

UNDERSTANDING APS TODAY AND WHERE THE FIELD IS HEADED

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June 9, 2026 | 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm EDT

90-Minute Virtual Webinar

AGENDA

6:00–6:05 pm	Welcome and Introduction Jason S. Knight, MD, PhD Director, Michigan APS Program A brief introduction to the Michigan APS Program and its mission of integrating patient care, education, and research. Dr. Knight will provide an overview of how clinicians, scientists, and patients are working together to improve understanding and treatment of antiphospholipid syndrome (APS).
6:05–6:15 pm	10 Things You May Not Know About APS Yu (Ray) Zuo, MD, MSCS Associate Director, Michigan APS Program APS affects every patient differently, and many aspects of the disease remain poorly understood outside specialty centers. This rapid-fire session will address common questions and misconceptions surrounding APS, including whether APS can run in families, symptoms beyond blood clots, cognitive dysfunction (“brain fog”), lifestyle considerations, and why some patients do not fit neatly into traditional definitions of the disease.
6:15–6:25 pm	APS Across the Lifespan: Pediatric APS, Hormones, and Women’s Health Jacqueline A. Madison, MD Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine/Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics APS presents unique challenges across both childhood and adulthood, particularly for women navigating issues such as contraception, pregnancy, and hormone therapy. This session will review key considerations across different stages of life and discuss how clinicians approach individualized decision-making in these settings.
6:25–6:35 pm	Why Do Clots Happen in APS? Understanding the “Perfect Storm” Ajay Tambralli, MD Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine/Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics Blood clots rarely develop because of a single factor alone. This session will introduce the classic concept of Virchow’s triad, which describes the interplay between blood flow, the blood vessel wall, and the clotting system, and will explore how APS can disrupt all three at once. Dr. Tambralli will discuss how antibodies, inflammation, and vascular injury combine to create a “perfect storm” for thrombosis, while highlighting how modern research is reshaping our understanding of APS.
6:35–6:45 pm	The Future of APS Treatment: New Therapies and Reasons for Optimism Jason S. Knight, MD, PhD Director, Michigan APS Program Treatment options for APS are beginning to expand beyond traditional anticoagulation. Dr. Knight will review the evolving clinical trial landscape in APS. The session will highlight momentum toward more personalized treatment approaches while also discussing the challenges that remain in bringing new therapies to patients.
6:45–7:30 pm	Moderated Audience Q&A APS Foundation of America Moderator Questions submitted in advance will be moderated by the APS Foundation of America.