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Pediatric Emergency and Trauma Outreach Symposium Glenwood Springs, CO

October 21-22, 2026

October 21st - 8:00 a.m. – 4:05 p.m. | October 22nd – 8:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

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Overview and Target Audience

This symposium is for interdisciplinary healthcare team members caring for pediatric patients in an emergency and pre-hospital setting. Current clinical issues and implications for children's health and clinician care delivery are presented and discussed.

Learner Outcomes

After attending this education, learners will:

- Report new knowledge related to evidence-based emergency and trauma care management for pediatric patients.
- Explain pediatric management strategies through case studies.

Agenda

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Check-in
8:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks
8:15	To Infinity and Beyond: The ABCs of Pediatric Assessment Nicki Shonka, MS, RN, NPD-BC, CPN
9:00	Pediatric Respiratory Emergencies and Stabilization Kelley Roswell, MD
9:45	Break
10:00	High Sugar, High Stakes: Pediatric DKA Recognition and Management Claire Gahm, MD, MPH
10:45	Recognizing Abuse in Trauma and ED Settings Kathryn Wells, MD
11:30	Lunch - on your own
12:30 p.m.	Seizure Management in the Emergency Setting Kelley Roswell, MD
1:15	Pediatric Polytrauma Shannon Acker, MD, MSCS
2:00	Break
2:15	Breakout Session 1 – Choose one to attend A. EMS Hot Topics and Roundtable Jason Kotas, NREMT Claire Gahm, MD B. So It's Child Abuse – Now What? Kathryn Wells, MD C. Closing the Gap: Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Sepsis Patrick Mahar, MD
3:00	Rotation Break

3:05

Breakout Session 2 – Choose one to attend

- Pediatric Airway Pearls**
Claire Gahm, MD, MPH
Patrick Mahar, MD
- Trauma vs. Medical Arrest**
Shannon Acker, MD, MSCS
Shannon Becker, BSN, RN, CPN
- Critical Moments: Recognition & Management of Pediatric Oncology Emergencies**
Leanne Adamson, MS, RN, PCNS-BC, CPHON

3:50

Wrap-up and Evaluation

4:05

Adjourn

Thursday, October 22, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Check-in
8:00	Welcome & Opening Remarks
8:15	Diagnosis and Management of Pediatric Head Trauma Arianna Barkley, MD
9:00	From Distress to Regulation: Practical Tools for Supporting Pediatric Populations Evadine Codd, PhD
9:45	Break
10:00	Crush Injuries for Trauma Junkies Erika Valentine, MD
10:45	Neonatal Emergencies: Triage for Tiny Humans Callie Searley, BSN, RN, C-NPT
11:30	The DEN: Night in the ED Patrick Mahar, MD
12:30 p.m.	Wrap-up and Evaluation
12:45	Adjourn

Registration

Registration Fees

Thanks to the generous support of Chevron Corporation, this educational activity is provided at **no cost** for Colorado:

- Nurses
- Advanced Practice Providers
- Pre-hospital providers
- Other healthcare professionals
- Community physicians who choose not to claim CME credit

Community physicians who wish to claim CME credit are required to pay a registration fee of **\$265**.

Children's Hospital Colorado sets registration fees in accordance with federal guidelines to ensure compliance with regulations governing financial relationships in healthcare.

Registration is required for all learners. To register [click here](#) or scan the QR code.

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



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For community physicians who would like to claim CME, 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. In such cases, a full refund will be issued to registered participants.

Objectives

- Describe pediatric assessment tools, appropriate initial interventions and escalation pathways for pediatric patients.
- Discuss initial management of pediatric patients presenting with respiratory distress and failure.
- Identify the clinical presentation of pediatric diabetic ketoacidosis and apply evidence-based principles of initial management, including fluid resuscitation, insulin therapy, and monitoring for complications such as cerebral edema.
- Identify normal vs. concerning injuries in infants and young children.
- Discuss first line management for active seizure activity.
- Describe the assessment and management of pediatric patients with multiple injuries.
- Discuss current trends in pediatric prehospital care and answer questions regarding EMS topics.
- Outline steps in initial evaluation, documentation, and management of child abuse.
- Discuss presentation, evaluation, and management of pediatric sepsis.
- Identify common pitfalls encountered during pediatric airway management.
- Identify key differences in cardiac arrest when etiology is medical or traumatic in nature.
- Recognize the clinical presentation, risk factors, and time sensitive interventions required for prompt management of oncologic emergencies.
- Review pediatric head trauma principles including indications for non-surgical versus surgical management.
- Identify how trauma and stress influence emotion regulation and apply evidence-based strategies to reduce stress, promote safety, and improve patient engagement in care.
- Recognize the unique pathophysiology, acute management, and surgical considerations of crush injuries in pediatric patients.
- Identify the most common neonatal emergencies that present within the first 28 days of life.
- Discuss approach, workup, treatment of interesting pediatric emergency medicine cases.

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