Chronic medical disabilities are long-lasting (typically lifelong) conditions that require ongoing medical treatment and can significantly impact an individual’s ability to function as well as their quality of life. The Roundtable on Medical Disabilities and Higher Education seeks to address the barriers faced by students with chronic medical disabilities and support the unique learning and socioemotional needs of this student population. Register here

**Agenda:**

12:00 pm EST - Introduction

12:10 pm ET to 1:25 pm EST - Overview and the Current Gaps in Research & Resources

The future quality of life for many young adult patients depends on whether they can pursue and complete postsecondary education. Yet, the unique nature of chronic medical disabilities creates barriers to higher education opportunities.

In this discussion, the Generation Patient team will discuss the unique support needs and barriers that students with chronic medical conditions may face, including inadequate accommodations, increased stigma, and lack of socioemotional support.

Additionally, we will share an overview of Generation Patient’s Higher Education Campaign and discuss opportunities for additional research and resources at the intersection of higher education and chronic medical disabilities.

1:35 pm ET to 2:50 pm EST - Accommodations: Existing Structures and Opportunities for Change

Accommodations for students with chronic medical conditions oftentimes requires a more tailored approach, specifically because of the dynamic nature of these conditions. Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in increased accessibility of classes through recorded lectures and flexible attendance, and these features can be a key type of support for students with chronic medical disabilities during the pandemic and beyond.

In this discussion, we will hear personal and professional perspectives on the current landscape for accommodations and how this has shifted over the years. We will then discuss the opportunities and avenues for increased accessibility and personalization of accommodations for students with chronic medical disabilities.

2:50 pm ET to 3:00 pm EST - Closing