



The 6th Annual Jason French Pediatric Hospital Medicine Symposium

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Overview and Target Audience

The Jason French Pediatric Hospital Medicine Symposium is to commemorate the life and service of our colleague, Jason French, who tragically passed away in the summer of 2020. Dr. French was a beloved member of the Section of Pediatric Hospital Medicine at Children's Hospital Colorado and served on the planning committee for this conference.

This conference is designed for all health care professionals who participate in the care and management of hospitalized children and neonates. A case-based format will be used to review and discuss the etiology, diagnosis, and management of critically ill infants and children. After attending this symposium, the participant will report an increase in knowledge related to the hospitalized pediatric and neonatal patient and increased confidence in caring for the pediatric patient population in the rural hospital setting.

Learning Objectives

Following the presentations, attendees should be able to:

- Identify when electrocardiographic screening is indicated based on clinical context and pre-test probability, recognize clinically actionable ectopic findings and depolarization and repolarization abnormalities, and correlate these findings with suspected underlying arrhythmic diagnoses.
- Define overdiagnosis and its relevance to pediatric clinical care, and review the key barriers and successes in improving healthcare value.
- Evaluate complex inpatient pediatric cases through the analysis of four clinical conundrums, apply evidence-based reasoning to diagnostic and management challenges, and develop structured approaches to clinical decision-making.
- Integrate current pediatric vaccine recommendations with an understanding of caregiver concerns and misconceptions to apply empathetic, evidence-based communication strategies that support informed vaccine decision-making and maintain trust in clinical care.
- Integrate recognition of cerebrospinal fluid inflammatory biomarkers, knowledge of emerging medication classes for neuroinflammatory conditions, and identification of imaging features of infectious brain complications to inform diagnosis and management.

Learner Outcome

Following participation in this activity, learners will self-report an increase in knowledge related to the assessment, diagnosis, and management of hospitalized pediatric and neonatal patients. Learners will also demonstrate increased clinical competence by accurately applying evidence-based diagnostic reasoning and management strategies to pediatric and neonatal case scenarios.

Agenda

Friday, October 9, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Sign-In and Continental Breakfast
8:00	Welcome and Conference Overview <i>Douglas Scudamore, MD</i>
8:10	'Safely Doing Less': Some Progress but Still Much Work to Do <i>Alan Schroeder, MD</i>
9:10	Clinical Conundrums <i>Jenna Ehnlé, CPNP-AC</i>
9:40	What a PICU Doctor Wants a Hospitalist to Know <i>Patrick Wilson, MD, MPH</i>
10:40	Break
10:55	When Pancytopenia Isn't What It Seems <i>Lauren Jesse, PA-C</i>
11:25	Navigating Current Issues in Pediatric Vaccination: Evidence, Policy, and Communication <i>David Higgins, MD, MPH, MS</i>
12:25 p.m.	Lunch
1:00	Neuroinflammation and Infection- New Diseases and New Treatments <i>Craig Press, MD, PhD</i>
2:00	More Than Meets the Ear: A Clinical Conundrum in Diagnostic Reasoning <i>Mikayla Herron, PA-C</i>
2:30	Break
2:45	Can't-Miss Electrocardiographic Findings: When to Screen, What to Look For, and How to Clinically Correlate <i>Andrew Headrick, MD, MPH</i>
3:45	Clinical Conundrums <i>Rachel Ohrenschall, CPNP-AC</i>
4:15	Closing Remarks, Evaluation & Adjourn



Guest Faculty

Craig A. Press, MD/PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology
University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine
Medical Director Neuroscience Unit
Section Head Acute and Critical Care Neurology
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Alan Schroeder, MD

Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Hospital Medicine and
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Associate Chief for Research, Hospital Medicine
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Local Faculty

Jenna Ehnle, CPNP-AC

Advanced Practice Provider Fellow
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Registration, attendance, and submission of the **evaluation,** including a written response to questions related to any change in practice that you may make as a result of learning that took place at this activity, are required for successful completion and receipt of the certificate of attendance. Claim only those hours you attend.

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Community Physician (Non-Member)	\$125
Registered Nurse / Allied Health Professional	\$50
Virtual Attendance – Physician – CME Credit	\$175
Virtual Attendance – Physician – No CME Credit	\$100
Virtual Attendance – Registered Nurse / Allied Health Professional	\$50

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In loving memory of



In the summer of 2020 Jason French went out for a run in the Lowry neighborhood of Denver, and he never returned. Jason suffered a cardiac arrest that day, leaving behind a beautiful wife, Brooke, and two beautiful daughters, Claire, and Ella. Jason was a Pediatric Hospitalist at Children's Hospital Colorado, a committee member of this conference, and my best friend at work. And I miss him. Every bald, middle-aged man walking through the institution is still Jason French to me.

Jason embodied everything that a Pediatric Hospitalist and colleague should be. He was the ultimate team player, driving to three and even four Network of Care sites on a given day to support other workers. Jason was a man of few words, but those words counted. He was the EF Hutton of our section, when Jason French talked, people listened. He was a savvy clinician, mutually respected by students, residents, and sub-specialists on service with him. Most importantly, Jason was a good person, and this was evident daily in his interactions with patients and families, and the feedback he received in this domain.

What I personally remember most about Jason, however, is my out-of-work experiences with him. I remember driving to Lafayette to play indoor soccer with Jason, talking trash about the opposing team the entire way home. I remember playing poker in Jason's basement, with neighborhood Dads bringing infant walkie-talkies to the basement to 'watch' their babies. I remember wanting to go to random Happy Hours after work, and Jason would always be there for me. Always. And I remember us 'catching' one another at Cherry Creek Mall at 11am on a Tuesday during a 'light' day of work, dutifully fulfilling chores for our respective daughters.

Because of such, it seemed fitting to rename this conference the 'Annual Jason French Pediatric Hospital Medicine Symposium'. It gives us the opportunity to focus on Jason and everything he stood for each year. To me, Jason French was Pediatric Hospital Medicine. And while I hope you enjoy this conference and learn from it; I also ask that you take a minute to remember Jason French if you knew him, relive a good memory, and conjure a positive memory of someone else if you didn't know him. I know his bald head is smiling down on us as we relive these memories.

Thank you for time and attending this conference,
Jason Zamkoff, Former Conference Chair, and best friend of J French