

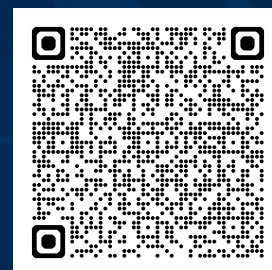


Colorado Pediatric Emergency and Trauma Conference

November 11-12, 2026

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2nd floor, Conference and Education Center
In Person and Virtual Attendance

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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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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 **Handling Chaos**

Dave Weber

8:50 **Trauma Simulation**

Jessica Parker, DO, FAAP

9:35 **When Doing the Right Thing Feels Impossible: Moral Injury in Pediatric Emergency Care**

Lalit Bajaj, MD, MPH/MSPH

10:20 **Break / Exhibits**

10:30 **Bad Romance: Lessons in Pediatric Airway Misadventures**

Grant Young, MD

11:15 **Minimizing Litigation Risk in Pediatric Trauma**

Patrick O'Rourke, JD

12:00 **Lunch / Exhibits**

1:00 **Breakout Sessions**

Trauma Sessions Yale Room		CCT Sessions Princeton Room	
1:00	Considerations in Pediatric Trauma Imaging <i>Ryan Vest, MD</i>	Let's All Take a Deep Breath now <i>Zachary Quinby</i>	
1:45	Sedation Considerations in the Traumatically Injured Pediatric Patient <i>Natasha Cabrera, MD</i> <i>Christopher Nichols, MD</i>	Live from the Pit: An Actionable Review of Pediatric Medical and Trauma Cases in the Field <i>Claire Gahm, MD, MPH</i>	
2:30	Surviving the Summit: Mountain & Outdoor Rural Trauma <i>Dave Weber</i>	Pediatric Seizures and Strokes for EMS <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 **You Have the Right to Drive Safely**
Josh Stewart, PhD
- 8:50 **Current State of Affairs at South Metro Fire Rescue Regarding Pediatrics**
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 **True 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 **Trauma in Pregnancy for the Non-Obstetric Provider**
Jonathan "Jake" Hirshberg, MD
- 3:15 **Evaluation & Adjourn**



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