

# 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

**Medical**: Children's Hospital Colorado is accredited with commendation by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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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.

## Disclosure Statement

Jose L. Diaz-Miron, MD, MSCS, has disclosed a relevant financial relationship with Medcore Technologies, where he serves as a member of the Board of Directors.

All other speakers, presenters, and members of the planning committee have disclosed no relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies.

All relevant financial relationships have been reviewed and mitigated in accordance with ACCME Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education.

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# 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** — **E-Bike and E-Scooter Trauma**
*José L. Díaz-Mirón, MD, MSCS*

**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<br>Yale Room | CCT Sessions<br>Princeton Room |
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| 1:00 | **Considerations in Pediatric Trauma Imaging**<br>*Ryan Vest, MD* | **Let's All Take a Deep Breath now**<br>*Zachary Quinby* |
| 1:45 | **Sedation Considerations in the Traumatically Injured Pediatric Patient**<br>*Natasha Cabrera, MD*<br>*Christopher Nichols, MD* | **Live from the Pit: An Actionable Review of Pediatric Medical and Trauma Cases in the Field**<br>*Claire Gahm, MD, MPH* |
| 2:30 | **Surviving the Summit: Mountain & Outdoor Rural Trauma**<br>*Dave Weber* | **Pediatric Seizures and Strokes for EMS**<br>*Erica Sheline* |

**3:15** — **Evaluation & Adjourn**

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# Thursday, November 12, 2026

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| 7:30 a.m. | **Sign-In and Breakfast** |
| 8:00 | **Welcome and Opening Remarks**<br>*Jason Kotas, NREMT* |
| 8:05 | **You Have the Right to Drive Safely**<br>*Josh Stewart* |
| 8:50 | **Current State of Affairs at South Metro Fire Rescue Regarding Pediatrics**<br>*Jonathan D. Apfelbaum, MD* |
| 9:35 | **Innovations in Prehospital Trauma Care: From the Battlefield to Our Streets**<br>*Joseph Kelly, MD* |
| | **Break / Exhibits** |
| 10:20 | **Sky High Resuscitation: Pediatric Trauma in the Air**<br>*Shannon Frost BSN, RN, CMTE, C-NPT, CPEN* |
| 10:30 | |
| 11:15 | **Trauma Simulation**<br>*Jessica Parker, DO, FAAP* |
| 12:00 p.m. | **Lunch / Exhibits** |
| 1:00 | **True Pediatric Surgical Emergencies**<br>*Jonathan Roach, MD* |
| 1:45 | **The Hidden Wound: Mental Health in the Patient & Family After Trauma**<br>*Tess Simpson, PhD* |
| 2:30 | **Trauma in Pregnancy for the Non-Obstetric Provider**<br>*Jonathan "Jake" Hirshberg, MD* |
| 3:15 | **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**

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Mt. Oxford Conference Room
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