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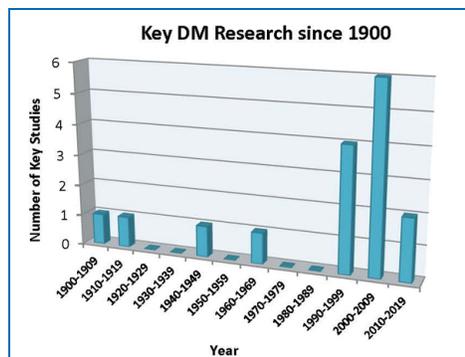
MDF Dispatch



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Key DM Research Discoveries

Dr. Katharine Hagerman, Research Associate at Stanford University, has developed a timeline of key discoveries in myotonic dystrophy research since DM was first described in 1909. Thanks to Dr. Hagerman, MDF is able to provide you with a synopsis of advances in DM research over the past 100 years, and the spectacular acceleration in discoveries since the 1990s. [Click here](#) to view the timeline and research summaries, and find links to the actual research abstracts where available.



MDF's First Webinar Uploaded to New Digital Academy

Earlier this week, MDF held the first webinar from our Living with DM series, in which Dr. John Day of Stanford University discussed the decline of executive function of the central nervous system. We were thrilled that over 150 people registered in advance! The webinar was recorded and you can now view it via the [Digital Academy](#).

The Digital Academy is available on our website and was previously known as the Video Academy. We've renamed it to better reflect the content, which will now include videos, webinars and podcasts.

The second topic in our Living with DM Webinar Series, "Treatment for Dysphagia," will be presented by Michael Groher, PhD, of the University of Redlands on Tuesday, August 22nd at 5 PM Pacific time. We encourage you to attend so you can submit questions for the question and answer session. Again, please [register for the webinar](#) in advance.

Saddle Up for the 2013 MDF Annual Conference, Nov. 8-10

Each year we select a theme for our annual conference and, given that this year's conference is taking place in Texas, we've selected country western! You don't have to wear boots and a hat every day, but we will be planning some fun activities surrounding the theme and will let attendees know about those in advance.

As we've mentioned, there is limited space available for the conference and registration is filling up quickly this year. In fact, we are already about 70% full, so if you haven't registered but are interested in attending, please don't delay. [Click here](#) to visit our conference page and learn about



registration.

Similarly, we have a specific number of rooms available at the conference hotel at a discounted rate, but once those are booked, it's unlikely that we'll be able to add more rooms. That's why it's important that you make reservations soon if you'd like to stay at the conference hotel (Hilton Houston North). Please see our conference [hotel information web page](#) for details.

More information about the conference, sessions and presenters can be found on the MDF [conference web page](#).

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