



**43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL**

## **Conference on Pediatric Infectious Diseases**

**July 26-31, 2026**

The Lodge at Vail 174 E. Gore Creek Dr.

Vail, CO 81657

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Children's Hospital Colorado  
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# 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on Pediatric Infectious Diseases

## Overview

We are excited to return to Vail, Colorado for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on Pediatric Infectious Diseases. Vail is a small community nestled in the mountains and a short, beautiful drive from Denver, Colorado.

You can choose to come in-person (Live Attendance) or to attend virtually (Virtual Attendance). The in-person conference will take place at The Lodge at Vail ([lodgeatvail.rockresorts.com](http://lodgeatvail.rockresorts.com)), located in the heart of Vail Village.

This conference presents topics of interest to pediatric, family practice, and infectious diseases clinicians, as well as other health professionals. Speakers cover the most recent information on diagnosis, management, and prevention of infections in pediatrics. Discussion of controversial issues and questions follow each presentation. This conference is designed to promote information interchange; therefore, registration is limited.

## Objectives

Following the presentations, attendees should be able to:

- Describe penicillin allergy delabeling for outpatients
- Discuss management of multidrug-resistant UTIs and SSTIs
- Describe advances and best-practices in the diagnosis and management of pediatric infectious diseases including: viral CNS infections; lymphadenitis; fungal infections; Kawasaki Disease and MIS-C
- Review newly-emerging infections from around the world
- Discuss how vaccines work, vaccine safety, and the rationale behind vaccine schedules and how they have evolved to the current day
- Review best approaches to vaccine hesitancy
- Review 2026-2027 recommendations for influenza, COVID and RSV
- Discuss the changing epidemiology and clinical presentation of several vaccine preventable diseases
- Describe data and best practices for antibiotic durations in children
- Review management of newborns with no/minimal prenatal care or exposure to syphilis
- Review epidemiology, diagnosis and management of common foodborne diseases in children
- Describe important publications from the last year that should change how we practice

## Continuing Education Credit

**Directly Provided:** Children's Hospital Colorado is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Children's Hospital Colorado designates this live or enduring activity for a maximum of *20 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. **Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.**

**ABP MOC Part 2:** Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the activity, and individual assessment of and feedback to the learner, enables the learner to earn up to 20 MOC points in the American Board of Pediatrics' (ABP) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit learner completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABP MOC credit.

**AAFP:** The AAFP has reviewed 43rd Annual Conference on Pediatric Infectious Diseases and deemed it acceptable for up to 20.00 Live AAFP Prescribed credit(s). Term of Approval is from 07/26/2026 to 07/31/2026. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**AAP Credit:** This continuing medical education activity has been reviewed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and is acceptable for a maximum of 20.00 AAP credits. These credits can be applied toward the AAP CME/CPD Award available to Fellows and Candidate Members of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

## Accommodations

Hotel room and condominium accommodations are available at The Lodge at Vail ([lodgeatvail.rockresorts.com](http://lodgeatvail.rockresorts.com)), located at 174 E. Gore Creek Drive, Vail, CO 81657. The Lodge at Vail has an outdoor pool, hot tubs, spa facilities, a bar, and restaurants on site. The Lodge at Vail is near Ford Park and the Gerald Ford Amphitheatre.

Hotel rooms are being held at an exceptionally reduced block rate for conference attendees. A limited supply of Condo units with full kitchens are also available.

**Hotel Room: \$243**  
**Studio: \$220**  
**Luxury Suite: \$411**  
**Two Bedroom Condo: \$524**

**Reservation line: 1-855-953-0197** (8 a.m.-5 p.m. MST); select option #1 to reach the Colorado resorts, and then option #4 for Vail Lodging. Please use our group code when making your reservation - BVLPED26.

# AGENDA

## Sunday, July 26

- 4:20 pm **Registration**
- 5:20 Welcome
- 5:30 **Penicillin Allergy Labels in Children: Epidemiology, Risk Stratification, and Office-Based Delabeling**  
*Debra L. Palazzi, MD, MEd*
- 6:30 Questions/Discussion
- 6:40 **Wine and Cheese Reception - Cucina Restaurant**

## Monday, July 27

- 7:00 am **Registration and Breakfast**
- 7:30 Welcome
- 7:40 **Modern Challenges in the Treatment of Multidrug-Resistant UTIs and Skin & Soft Tissue Infections**  
*Debra L. Palazzi, MD, MEd*
- 8:30 Questions/Discussion
- 8:40 **Viral CNS Infections in Children: Emerging Etiologies and Innovative Diagnostics**  
*Kevin Messacar, MD, PhD*
- 9:10 Questions/Discussion
- 9:20 **Emerging Infections from Around the Globe**  
*Daniel Olson, MD, PhD*
- 9:50 Questions/Discussion
- 10:00 **Break - Visit Exhibits**
- 10:20 **Where in the World Is....My Patient Coming From?: Infectious Considerations for Newcomers**  
*Hai Nguyen-Tran, MD*
- 10:50 Questions/Discussion
- 11:00 **Pediatric Infectious Disease Jeopardy**  
*Marsha Anderson, MD*  
*Ann-Christine Nyquist, MD, MSPH*
- 11:50 Questions/Discussion
- 12:00 **Adjourn**

## Tuesday, July 28

- 1:00 pm **The Role of Vaccines in Shaping Innate Immune Protection**  
*Adriana Weinberg, MD*
- 1:30 Questions/Discussion
- 1:40 **Child Immunization Schedules: Rationale, Safety and Future**  
*Edwin Asturias, MD*
- 2:10 Questions/Discussion
- 2:20 **The History of US Vaccine Recommendations to the Present: How We Got Here, Where We Are Now and Where We May Be Going**  
*Sean O'Leary, MD, MPH*
- 2:50 Questions/Discussion
- 3:00 **Break - Visit Exhibits**
- 3:20 **Vaccine Advocacy Panel**
- 3:50 **Vaccine Hesitancy Workshop**
- 5:20 **Adjourn**





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## Wednesday, July 29

- 7:00 am **Continental Breakfast**
- 7:30 **What's New with the Flu and COVID-19 Too?**  
*Suchitra Rao, MBBS, MSCS*
- 8:05 Questions/Discussion
- 8:15 **RSV: 2026 Update**  
*Eric Simões, MBBS, DCH, MD*
- 8:50 Questions and Discussion
- 9:00 **Recognizing and Responding to Vaccine Preventable Diseases**  
*Jessica Cataldi, MD, MSCS*
- 9:35 Questions/Discussion
- 9:45 **Break - Visit Exhibits**
- 10:05 **Off the Schedule, Still in Clinic: Discussion of Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Potential Consequences of the 2026 CDC Vaccine Recommendations**  
*ID Fellows:*  
*Brandon Brummeyer, MD; Artemis Gogos, MD, PhD;*  
*Paul Mitchell, MD; Lilliana Arriola Montenegro, MD;*  
*Samuel Showalter, MD*
- 10:50 Questions/Discussion
- 11:00 **Vaccine Panel**
- 12:00 **Adjourn**

## Thursday, July 30

- 1:00 pm **Nodes & Necks: What to Treat, What to Cover and How Long?**  
*Nicole Poole, MD, MPH*
- 1:40 Questions/Discussion
- 1:50 **How Low Can You Go? Optimizing Antimicrobial Durations for Common Pediatric Infections**  
*Andrew Haynes, MD*
- 2:30 Questions/Discussion
- 2:40 **Pathogenic & Problematic: A Fungal Affair**  
*Joana Dimo, DO and Jaimee Hall, DO, MSCI, MA*
- 3:20 Questions/Discussion
- 3:30 **Break**
- 3:50 **No Prenatal Care? No Problem: Navigating Infectious Risks in the Newborn**  
*Christiana Smith-Anderson, MD, PhD*
- 4:20 Questions/Discussion
- 4:40 **From Algorithm to Ambiguity: Navigating Congenital Syphilis in Practice**  
*Sara Saporta-Keating, MS, MD*
- 5:20 Questions/Discussion
- 5:30 **Adjourn**

## Friday, July 31

- 7:00 am **Continental Breakfast**
- 7:30 **Not-So-Happy Meals: When Food Makes Kids Sick**  
*Donna Curtis, MD, MPH*
- 8:10 Questions/Discussion
- 8:20 **New Standards and Clinical Pearls for Kawasaki Disease and MIS-C**  
*Samuel Dominguez, MD, PhD*
- 9:00 Questions/Discussion
- 9:10 **Top Articles from the Past Year**  
*James Gaensbauer, MD MScPH*
- 10:00 Questions/Discussion
- 10:10 **Evaluation and Adjourn**



## Guest Speakers

**Debra L. Palazzi, MD, MEd**  
Professor of Pediatrics  
Division Chief, Pediatric Infectious Diseases  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Texas Children's Hospital  
Houston, Texas

**James Theodore Gaensbauer, MD, MS, MScPH**  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics  
Chair, Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases  
Department of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Rochester  
Medical Director of Education and Training, Mayo Clinic Center for Tuberculosis

## Section of Pediatric Infectious Diseases

### Faculty Speakers and Panelists

University of Colorado SOM and Children's Hospital Colorado  
Department of Pediatrics

**Marsha Anderson, MD**  
Professor of Pediatrics  
Associate Director, Pediatric Residency Program  
Research Track Director, MD Program

**Edwin Asturias, MD**  
Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology  
The Jules Amer Chair of Community Pediatrics  
Director of Latin American Projects, Center for Global Health

**Jessica Cataldi, MD, MSCS**  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

**Donna Curtis, MD, MPH**  
Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology  
Clinical Medical Director, Pediatric Infectious Diseases

**Joana Dimo, DO**  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

**Samuel Dominguez, MD, PhD**  
Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology  
Medical Director, Children's Hospital Colorado Clinical Microbiology Laboratory

**Jaimee Hall, DO, MSCI, MA**  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

**Andrew Haynes, MD, MA**  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

## Speakers and Panelists continued

**Kevin Messacar, MD, PhD**  
Professor of Pediatrics

**Hai Nguyen-Tran, MD**  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

**Ann-Christine Nyquist, MD, MSPH**  
Professor of Pediatrics  
Chief Epidemiology Officer, Children's Hospital Colorado

**Sean O'Leary, MD, MPH**  
Professor of Pediatrics  
Chair, Committee on Infectious Diseases, AAP

**Daniel Olson, MD, PhD**  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology

**Nicole Poole, MD, MPH**  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics  
Associate Medical Director, Antimicrobial Stewardship Program, Children's Hospital Colorado

**Suchitra Rao, MBBS, MSCS**  
Professor of Pediatrics  
Associate Medical Director, Epidemiology and Infection Prevention  
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**Sara Saporta-Keating, MS, MD**  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics  
Associate Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Control  
Children's Hospital Colorado-Colorado Springs

**Eric A. Simões, MBBS, DCH, MD**  
Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology

**Christiana Smith-Anderson, MD, PhD**  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics  
Co-Director, CHIP Perinatal HIV Program

**Adriana Weinberg, MD**  
Professor of Medicine, Pediatrics and Pathology  
Director, Molecular and Virology Clinical Laboratories  
University of Colorado Hospital

**Infectious Diseases Fellows**  
Brandon Brummeyer, MD  
Artemis Gogos, MD, PhD  
Paul Mitchell, MD  
Lilliana Arriola Montenegro, MD  
Samuel Showalter, MD

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## Registration Fees - Live Attendance

|                                                  | By 6/24 | After 6/24 |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| MD or PhD                                        | \$675   | \$725      |
| MD or PhD over 65 years                          | \$595   | \$645      |
| Health Professionals                             | \$595   | \$645      |
| Children's Hospital Colorado and CU Anschutz SOM | \$595   | \$645      |

## Registration Fees - Virtual Attendance

Registration Fee \$400

Registration Deadline: 7/17

## Registration Questions/Additional Conference Support

Contact Kris Beam, Conference Coordinator at 720-777-6671 or [kris.beam@childrenscolorado.org](mailto:kris.beam@childrenscolorado.org)

## Cancellation Policy

A registration refund, minus a \$25 processing fee, will be granted if cancellation is requested by July 17, 2026. No refunds will be granted after this date or for non-attendance.

Children's Hospital Colorado reserves the right to modify the agenda or cancel this conference in the event of an unforeseen circumstance, or if minimum acceptable registration is not attained by June 24, 2026.

## Attractions

Set in the majestic Colorado Rockies, Vail has outdoor and cultural activities for people of all ages and abilities, including hiking and biking trails, fishing, horseback riding, golf, tennis, river rafting, gondolas for scenic views, the Betty Ford Alpine gardens and much more. The Gerald Ford Amphitheatre will open this year's Vail Dance Festival on the final day of our conference. Extend your stay for opening night or enjoy performances throughout the weekend. Learn more at: [vaildance.com](http://vaildance.com).

## Weather

Vail weather features warm days, cool evenings, and occasional showers. Bring clothing suitable for temperatures between 50 and 85 degrees. Layered clothing is recommended.

