



## *A Day with Lewy*

The Fourth Annual **A Day with Lewy Conference!**

**Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**8:00a.m. to 4:15p.m.**

UW-Oshkosh Culver Family Welcome Center  
625 Pearl Avenue  
Oshkosh, WI 54901

**Registration Link: <https://form.jotform.com/250514006710139>**

**For questions, please call 920-386-3580**

Proudly presented by the Lewy Body Dementia Association, SSM Health, UW-Oshkosh Center for Community Development, Engagement, and Training, and the Aging and Disability Resource Centers of Dodge, Jefferson, Marquette, and Winnebago.

This free conference is focused specifically on Lewy body disease. It is designed for caregivers, healthcare professionals, family members, community members, students, and individuals living with Lewy body disease. Our commitment to hosting this conference stems from our belief that when people have the right tools and knowledge, they are better equipped to support others and to receive support themselves. We aim for everyone on the Lewy journey to experience the best possible quality of life. It takes an entire village to provide support, and the impact of Lewy body disease affects the entire community.

**Thank you for choosing to be a part of the Lewy village of support.**

# Conference Schedule

**8:00-8:30** Registration Check-in/Vendor Visits

**8:30-8:40** Conference Welcome

**8:40-9:40** Lewy Body Dementia Panel

**9:40-10:00** Vendor Break/Door Prizes/Snack

**10:00-11:00** Breakout **1A &1B**

Breakout **1A**: Lewy Body Disease: Assessing Cognition and Behaviors - Dr. Victoria Williams PhD.

This presentation will provide an overview of the brain regions impacted by Lewy Body disease, how this can lead to specific changes in thinking and behavior, and how neuropsychological (cognitive) testing can be useful for diagnosing Lewy Body dementia, including differentiating it from other common forms of dementia.

Breakout **1B**: Managing Hallucinations and Behavior Changes: Especially in the Transition to Specialized Care - Dr. Cheryl Tapp MD.

As some Lewy Body patients transition to specialized care, memory care, nursing home or hospice, managing behavior, hallucinations and delusions can be challenging. Will discuss how the decisions are made for including more caregivers and placement. Also, the individualized treatment plans for patients with the specifics of environmental, medication, and interventional therapies.

**11:00-11:15** Vendor Break

**11:15- 11:50** Bowel and Bladder Problems and Solutions in Lewy Body Dementia - Dr. Emily Walker PT, DPT.

A talk focusing on the anatomy and physiology of common bowel and bladder ailments in people with lewy body dementia, and what you as a caregiver can do to manage them at home.

**11:50-12:00** Break

**12:00-1:00** **Keynote** *Building a Safe Haven: Creating Supportive Environments for Individuals with Lewy Body Dementia* - Julia Wood MOT, OTR/L.

A supportive environment can transform the daily experiences of individuals living with Lewy Body Dementia, fostering safety, dignity, and quality of life. This presentation explores key strategies for tailoring physical spaces, communication approaches, and caregiving practices to meet the unique needs of those with LBD. Attendees will learn practical tips for reducing environmental stressors, promoting meaningful engagement, and enhancing comfort and safety at every stage of the journey, empowering families, care partners and paid caregivers to create a truly compassionate and supportive space.

**1:00-1:30** On a Positive Note Choir

Fox Valley Memory Project's "On a Positive Note" chorus has offered people having a dementia and their care partners the joy of singing together since 2014. We're proud of all our chorus members and happy that some have chosen to continue in the chorus even after their loved one has moved to memory care or has passed away.

**1:30-1:45** Vendor Break

**1:45-2:45** Breakout **2A & 2B**

**Breakout 2A:** Managing Parkinsonism and the Motor Symptoms of Dementia with Lewy Bodies - Dr. Venesa Botsford MD.

Most people with Dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB) will experience motor symptoms of parkinsonism over the course of the disease. This includes movement changes similar to those seen in Parkinson's disease, such as slowed movements, stiffness, and tremors. We will review these physical changes in movement and how to best manage them, as well as the complications that can arise.

**Breakout 2B:** Managing Symptoms of Dysautonomia in the Setting of Other Common Medical Problems - Dr. Thomas Fabricius MD.

Symptoms of autonomic dysfunction of Lewy Body disease are tricky to manage in and of themselves. Unfortunately, common medical problems can make various interventions for dysautonomia management even more difficult. We will review some strategies for dealing with these situations with practical tips for patients and caregivers.

**2:45-3:00** Vendor Break/Afternoon Snack

**3:00-4:00** Breakout **3A & 3B**

**Breakout 3A:** Exploring Meaningful Movement for People with Lewy Body Dementia -Joy Cochran PT, DPT, CEEAA.

We will discuss the importance of movement for slowing cognitive decline. Determine how to choose meaningful exercises to improve functionality and independence. Explore strategies and resources to empower People with Lewy Body Dementia to participate in individual and community activities.

**Breakout 3B:** The DICE Approach™: A Safe Path to Managing Behavioral Challenges in Lewy Body Dementia -Molly J Schroeder CSW.

Behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD), such as agitation, hallucinations, delusions, and sleep disturbance, are common and distressing in Lewy Body Dementia (LBD). This presentation introduces the DICE Approach™, a structured, person-centered framework for understanding and managing these symptoms. Emphasizing nonpharmacological strategies, DICE empowers caregivers, enhances safety, and supports the well-being of both the person living with LBD and their care partners. Attendees will leave with practical tools to apply this evidence-informed method in real-world care settings.

**4:05-4:15** Community Supports and Conference Closing

Please see below for information on the Hotel Room Block that was set-up as well as this year's sponsors.



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### Hotel Room Block Information

Small room blocks have been set-up for the evening of October 8th, 2025 at the following hotels under the room block name: **LEWY**

#### Tru by Hilton

1810 Oshkosh Avenue, Oshkosh WI 54902

920-891-8300

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/oshnwru-tru-oshkosh/>

2 miles from UW-Oshkosh Campus

#### Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel

1 North Main Street, Oshkosh WI 54901

920-230-6282

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/atwom-oshkosh-marriott-waterfront-hotel-and-convention-center/overview/>

1 mile from UW-Oshkosh Campus

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