

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Media Invited to Cover HA CONNECT 2026, the Nation's Largest Conference Dedicated to Hydrocephalus

Katie Lucas, President of Lucas Oil, and Danny Bonaduce Join National Experts, Researchers, and Families in Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (July 2026) — The Hydrocephalus Association (HA) invites members of the media to attend **HA CONNECT 2026**, the nation's largest conference dedicated to hydrocephalus, taking place **July 23–25, 2026**, at the **JW Marriott Indianapolis**.

Hydrocephalus is a chronic neurological condition caused by an abnormal buildup of cerebrospinal fluid in the brain. It affects an estimated one million Americans across the lifespan—from premature infants to older adults—and is as common as Parkinson's disease, yet it remains one of the least recognized neurological conditions.

This year's conference comes at a pivotal time as researchers, clinicians, and patient advocates work to increase awareness of hydrocephalus while advancing research, improving care, and addressing barriers to diagnosis and treatment.

HA CONNECT brings together patients, caregivers, physicians, neurosurgeons, researchers, healthcare professionals, and advocates from across the country to share the latest advances in research and treatment, connect with the hydrocephalus community, and raise awareness of this lifelong condition.

This year's conference will feature keynote presentations by **Katie Lucas, President of Lucas Oil**, and **Danny Bonaduce**, television personality and radio host who has publicly shared his experience living with normal pressure hydrocephalus (NPH).

Media are invited to attend conference activities, interview speakers and attendees, and capture compelling visuals throughout the event.

WHO

- **Katie Lucas**, President of Lucas Oil and keynote speaker
- **Danny Bonaduce**, television personality, radio host, and keynote speaker
- **Diana Gray, MA**, President & CEO, Hydrocephalus Association

- Nationally recognized neurosurgeons, neurologists, physicians, and researchers
- Individuals and families living with hydrocephalus
- Hundreds of attendees from across the United States

WHAT

HA CONNECT 2026 – The Hydrocephalus Association's biennial national conference featuring keynote presentations, educational sessions, research updates, family programming, community engagement, and opportunities to connect with the hydrocephalus community.

WHEN

Thursday, July 23 – Saturday, July 25, 2026

Interview opportunities are available throughout the conference and may be scheduled in advance.

WHERE

JW Marriott Indianapolis
10 S. West Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

VISUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Keynote presentations by Katie Lucas and Danny Bonaduce
- Hundreds of patients, families, caregivers, and healthcare professionals gathered from across the country
- Educational sessions led by nationally recognized physicians and researchers
- Family and children's programming
- Community networking activities
- Exhibitor hall showcasing the latest innovations in hydrocephalus care

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

Available upon request:

- Katie Lucas, President of Lucas Oil
- Danny Bonaduce
- Diana Gray, MA, President & CEO, Hydrocephalus Association
- National physicians and researchers

- Individuals and families living with hydrocephalus
- Conference attendees from across the country

WHY THIS MATTERS

Hydrocephalus affects approximately one million Americans and is as common as Parkinson's disease, yet it remains one of the least recognized neurological conditions. HA CONNECT is the nation's premier gathering dedicated to hydrocephalus, bringing together leading experts, researchers, healthcare professionals, patients, and families to advance research, improve care, and increase public awareness.

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