



LIVE HYBRID ACTIVITY

Christopher Ward Pediatric Neuroscience Conference 2026

Thursday, August 6, 2026

Children’s Hospital Colorado | Anschutz Medical Campus | Medical Conference and Education Center - Mt. Yale
13123 East 16th Avenue | Aurora, CO 80045 – Virtual learners will receive a virtual link prior to the event.

This conference is a live in-person activity with a virtual option and designed for advanced practice professionals, nurses and other interested staff that care for children with conditions affecting the brain, spine, and peripheral nervous system.

NCPD continuing education credit available.

Many certifying organizations will accept a "certificate of attendance at a CME/NCPD accredited event" for recertification. Check with your specific certifying organization for rules related to submission of continuing education credits.

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Overview and Target Audience

This conference is specifically for providers and other interested staff that care for children with conditions affecting the brain, spine and peripheral nervous system. It will provide clinical updates and address current topics relevant to the nursing care of this growing patient population.

The target audience for this activity includes Nurse Practitioners and other APRN's, Physician Assistants, Physicians, Registered Nurses, EEG Technicians and other clinical staff involved with neuroscience patient care.

Learner Outcome

Learners will report increased knowledge regarding care of children with neurological conditions.

Learners will report at least one practice change they plan to make as a result of this activity.

Agenda

Thursday, August 6, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Check-in
7:50	Welcome & Opening Remarks
8:00	Using Visuals to Improve Patient and Family Experience: Tips and Tricks from a Multidisciplinary Down Syndrome Clinic <i>Allison Meyer, PhD</i> <i>Jennifer Harris, MSE</i>
9:00	Don't Get Thrown Off Balance: Causes and Treatments for Pediatric Dizziness <i>Chris Latimer, MD</i>
10:00	Break
10:15	Perinatal Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy <i>Andra Dingman, MD</i> <i>Danielle Guez Barber, MD, PhD</i>
11:15	Traumatic Brain Injury and Abusive Head Trauma - Recognizing neurologic symptoms in the first week and after the dust has settled <i>Ricka Messer, MD, PhD</i>
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:00	Precision Therapeutics for Neurologic Conditions <i>Scott Demarest, MD, MSCS</i>
2:00	When Kids Change Overnight: A Clinician's Guide to PANS/PANDAS <i>Anastacia Wall, PA-C</i>
3:00	Break
3:15	Time Is Brain: Recognition and Acute Management of Pediatric Stroke <i>Medha Parulekar, MD</i>
4:15	Wrap-up and Evaluation
4:30	Adjourn

Registration

Register [online here](#) or scan the QR Code.



Registration fees

Registration Type	Early Bird Fee ends 7/5/2026	Regular Fee after 7/6/2026
Students – with proof	\$20	
CHCO Team Member	\$20	\$40
ACNN Member - with proof	\$20	\$40
Community Partner	\$75	\$100

Cancellation and Refund Policy

A registration refund, minus a \$10.00 cancellation fee, will be issued if the cancellation request is received at least 14 calendar days prior to the activity date. No refunds will be granted after this deadline or for non-attendance. However, a substitute may attend in your place if you notify the conference coordinator at least three days before the activity.

Children's Hospital Colorado reserves the right to modify the agenda or cancel the activity due to unforeseen circumstances or if minimum registration is not met by July 31, 2026. In such cases, a full refund will be issued to registered participants.

For additional information, please contact Ray Cuellar at ray.cuellar@childrenscolorado.org.

If you require special assistance or accommodations to fully participate, please notify us at least four weeks in advance of the activity.

Scholarship Assistance

Full scholarships are being offered. To apply complete this application form by Saturday, June 6, 2026. Notification of award will be sent by Friday, June 12, 2026, along with instructions on how to register.

[Click here to submit an application](#)

Do not register for the conference prior to applying for a scholarship. Separate registration instructions will be sent directly to all scholarship recipients.

Continuing Education Credit

Registration, attendance, and completion of the online **evaluation** are required for successful completion. Claim only the hours you attend.

Nursing: Children's Hospital Colorado is approved with distinction as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by Colorado Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This education activity for 7.25 nursing contact hours is provided by Children's Hospital Colorado.

General Attendance: A general certificate of attendance will be available for all other care providers.

Faculty

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Financial Disclosure

None of the planners for this educational activity have relevant financial relationships to disclose with ineligible companies.

- Dr. Scott Demarest faculty for this educational event, is a consultant for: SRC (Capsida), Lundbeck, Mahzi Therapeutics, Neurocrine Biosciences, Praxis Medicines.
- Dr. Ricka Messer faculty for this education event, is a research sponsor for Ultragenyx.

All of the relevant financial relationships listed have been mitigated.