



2023-2024 Traveling Grand Rounds

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Continuing
Medical Education

SPEAKER BUREAU MEDICAL LECTURES



Gyula Acsadi, MD, PhD, FAAN

Head, Division of Neurology, Connecticut Children's, Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Neurology, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Neuromuscular Diseases**

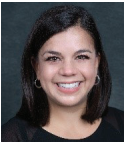


Corey Baker, MD

Director, Center for Neurogastroenterology and Motility Disorders, Division of Digestive Diseases, Hepatology & Nutrition, Connecticut Children's, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Dysphagia**
2. **Functional abdominal pain**
3. **Constipation**
4. **Disorders of the Gut-Brain Interaction (DGBIs)**



Natalie Bezler, MD

Director, Hematologic Malignancies Program, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Pediatric Leukemia**
2. **Pediatric Lymphoma**
3. **Quality Improvement**



Kevin Borrup, DrPH, JD, MPA

Director, Injury Prevention Center, Connecticut Children's, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine; Adjunct Professor, UConn School of Social Work

Topic(s):

1. **Preventing childhood and adolescent injury and violence**
2. **Intimate Partner Violence and its Impact on Children**
3. **Reducing Firearm Violence: Epidemiology, Community Programs, and Policy**
4. **Youth Suicide: Current Knowledge and Prevention**
5. **Promoting Teen Driver Safety: Your Role as a Pediatric Provider**



John Brancato, MD, FAAP, FACEP

Head, Division of Emergency Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Concussion**
- Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty

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Donna Boruchov, MD

Medical Director, Sickle Cell Program & Hemophilia Treatment Center, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Updates on sickle cell management
2. Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura: New Therapies



Melanie Sue Collins, MD

Interim Division Head, Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine, Director, Cardiomyopathy Function Laboratory, Program Director, Pediatric Pulmonology Fellowship, Co-director, Asthma Center, Associate Director, Central Connecticut Cystic Fibrosis Center, Connecticut Children's; Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Diagnosis of Cystic Fibrosis
2. Review history of Newborn Screening (NBS)
3. Immunoreactive Trypsinogen (IRT)
4. DNA testing
5. Current Methodology of NBS in CT
6. Sweat Testing
7. Abnormal/Normal Values
8. Indications/Contraindications
9. Cystic Fibrosis Screen Positive Inconclusive Diagnosis
10. Formerly known as CRMS
11. Symptomatic Diagnosis
12. Quality Improvement



Hassan El Chebib, MD, FAAP

Attending, Division of Infectious Disease and Immunology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Associate Fellowship Program Director, Pediatric Infectious Diseases, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Lyme Disease and Other Tick Borne Illnesses
2. Lymphadenopathy from an ID perspective
3. Sexually Transmitted Infections including HIV
4. Skin and Soft Tissue Infections
5. Approach to recurrent fever
6. Approach to fever of unknown origin



Cem Demirci, MD

Medical Director, Type 1 Diabetes Program, Division of Endocrinology and Diabetes, Connecticut Children's; Chase Family Chair in Juvenile Diabetes, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus
2. Monogenic Forms of Diabetes Mellitus
3. Hypoglycemia in Infants and Children
4. Metabolic Syndrome

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Richelle DeMayo, MD, CM, FAAP, FAMIA

Chief, Medical Information Officer, Medical Director, Pediatric Headache Center in Pain Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Pediatric Headache Management**
(interdisciplinary approaches and novel therapies)



Francis DiMario, MD

Director: Tuberous Sclerosis and Neurofibromatosis Clinics, Associate Chair Academic Affairs, Department Pediatrics, Medical Director, Human Research Protection Program, Chief Emeritus, Division of Pediatric Neurology, Connecticut Children's; Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Tuberous Sclerosis**
2. **Neurofibromatosis**
3. **Breath-holding Spells**
4. **Non-epileptic events in children**



Barbara Edelheit, MD

Head, Division of Rheumatology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor; Division of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis**
2. **Joint Pain in Children**
3. **Rheumatic Disease in Children**
4. **Rheumatology Lab Tests**
5. **Childhood Lupus**



Jennifer Haile, MD

Director, Lead Treatment Center, Attending, Primary Care, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Lead Poisoning**



Melissa Held, MD, FAAP

Attending, Division of Infectious Disease, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Lyme Disease**
2. **COVID in children**
3. **Tuberculosis in children**
4. **Zoonotic in infants and children**
5. **Kawasaki Disease**

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Jessica Hollenbach, PhD

Co-Director Asthma Center, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Implementing the 2020 Asthma Guidelines: Easy Breathing 2.0**
2. **School-Based Asthma Management**
3. **Adherence to Therapy among Youth with Asthma: The Role of Electronic Remote Monitoring**



Michael Isakoff, MD

Division Head, Division of Hematology-Oncology, Director, Sarcoma Program Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Program, Medical Director, Clinical Trials Unit, Connecticut Children's; Hartford Whalers' Endowed Chair in Children's Cancer, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Hemangiomas**
2. **Bone Tumors (Osteosarcoma or Ewing Sarcoma)**
3. **Soft Tissue Sarcomas**
4. **Leukemia**
5. **Sickle Cell Disease**



Robert Keder, MD

Core Faculty Leader/Rotation Director, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine; Attending, Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, Connecticut Children's

Topic(s):

1. **ADHD**
2. **Addressing issues of bias and discrimination with patients**
3. **Autism**
4. **Behavior management strategies for primary care**
5. **Bullying**
6. **Navigating media use with children**
7. **Navigating learning disabilities and special education**
8. **Supporting parents of children with special needs**
9. **Understanding trauma and promoting resilience**
10. **Using humanities to both teach and promote in healthcare education**
11. **Working with schools for children with special needs**



Isabella Knox, MD, EdM, FAAP, FABM

Attending, Division of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Tongue Tie**
2. **Breastfeeding & Use of Donor Human Milk**
3. **Milk Banking Update**

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Shabnam Lainwala, MBBS, PhD

Director, Neonatal Neurodevelopmental Follow-up Program, Director Neonatal Transitional Medical Care Clinic, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Newborn nutrition and growth**
2. **Newborn language nutrition**
3. **Long term outcomes of preterm infants**



Garry Lapidus, PA-C, MPH

Research Ed. & Dev. Liaison NE, Co-Director, Advanced Practice Providers, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Public Health, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Gun violence in America: Impact, cost, and prevention**
2. **Using a geographic information system to advance child health research**



W. Blaine Lapin, MD, FAAP

Attending, Division of Rheumatology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis**
2. **Juvenile Dermatomyositis**
3. **Pediatric Systemic Lupus Erythematosus**
4. **Pediatric Vasculitis**
5. **Periodic Fever Syndromes/ Auto-inflammatory diseases**



Ray Lorenzoni, MD

Attending Physician, Pediatric Cardiology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Pediatric and Fetal Cardiology**
2. **Advanced Cardiac Imaging**
3. **3D Visualization**
4. **Preventative Cardiology**
5. **Kawasaki Disease**
6. **Innovation and Technology**
7. **Caregiver of Child with Cancer**

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Jessica MacCormac, DO, MS

Attending, Division of Adolescent Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Clerkship Director, Ambulatory Pediatrics; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health**
2. **Evaluation and Management of Heavy Menstrual Bleeding in Adolescents**
3. **The Transition from Pediatric to Adult Medical Care for Youth with Special Healthcare Needs**



Allyson McDermott, MD, MAcM, FAAP

Director, Hospital Medicine Education Series, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Assistant Clerkship Director of Inpatient Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Navigating Difficult Conversations in the Clinical and Learning Environment**
2. **Writing Effective Evaluations for Learners**



Elliot Melendez, MD

Division Head, Division of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Sepsis/Septic Shock**
2. **Critical Asthma**
3. **Sepsis Quality Improvement**
4. **Quality Improvement**



Alaina Pyle, MD

Attending Physician, Division of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Complex end of life decision making**
2. **Life-limiting neonatal conditions & palliative care**



Juliann Reardon, MD

Pediatric Nephrologist, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Hypertension**
2. **Proteinuria, Hematuria**
3. **Chronic Kidney Disease, Acute Kidney Injury**
4. **Mental Health in Children with Chronic Medical Conditions**

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Steven C. Rogers, MD, MS

Attending, Emergency Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine; UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Youth Suicide Identification and Prevention**



Melissa Santos, PhD

Associate Chair of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Head, Division of Pediatric Psychology, Clinical Director, Pediatric Obesity Center, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor of Pediatrics; UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Mental Health**
2. **Obesity**
3. **Weight Management**



Adam Silverman, MD

Director, Center for Global Health, Attending, Divisions of Pediatric Critical Care, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Associate Professor, Department of Traumatology and Emergency Medicine, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Global Health**



Sara Sanders, MD

Attending Physician, Division of Critical Care, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Medical Education:**
 - **Setting the stage and building psychological safety for learners**
 - **Effective Clinical Teaching; managing multiple levels of learners in a clinical setting, giving effective feedback and managing implicit bias in evaluations of learners**
2. **Pediatric Critical Care:**
 - **Asthma**
 - **DKA**
 - **Schock**
 - **Airway management**

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Sharon Smith, MD

Research Director, Emergency Medicine Medical Director, PALS; Associate Program Director, Pediatric Residency Program, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

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Heather Tory, MD, MPH, CPPS

Associate Chief Quality and Patient Safety Officer, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Juvenile idiopathic arthritis
2. Juvenile Dermatomyositis
3. Vasculitis in Childhood



Jennifer Twachtman-Bassett, M.S. CCC-SLP, CCRP

Autism Clinical Specialist and Research Coordinator, Speech-Language Pathologist, Connecticut Children's

Topic(s):

1. Autism spectrum disorders (most non-medical topics related to this).
Some specifics include:
 - Communication and language
 - Evaluation, screening, diagnosis, and symptoms
 - Preventing and addressing behavioral challenges
 - Supporting patients with ASD and their families during medical appointments and procedures
 - Symptom overlap with other disorders
 - Language and social language difficulties in children and adolescents with behavioral health challenges



Shailendra Upadhyay, MD, CEPS, FHRS

Division Head, Division of Pediatric Cardiology, Director, Electrophysiology Laboratory and Arrhythmia Service, Connecticut Children's; Program Director, Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Intervention Management of Arrhythmia in children & adults with congenital Heart Disease

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Haviva Veler, MD, FAASM

Division Head, Division of Pulmonology & Sleep Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Pulmonary, & Allergy & Immunology, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Pediatric sleep; Normal sleep in children**
2. **Sleep Apnea**



Emily Wakefield, Psy.D.

Pediatric Psychologist, Division of Pediatric Psychology, Division of Pain and Palliative Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Multidisciplinary approaches to pediatric chronic pain management**
2. **The challenges of pain assessment in children and adolescents with chronic pain**
3. **"Please Believe I have Pain": How the invisibility of pain symptoms leads to stigma in adolescents with chronic pain**
4. **The impact of racial bias and stigma on health outcomes for adolescents and young adults with sickle cell disease**



Jessica Winters, MD

Attending Physician, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Critical Care, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Quality Improvement and Patient Safety relating to central lines, team communication, and situational awareness**
2. **Common PICU diseases (Critical asthma, respiratory failure, DKA, status epilepticus, shock)**



Keri Wallace, MD

Attending Physician, Primary Care, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **More than Skin Deep- Pediatric Dermatology Therapeutic Update 2023**

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Lila Worden, MD, MPH

Director, Ketogenic Diet Program, Attending Physician, Division of Pediatric Neurology, Connecticut Children's, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics & Neurology, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Epilepsy**
2. **Epilepsy mimics**
3. **Neonatal Seizures**
4. **Ketogenic Diet**
5. **General Pediatric Neurology**



Richard Young, MD

Attending, Division of Neurology, Connecticut Children's; Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology, UConn School of Medicine; Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics (Neurology), Yale School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **What you should know about EEG**
2. **Chronic daily headaches**
3. **Pediatric Neurology in the movies**



Edwin Zalneraitis, MD

Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics and Neurology, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. **Medical Education**
2. **Neurologic assessment of the newborn**
3. **Congenital nerve injuries (Brachial Plexus Palsies)**



SPEAKER BUREAU SURGICAL TOPICS



Markus Bookland, MD

Associate Director of Academic Affairs, Attending, Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery and Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Brain Tumors
2. Hydrocephalus
3. Craniosynostosis
4. Traumatic Brain Injury Acute Management
5. Surgical Epilepsy



Brendan Campbell, MD, MPH

Chief Surgical Quality Officer, Donald Hight Endowed Chair in Pediatric Surgery, Connecticut Children's, Associate Professor, Departments of Surgery and Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Making sense of common causes of pediatric abdominal pain
2. Injury Prevention
3. Priorities & Pitfalls in pediatric trauma



Sonia Chaudry, MD, FAOS

Attending, Division of Orthopedics, Center for Motion Analysis, Hand and Microvascular Surgery, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Pediatric Hand conditions
2. Pediatric Orthopedic Trauma
3. Brachial Plexus Injuries

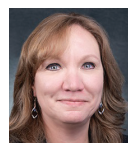


Janine Collinge, MD

Attending, Division of Ophthalmology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

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Christine Finck, MD, FACS

Executive Vice President, Surgeon in Chief, Connecticut Children's; Vice-Chairman, Department of Surgery, Professor Surgery and Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Neonatal Lung Disease and Congenital Anomalies
2. Esophageal Disorders in Children and Innovative Approaches
3. Weight Management and Surgery in Children



Majida Gaffar, MD

Attending, Division of Ophthalmology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

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SPEAKER BUREAU SURGICAL TOPICS



Christopher Grindle, MD, FAAP

Surgical Director of Clinical Informatics, Attending Pediatric Otolaryngologist, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Pediatric ENT topics



Nancy Grover, MD

Attending, Division of Otolaryngology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Snoring
2. Sleep Apnea
3. Tonsils
4. Adenoids



James Healy, MD, MHS

Pediatric Surgeon, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

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Leslie Knod, MD

Pediatric Surgeon, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

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Mark Lee, MD

Medical Director, Center for Motion Analysis, Site Director, Resident Education, Head, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Connecticut Children's, Associate Professor of Orthopedics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Scoliosis
2. Fracture Care
3. Pediatric Hip Pathology



Nicole Murray, MD

Director, Center for Airway, Voice and Swallowing Disorders, Assistant Director, Pediatric Otolaryngology, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

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Kristan Pierz, MD

Medical Director, Center for Motion Analysis, Site Director, Resident Education, Attending, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Connecticut Children's, Associate Professor of Orthopedics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Toe Walking
2. Limb Deformity
3. Gait disorders



Christine Rader, MD, FACS

Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Department of Surgery, Director, Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation Program, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

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Courtney Rowe, MD

Interim Division Head, Pediatric Urology, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Congenital and acquired differences in the kidneys, bladder, and genitals



Scott R. Schoem, MD, MBA, FAAP

Head, Division of Otolaryngology, Associate Director of Surgical Clinical Affairs, Connecticut Children's; Professor of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Evaluation of hearing loss and cochlear implants
2. Evaluation and treatment of neck masses
3. Complications of chronic ear disease
4. Tongue-tie: Facts v. Fiction
5. Complications of Acute and Chronic Otitis Media



Richard Weiss, MD, FACS

Medical Director, Division of Pediatric Surgery, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Surgery, Traumatology and Emergency Medicine, UConn School of Medicine; Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics, Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, Quinnipiac University

Topic(s):

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Jessica Williams, MD

Medical Director, Clinical Informatics, Pediatric Surgery, Obesity & Weight Management, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

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Janet Zahradnik, MD

Orthopedic Surgeon, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

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Introducing our Fetal Care Center lead by one of the world's most experienced fetal surgeons...

Timothy Crombleholme, MD

Clinical Director, Fetal Surgery; Pediatric Surgery, Connecticut Children's Medical Center; Visiting Professor, Department of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine



Topic(s):

- Status of Fetal Surgery: Past Present and Future
- EXIT Procedures
- Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia
- Twin-Twin Transfusion Syndrome
- Sacrococcygeal Teratoma
- Management of Fetal Renal Failure
- Placental Gene Therapy for Severe Fetal Growth Restriction
- Congenital Pulmonary Airway Malformations

If you are interested in a lecture by Dr. Crombleholme, please inquire at cme@connecticutchildrens.org