

6th Annual Jason French Pediatric Hospital Medicine Symposium

Overview and Target Audience

The Jason French Pediatric Hospital Medicine Symposium commemorates 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 pediatric patients.

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.

Continuing Education Credit

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.

Medical: Children's Hospital Colorado is accredited with commendation by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Children's Hospital Colorado designates this live activity for a maximum of 7 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™]. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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 educational offering for 7 nursing contact hours is provided by Children's Hospital Colorado.

Other: A general certificate of attendance will be provided for all other participants.

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Agenda

Friday, October 9, 2026

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| 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 Ehnle, 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 |

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Participant Information

Virtual Learners

ZOOM LINK: [Click here](#)

Please enter questions through the chat feature. All participants will be muted.

In-person Learners

LOCATION

Children's Hospital Colorado
Medical Conference and Education Center
Mt. Princeton Conference Room
13123 East 16th Avenue, Aurora, CO 80045

Claiming CE Credit

MARK YOUR ATTENDANCE

Please mark your attendance for CE Credit.

There are two sign-in options:

1. Text the **attendance code** to 720-790-4423 or
2. Enter the **attendance code** at
ce.childrenscolorado.org/code

Attendance Code: **JF2026**

EVALUATION

To obtain CE Credit, you must complete the evaluation by October 23, 2026 and enter the number of hours you attended.

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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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Local Faculty

Jenna Ehnle, CPNP-AC

Advanced Practice Provider Fellow
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In Memory of Jason

The Annual Jason French Pediatric Hospital Medicine Symposium honors the life and legacy of Jason French, a beloved Pediatric Hospitalist at Children's Hospital Colorado and a valued colleague, mentor, and friend.

Jason was known for his dedication to his patients and families, his commitment to supporting colleagues across the Network of Care, and his quiet wisdom and clinical expertise. He was deeply respected by learners, physicians, nurses, and colleagues throughout the hospital. Above all, Jason was known for his kindness, generosity, and genuine care for the people around him.

Jason passed away unexpectedly in the summer of 2020, leaving behind his wife, Brooke, and daughters, Claire and Ella, as well as countless colleagues and friends who continue to miss him.

This symposium provides an opportunity each year to remember Jason and the qualities he embodied: excellence in Pediatric Hospital Medicine, commitment to teamwork, and, most importantly, compassion for others.

As we gather to learn and connect, we invite you to take a moment to remember Jason, reflect on his impact, and carry forward the qualities that made him such a special physician, colleague, and friend.