

# FA SYMPOSIUM BRUNCH



USF TAMPA | DEC 6

## Program & Speaker Details

- 10:00 AM ● **Registration + Breakfast Meet & Greet**
- 10:40 AM ● **Welcome**
- 10:45 AM ● **Advancing Research at the University of South Florida (USF) Ataxia Research Center**  
Theresa Zesiewicz, MD  
Division Director, USF Health Ataxia Research Center
- Aarti Patel, MD  
Associate Professor, Departments of Internal Medicine & Radiology;  
USF Morsani College of Medicine
- Thomas V. McDonald, MD, FAHA  
Professor, Departments of Medicine (Cardiology) and Molecular Pharmacology & Physiology  
Director, USF - Cardiogenetics Program  
USF Morsani College of Medicine
- 11:05 AM ● **Your Impact on FARA's Mission to Treat & Cure Friedrich's Ataxia**  
Ron Bartek, President, FARA  
Jennifer Farmer, Chief Executive Officer, FARA
- 11:25 AM ● **Clinical Stage Programs in FA - Research Panel**  
**Moderated by:** Jennifer Farmer, Chief Executive Officer, FARA  
**Featuring:** Representatives from Pharmaceutical Companies with Clinical Stage Programs in FA  
Astellas Pharma, Biogen, Larimar Therapeutics, Lexeo Therapeutics, PTC Therapeutics, and Stealth BioTherapeutics
- 11:55 PM ● **Living with FA - Patient Panel**  
**Moderated by:** Kara Fick, Director of Patient Engagement, FARA  
**Featuring:** Alison Avery, Laurel Avery, Mary Francis, and Brittany Sommerfield
- 12:25 PM ● **Closing Remarks**  
Clifton Gooch, MD, Chair of USF Neurology



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