjee has more than two decades of direct patient care experience, treating patients with a wide variety of neurological and psychiatric disorders. Over the last decade, Dr. Chatterjee has worked at Merck Research Labs and Pfizer to develop neuroscience medicines. Recently, Dr. Chatterjee founded VR1 Inc. VR1 focuses on providing treatments to address acute pain associated with migraine and other severe headache conditions, including Ausanil® – a non-prescription, homeopathic nasal spray for severe headaches and migraines.

- **Clusterbusters Advocacy Panel**

An update on CBs advocacy efforts including a report on this year's Headache on the Hill. The Clusterbusters advocacy team will address updates on our efforts and the progress we've made and discuss the coming year's events. An interactive session looking at our work on Capitol Hill, Television, Radio and print as well as our presence on the internet.

- **Electrocore, LLC, Justyna Blake**

ElectroCore is a US based electroceutical healthcare company, which is developing a range of non-invasive Vagus Nerve Stimulation (nVNS) patient administered therapies for the treatment of multiple conditions in neurology, psychiatry, gastroenterology, and other fields. Initial focus is on primary headache (migraine and cluster headache), with trial continuing in epilepsy, gastric motility disorders, and depression and anxiety.

They will be presenting results of their study with cluster headaches that many people from last year's conference learned about and participated in the study.

- **Autonomic Technologies Inc.**

ATI is a medical device company focused on the development and commercialization of innovative therapies for the treatment of severe headache. The company's initial product, the ATI Neurostimulation System, is approved in Europe for the treatment of cluster headache and is currently being investigated in a multi-center, randomized study for the treatment of high frequency, high disability migraine.

ATI will be presenting on their device and study results.

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