**Gyula Acsadi, MD**  
Chief, 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. Reflux  
3. Constipation  
4. Gastroparesis  
5. Disorders of the Gut-Brain Interaction

---

**Kevin Borrup, DrPH, JD, MPA**  
Director, Injury Prevention Center, Connecticut Children's, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine  

**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**  
Associate Division Chief and Medical Director, Division of Emergency Medicine, Connecticut Children’s; Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine, UConn School of Medicine  

**Topic(s):**  
Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty

---

**Donna Boruchov, MD**  
Medical Director, Hemoglobin Disorders Treatment Center, Division of Hematology/Oncology, Connecticut Children’s; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine  

**Topic(s):**  
1. Approach to Anemia  
2. Updates on sickle cell management  
3. Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura
Christopher Carroll, MD, MS
Research Director, Pediatric Critical Care, Connecticut Children's; Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
1. Social Media & Web-based Education in Medicine
2. Social Media & the Healthcare Provider
3. Severe Asthma in Children
4. COVID-19 in Children

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. Clostridioides difficile infections
2. Lyme Disease and Other Tick Borne Illnesses
3. Recurrent Infections and Immune Deficiencies
4. Sexually Transmitted Infections
5. Skin and Soft Tissue Infections
6. Acute and Recurrent Herpes Simplex Virus Infections

Cem Demirci, MD
Medical Director, 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: Past, Present and the Future
2. Monogenic Forms of Diabetes
3. Hypoglycemia in Infants and Children

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. Non-epileptic events of childhood
2. Neurocutaneous disorders (NF/TSC/SWS etc)
3. Syncope
Barbara Edelheit, MD
Chief, Division of Rheumatology, Connecticut Children’s; Assistant Professor; Division of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
1. Juvenile Arthritis
2. Joint Pain in Children
3. Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
4. Connective Tissue Disorders
5. Rheumatic Disease in Children
6. Rheumatology Lab Tests

Majida Gaffar, MD
Attending, Division of Ophthalmology, Connecticut Children’s; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty

Jennifer Haile, MD
Attending, Primary Care, Connecticut Children’s; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
1. Lead Poisoning

Felice Heller, MD
Director of the Connecticut Adult Congenital Heart Program Division of Cardiology, Connecticut Children’s; Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
1. Evaluation and Management of Syncope – A Common Problem, Nearly Always Benign (Except When It Isn’t)
2. Chest Pain in Children and Adolescents
3. The Child with Congenital Heart Disease Grows Up – Long Term Outcomes for Congenital Heart Disease
4. Congenital Heart Disease in the Newborn
5. Tetralogy of Fallot – Current Management and Long Term Outcomes

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
SPEAKER BUREAU MEDICAL LECTURES

Eric Hoppa, MD
Attending Physician, Division of Emergency Medicine, Connecticut Children’s; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):
1. ED Evaluation and Management of the Febrile Infant
2. Evidence Based Management of Common Pediatric Respiratory Infections
3. Toxicology Update: Recent Trends in Pediatric Ingestions

Michael Isakoff, MD
Clinical Director, 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, Associate 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
Attending, Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, Connecticut Children’s; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):
1. ADHD
2. Autism
3. Bullying
4. Common Behavior Problems
5. Developmental Screening and Surveillance
6. Media Use & Mindfulness

Isabella Knox, MD, EdM, FAAP, FABM
Attending, Division of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, Connecticut Children’s

Topic(s):
1. Tongue Tie
2. Breastfeeding & Use of Donor Human Milk
3. Milk Banking Update
Garry Lapidus, PA-C, MPH
Director, Research Dev. Office, Department of Research, Connecticut Children’s; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine
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
6. Motorcycle Injury and Helmet Laws in the U.S

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. Non-inflammatory musculoskeletal pain conditions
3. Kawasaki Disease
4. Henoch Schonlein Purpura
5. Periodic Fever Syndromes/Auto-inflammatory diseases

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, Clerkship Director for the Department of Academic Affairs and Education, UConn School of Medicine
Topic(s):
1. Navigating Difficult Conversations in the Clinical and Learning Environments
2. Peer Debriefing after Distressing Patient Care Events

Carlos Medina, MD
Clinical Director, Urology, Connecticut Children’s; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine
Topic(s):
Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty
Rebecca Moles, MD
Child Abuse Pediatrician, Division of Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN), Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
1. Child Abuse Topics (SCAN)

Siddika Mulchan, PsyD
Pediatric Psychologist, Division of Hematology/Oncology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
1. Implicit Bias in Pediatric Health Care
2. Psychosocial Factors Impacting Readiness to Transition from Pediatric to Adult Care in Sickle Cell Disease
3. An Introduction to Motivational Interviewing for Poor Adherence

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

**Topic(s):**
- Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty

Priya Phulwani, MD
Medical Director, Gender Program, Co-medical director Clinic for Variations in Sex Development; Pediatric Endocrinologist, Connecticut Children's; Adult Endocrinologist, Hartford Healthcare Medical Group; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
1. Medical Management of Gender Incongruence
2. Variations in Sex Development

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. Suicide Identification and Prevention

Adam Silverman, MD
Director, Center for Global Health, Attending, Divisions of Pediatric Critical Care, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
1. Building Institutional Global Health Programs
2. Severe Traumatic Brain Injury
3. Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock
4. Care of the Critically ill Child in the Emergency Department
SPEAKER BUREAU MEDICAL LECTURES

Raina Sinha, MD, MPH, FACC
Pediatric & Adult Congenital Cardiac Surgery, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty

Sharon Smith, MD
Research Director, Emergency Medicine Medical Director, PAL; Associate Program Director, Pediatric Residency Program, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty

Heather Tory, MD, MPH, CPPS
Associate Chief Quality and Patient Safety Officer, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
1. Juvenile idiopathic arthritis
2. Juvenile Dermatomyositis

Anna Tsirka, MD
Director, Pediatric Cardiomyopathies, Division of Pediatric Cardiology, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
1. Pediatric Cardiomyopathy
2. Myocarditis
3. Fetal Cardiology

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 issues across different ability levels and ages
   - Screening, diagnosis, and symptoms
   - Differential diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders vs. disorders with symptom overlap, including nonverbal learning disability, selective mutism, ADHD, anxiety, and others
2. The Communication-behavior connection and other areas related to communication disorders
3. Helping children prepare for and tolerate medical visits and procedures
4. Partnering with medical providers to meet the needs of patients
Shailendra Upadhyay, MD, CEPS, FHRS
Division Chief, Division of Pediatric Cardiology, Co-Director, Connecticut Adult Congenital Heart Service, Director, Electrophysiology Laboratory and Arrhythmia Service, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
1. Congenital Heart disease in adults
2. Sudden death risk stratification in patients with congenital heart disease
3. Arrhythmias in children and adults with congenital heart disease

Emily Wakefield, Psy.D.
Pediatric Psychologist, Division of Pediatric Psychology and 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

Lila Worden, MD, MPH
Attending Physician, Division of Pediatric Neurology Connecticut Children's, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
1. Dietary therapies for epilepsy
2. Infantile spasms
3. Update on common childhood epilepsy syndromes
4. Migraine and migraine equivalents
5. Tourette syndrome
6. Seizure mimics

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. The Eye in Brain Disorders: Double Vision, Ptosis and Nystagmus
2. How to Manage Headaches in Children
3. Is it a seizure?
4. Ellis Island Revisited: Diseases of Immigrant Children
5. A Pediatricians' Experience: Medical Ethics in Iraq and Afghanistan
SPEAKER LECTURE SURGICAL TOPICS

Bella Zeisler, MD
Program Director, Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship, Co-Director, Aerodigestive Disease Program, Connecticut Children's. Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):
1. General GI Topics:
   a. Celiac Disease, Approach to GI Bleeding, IBS, Approach to Constipation, Approach to Diarrhea
2. Aerodigestive Topics:
   a. Approach to Feeding and Swallowing Difficulties

Branko Bojovic, MD, FACS
Chief of Plastic, Reconstructive and Laser Surgery, Shriners Hospitals for Children Boston; Assistant Surgeon, Massachusetts General Hospital; Assistant Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School

Topic(s):
1. State-of-the-Art in Pediatric Burn Scar Management

Brendan Campbell, MD, MPH
Chief Surgical Quality Officer, Donald Hight Endowed Chair in Pediatric Surgery, Connecticut Children’s, Assistant Professor, Departments of Surgery and Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):
1. What’s New, Cool, & Evidence-based in Pediatric Surgery
2. Priorities & Pitfalls in Pediatric Trauma
3. Firearm Injury: From Primary Prevention to Public Policy
4. Using Clinical Pathways to Improve Surgical Quality
5. Common Gynecologic & Breast Conditions in Children

Sonia Chaudry, MD
Attending, Division of Orthopedics, Center for Motion Analysis, Hand and Microvascular Surgery, Connecticut Children’s; Assistant Professor of Orthopedics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):
1. Pediatric Hand Trauma
2. Congenital Hand Differences
3. Neonatal Brachial Plexus Injury
4. Pediatric Hand Conditions and Tumors

Janine Collinge, MD
Attending, Division of Ophthalmology, Connecticut Children’s; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):
Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty
SPEAKER LECTURE SURGICAL TOPICS

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

Anna Katsman MD
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon, Connecticut Children's Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty

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

**Topic(s):**
Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty

Leslie Knod, MD
Pediatric Surgeon, Connecticut Children's Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty

Mark Lee, MD
Attending, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor of Orthopedics and Pediatrics, Fellowship Director, Orthopedics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
1. Common Pediatric Upper Extremity Fractures and their Management
2. Common Pediatric Lower Extremity Fractures and their Management
3. Diagnosis and Treatment of Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis
4. Pediatric Knee Injuries
5. Orthopedic Manifestations of Marfan's, Arthrogryposis and Down's
6. Staying out of trouble in the Peds ED
**SPEAKER LECTURE SURGICAL TOPICS**

**Kristan Pierz, MD**
Attending, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Medical Director, Center for Motion Analysis, Connecticut Children’s, Associate Professor of Orthopedics, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
1. Toe Walking
2. Limb Deformity
3. Bow legs, knock knees, In/out-toe
4. Foot and ankle disorders
5. Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease
6. Orthopedic issues in Cerebral Palsy
7. Knee pain
8. Pediatric hip
9. 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):**
Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty

**Mark Rieger, MD**
Attending, Division of Orthopedics, Connecticut Children’s
Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty

**Scott R. Schoem, MD, MBA, FAAP**
Director of Otolaryngology, Associate Director of Surgical Clinical Affairs, Connecticut Children’s; Professor of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
1. Evaluation and management of hearing loss in children
2. Evaluation and treatment of neck masses
3. ENT manifestations in Down Syndrome
4. The Good, The Bad and The Ugly of Chronic Ear Disease
5. Cochlear Implants in Children
6. Neonatal Nasal Obstruction

**Richard Weiss, MD, FACS**
Medical Director, Pediatric Surgery Division, 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):**
Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty
SPEAKER LECTURE SURGICAL TOPICS

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

**Topic(s):**
1. Atopic Dermatitis
2. Acne
3. Update on Pediatric Dermatology

Jessica Williams, MD
Pediatric Surgery, Obesity & Weight Management, Connecticut Children’s Assistant Professor, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty

Janet Zahradnik, MD
Orthopedics, Pediatric Surgery, Connecticut Children’s Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

**Topic(s):**
Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty
Robert Sheridan, MD, FAAP, FACS
Director, Burn Service, Interim Chief of staff, Shriners Hospital for Children– Boston; Attending surgeon, Massachusetts General Hospital Burn Unit

**Topic(s):**
1. Burn Care

Branko Bojovic, MD, FACS
Chief of Plastic, Reconstructive and Laser Surgery, Shriners Hospitals for Children-Boston; Assistant Surgeon, Massachusetts General Hospital; Assistant Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School

**Topic(s):**

Eric Chien-Wei Lioa, MD, PhD
Director, Cleft and Craniofacial Center, Shriners Hospital for Children- Boston; Director, Pediatric Plastic Surgery, Mass General Hospital for Children; Deputy Director of Research, Shriners Hospital for Children; Chief Research Officer, MGH Department of Surgery; Associate Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School

**Topic(s):**
1. Closing the Gap on Orofacial Cleft
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SPECIALTY/PROGRAM</th>
<th>CLINICAL TOPICS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ADOLESCENT MEDICINE</td>
<td>Eating Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CARDIOLOGY</td>
<td>ECG Abnormalities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DIGESTIVE DISEASES</td>
<td>Celiac Disease</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EMERGENCY MEDICINE</td>
<td>Concussion Evaluation &amp; Management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PEDIATRIC SURGERY</td>
<td>Appendicitis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HEMATOLOGY &amp; ONCOLOGY</td>
<td>Coagulation Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INFECTIOUS DISEASES &amp; IMMUNOLOGY</td>
<td>Community-Acquired Pneumonia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NEPHROLOGY</td>
<td>Chronic Renal Failure</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORTHOPAEDICS &amp; SPORTS MEDICINE</td>
<td>Developmental Hip Dysplasia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OTOLARYNGOLOGY</td>
<td>Stridor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RHEUMATOLOGY</td>
<td>Comprehensive Lyme Diseases: Access &amp; Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SLEEP DISORDERS</td>
<td>Behavioral Insomnia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UROLOGY</td>
<td>UTIs</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To schedule a program, contact us via email: physicianliaison@connecticutchildrens.org. Lunch is provided for the physicians & mid-levels of your practice. One CME credit is available.
**Please note not all available lecture topics are listed on the brochure. For specific sub-specialty topics contact the Office of Continuing Medical Education:**

CME@connecticutchildrens.org