



Colorado Pediatric Emergency and Trauma Conference

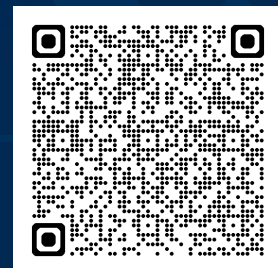
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Learning Objectives

Following the presentations, attendees should be able to:

1. Apply evidence-based pediatric trauma principles that account for anatomical, physiological, and developmental differences to improve assessment, imaging, airway management, sedation, and resuscitation decisions in injured children.
2. Demonstrate effective interdisciplinary trauma team practices, including role clarity, situational awareness, communication, and psychological safety, during high-risk, low-frequency pediatric trauma events.
3. Adapt pediatric trauma management strategies to complex environments, including rural, high-altitude, and in-flight medical transport settings, with attention to patient safety and resource limitations.
4. Integrate emerging pediatric trauma advancements - including trauma systems of care, technology, whole blood use, and updated evidence-based guidelines - into clinical decision-making across the continuum of care.
5. Identify opportunities for systems-level improvement and prevention, incorporating injury prevention advocacy, mental health considerations, legal responsibilities, and post-injury care coordination for pediatric patients and families.

Continuing Education Credit

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EMS: Children's Hospital Colorado is an approved provider of EMS continuing education through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division. Children's Hospital Colorado is EMS Training Group #EO49. This education offering is good for 12.50 hours.

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

Overview

This interdisciplinary Pediatric Trauma Conference provides focused, evidence-based education to address critical gaps in the assessment, stabilization, and management of injured children across EMS, emergency, transport, rural, and hospital settings. The activity emphasizes pediatric-specific trauma principles, team-based care, and emerging best practices to improve confidence, consistency, and outcomes during high-risk, low-frequency pediatric trauma events.

Learner Outcome

Participants will report increased knowledge and demonstrate enhanced readiness to deliver standardized, timely, developmentally appropriate care and to manage high-risk, low-frequency pediatric trauma across diverse clinical and environmental settings through the application of case-based learning.

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

7:30 a.m. **Sign-In and Breakfast**

8:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Jason Kotas, NREMT

8:05 **Surviving the Summit (Mountain/Outdoor Rural Trauma Lecture)**

Dave Weber

8:50 **Trauma Simulation**

Jessica Parker, DO, FAAP

9:35 **Trauma Team Safety**

Lalit Bajaj, MD, MPH/MSPH

10:20 **Break / Exhibits**

10:30 **Pediatric Airway Management**

Grant Young, MD

11:15 **Legal Landmines in Pediatric Trauma: Protecting Patients & Team Members**

Patrick O'Rourke, JD

12:00 **Lunch / Exhibits**

1:00 **Breakout Sessions**

Trauma Sessions Yale Room		CCT Sessions Princeton Room	
1:00	Pediatric vs Adult Imaging <i>Ryan Vest, MD</i>	Vent Management – Tricks of the Trade <i>Zachary Quinby</i>	
1:45	Sedation in Trauma <i>Natasha Cabrera, MD</i> <i>Christopher Nichols, MD</i>	Case Studies of the Pit <i>Claire Gahm, MD, MPH</i>	
2:30	Handling Chaos <i>Dave Weber</i>	Seizure/Stoke <i>Erica Sheline</i>	

3:15 **Evaluation & Adjourn**



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Thursday, November 12, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. **Sign-In and Breakfast**
- 8:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Jason Kotas, NREMT
- 8:05 **From Tragedy to Transformation: Advocacy for Safer Childhood Environments**
Josh Stewart, PhD
- 8:50 **EMS Case Study**
Jonathan D. Apfelbaum, MD
- 9:35 **Innovations in Prehospital Trauma Care: From the Battlefield to Our Streets**
Joseph Kelly, MD
- 10:20 **Break / Exhibits**
- 10:30 **Sky High Resuscitation: Pediatric Trauma in the Air**
Shannon Frost BSN, RN, CMTE, C-NPT, CPEN
- 11:15 **E-Bike and E-Scooter Trauma**
José L. Díaz-Mirón, MD, MSCS
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch / Exhibits**
- 1:00 **Pediatric Surgical Emergencies**
Karisa Reynolds, MS, PA-C
Brandi Axford, MSN, RN, PNP-AC/PC
- 1:45 **The Hidden Wound: Mental Health in the Patient & Family After Trauma**
Tess Simpson, PhD
- 2:30 **Emergency Management of the Pregnant Trauma Patient**
Jonathan "Jake" Hirshberg, MD
- 3:15 **Evaluation & Adjourn**



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